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# L. ROGER OWENS



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## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Duke University / Theology

M.Div., The Divinity School, Duke University

B.A., Anderson University / Bible/Religion and Philosophy

## RECENT COURSES TAUGHT

Wisdom from the Desert

The Spirituality of Thomas Merton

Preaching as Spiritual Direction

Introduction to the Pastoral Arts

The Pastor as Adaptive Change Leader

Spiritual Formation

Parish Leadership and the Practice of Ministry

Practicing Communal Discernment

Theology of Church Ministry and Pastoral Spirituality

Professor Owens devotes his teaching and research to how people and congregations are formed in the way of Christ.

## ACADEMIC BIO

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

# CHURCH ASSOCIATIONS

Ordination: PC(USA), Minister of Word and Sacrament

# CHURCH SERVICE

Board of Ordained Ministry, N.C., Conference of The United Methodist Church, 2012-2013

Advisory Board, The Upper Room Academy for Spiritual Formation

Faculty, The Upper Room Academy for Spiritual Formation

# PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES

## AREAS OF SPECIALTY

Preaching

Practical Theology and Ministry

Christian Spirituality

# PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Academy of Homiletics

Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality

American Academy of Religion

Senior Fellow, A Foundation for Theological Education

# AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS/DISTINCTIONS

2005-2007: Postdoctoral Fellowship in Evangelism, The Divinity School, Duke University

Lilly Fellowship for the Formation of a Learned Clergy

John Wesley Fellowship, A Foundation for Theological Education

2004-2005: Preparing Future Faculty Fellow, Duke University

2003 and 2004: Finalist, *Word & World* Essay Contest

# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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