

Thriving in Ministry 2019

Become part of a growing community of pastoral ministry and leadership practice across church traditions and networks in the metropolitan New York area. The goal of the Thriving in Ministry initiative at City Seminary of New York is to *walk alongside pastors from the diverse Body of Christ in our city to nurture networks of mutual support, care, and well-being in a complex and ever-changing urban context.*

Whether you are new to pastoral leadership, seeking peers who have been pastoring for several years, or are transitioning into retirement, and serve in New York, this is for you! You can participate in a number of different ways at no cost to you.

Reflective Praxis Groups

Join a small group of 3-4 pastors working through individual ministry or leadership challenges over five sessions of prayer, conversation, and fellowship. These groups meet on alternating weeks from March through May 2019, and are facilitated by seminary faculty.

Mondays 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (LES)
March 18; April 1, 15, 29; May 13

Wednesdays 10AM - 12 PM (Harlem)
March 13, 27; April 10, May 1, 8

Spiritual Direction Retreats

Attend a one-day retreat in the city (at City Seminary's Hope Campus in central Harlem) led by a spiritual director that provides time and space for prayer, contemplation on Scripture, and spiritual renewal. Meet God anew during personal time as well as in fellowship with other pastors. Gain perspective and rest for your journey.

April 12, 2019 9 AM - 5 PM

September 27, 2019 9 AM - 5 PM

Pastoral Conversation

Collaborative Inquiry Groups

Take a season of life and ministry to explore more in depth a compelling question around thriving in ministry decided upon with a group of fellow pastors from diverse church networks. Groups meet approximately 1-2 a month over 4-6 months, and incorporate an action-reflection process that generates new ways of understanding and experiencing ministry. The groups are co-led by participants. Once you have completed one round (you may complete multiple rounds), you may have the opportunity to initiate a new group with others. Coaching may be provided by seminary staff.

Wednesday 930 AM - 1130 AM Group - by invitation; March 20; April 3, 17; May 15, May 29, June 19

Fall 2019 Groups TBA

Pastoral Portraits

Each year, we invite 8 pastors (4 women and 4 men) into deeper conversations around their formation as a pastor, practice of and hopes for a thriving ministry. These conversations are documented as written portraits for use as resources to share a theology of story, seeing the many ways that pastoral ministry may look in individual lives and the connections that can be made across networks.

Annual Reunion

Our fall reunion brings together all participants of our Thriving in Ministry initiative for a time of prayer, worship, reflection, and celebration of how God has been in our midst for the past year. This gathering includes good food and good fellowship, and opportunities to network with and build new and lasting friendships with pastors from the diverse Body of Christ in New York City.

December 2, 2019 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

This initiative is directed by Rev. Dr. Mark R. Gornik and Dr. Maria Liu Wong, and coordinated by Rev. Dr. Geomon George. The facilitator team also includes Rev. Dr. Adebisi Oyesile, Rev. Dr. Huibing He, Minister Miriam Ruiz-Acevedo, and Rev. Vivian Grubb and others.

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