



PAYNE THEOLOGICAL
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presents

Community Development

A Doctor of Ministry Focus Group

led by

Rev. Dr. Clyde W. Oden, Jr., Mentor

Rev. Dr. Roger A. Richardson, Mentor

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The Doctor of Ministry Program at Payne Theological Seminary

THE PTS DOCTOR OF MINISTRY PROGRAM

The Doctor of Ministry program at Payne Theological Seminary is a process model of adult continuing education that is heavily influenced by Transformative Learning¹ and Action Research². The educational philosophy undergirding the program is a student-centered approach to transformative learning defined with a dialogical approach to a problem-posing curriculum as suggested by Paulo Freire³. The process uses Social Constructivism⁴ so that learning takes place best as students are actively engaged in a perpetual movement of discovery and invention.

The epistemological assumptions underlying the PTS Doctor of Ministry Program are that learning takes place through experience in context, through action/reflection within a peer group of learners, and also through theoretical understanding. For this reason, the PTS student will engage in collaborative learning with a Program Learning Committee from within the context of ministry, through action/reflection with members of the Peer Focus Group seminars and through readings and discussion from the academy. To implement this approach to learning, the PTS DMin program uses a three-tier curriculum for the DMin program.

The PTS DMin Peer Focus Group

A Focus Group⁵ is generally thought of as a qualitative research technique whereby a small (normally 6 to 12) group of participants are led by a moderator to explore the success of a particular commodity. The moderator would guide the participants through a series of questions to explore nuances of the commodity. Payne Theological Seminary will use this technique in exploring ministry issues in ***Community Development***. The mentors of the cohort, Dr. Clyde W. Oden, Jr. and Dr. Roger A. Richardson, both of whom have been actively involved in Community Development issues, will serve as moderators of the focus group and the DMin students will serve as the participants. Each participant will approach his or her context through a Community Development lens

¹ Edward Taylor, Patricia Cranton, and Associates, *Handbook on Transformative Learning Theory, Research, and Practice*, (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2012).

² Peter Reason and Hilary Bradbury, eds., *The Sage Handbook on Action Research: Participative Inquiry and Practice, 2nd Edition*, (Thousand Oaks: Sage, 2008).

³ Paulo Freire, *Pedagogy of the Oppressed* (New York: Continuum, 1993).

⁴ Vivien Burr, *Social Constructivism, 2nd Edition*, (New York: Routledge, 2003).

⁵ David L. Morgan, *Focus Groups as Qualitative Research, 2nd ed.*, (Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications, 1997).



to address ministry issues within the context. It is therefore anticipated that the DMin projects the students will work on will fall under the aegis of *Community Development* but approached through different context and from different perspectives. In this way, the student will be able to explore his or her passion while at the same time, providing new and different perspectives on transformation through reconciliation.

At the end of the three year program, it is expected that a book on *Community Development* will be published with Dr. Clyde W. Oden, Jr. and Dr. Roger A. Richardson serving as the editors and the DMin students serving as contributors to the book. This, of course, means that the work of the student must be of publishable quality. It also means students will be published when completing this program.

Community Development

The objective of this cohort is to develop agents of community transformation by grounding students in the cultural ethos of Community Development through appropriate introduction to theories and practices in community development. Students will examine contemporary case studies to survey the landscape of community development programs. Students will also explore the core skill set of community developers and acquire diagnostic tools necessary for effective community development.

Persons completing this cohort will be able to lead the church in organizing a community development effort that is grounded in Action Research and that uses appropriate strategic planning and asset mapping to bring about effective social change within the community.

The Focus Group Elective courses for this cohort are:

- Theory and Practice of Community Development
- Contemporary Case Studies in Community Development
- Non-Profit Management and Development
- Strategic Planning for Community Development



Who should be in this Group?

The Doctor of Ministry program represents formal preparation for and enrichment of the practice of ministry. It presupposes a Master of Divinity with three years of ministry experience. The goal of the Doctor of Ministry degree is to provide a level of knowledge, theoretical clarity, and competence of practice commensurate with the highest earned degree for the profession and practice of ministry. Persons seeking to enter into a Doctor of Ministry program must have a clearly definable context of ministry. The degree is designed to deepen the basic knowledge, skill, and research in ministry, so that one can engage in the practice of ministry with increasing professional, intellectual, and spiritual integrity. The Doctor of Ministry degree at Payne is designed to train leaders for the Church in various areas of ministry. The expected time of study is three years or six semesters. Students attend the one week Intensives and peer seminars. Additionally, web support is a part of the program. Through Blackboard and webinars, students are allowed to remain in their context of ministry on a full time basis while earning their degree.

Cost

Application Fee

non-refundable (\$50)

Semester Fee

Intensive Registration (\$375)

Tuition (\$4350)

Technology (\$160)

Other Fees

Candidacy Review (\$250)

Graduation (\$750)

DMin Project Continuation (\$2500)

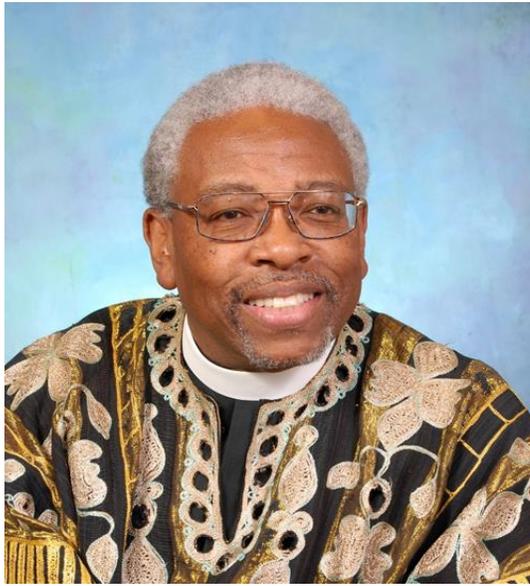
Matriculation Maintenance (\$550)

Deadline

The cut-off date for spring 2018 applicants is December 15, 2017



About the Mentors



Rev. Dr. Clyde W. Oden, Jr.

Rev. Dr. Clyde W. Oden, Jr., is Pastor of Bethel Oxnard African Methodist Episcopal Church (A.M.E. Church). Bethel engages the spiritual, social, and health concerns of Ventura County and the greater Southern Los Angeles community. The Church has an active congregation of approximately 150 persons. Bethel Oxnard is a very socially and civically engaged Church in Ventura County.

Beyond his church based activities, Dr. Oden was recently awarded the 2015 Trailblazer Award by The Miller-Lawrence Medical and Dental Society for being a pioneer in the medical community and a founder of UHP Healthcare, a pioneering managed care plan that set the template for minority managed care entities in Southern California and the United States. Pastor Oden also serves on the Board of Directors of Community Build, Inc. and has served as co-

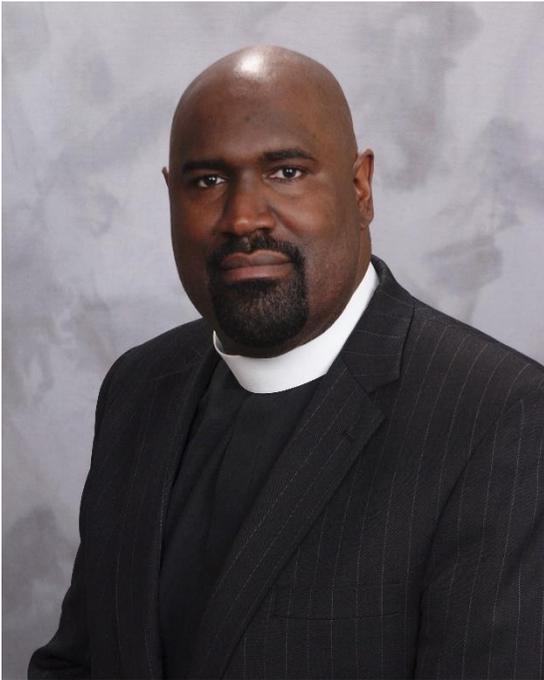
chair to several advisory committees at the RAND Corporation which examined various health problems and the roles that faith communities can play in reducing health disparities. As a prostate cancer survivor, Dr. Oden vigorously advocates for prostate cancer screening and education.

He served at the Watts Health System's CEO from 1979 to 2002. He also served as a Senior Fellow at the UCLA Luskin School of Public Health from 1999-2000 and he has been enshrined in the Promenade of Prominence in Watts, California. The Reverend Dr. Oden has four earned degrees from the University of California, at Berkeley including a Doctor of Optometry, a Masters in Optometry, and a Master of Public Health (MPH). He also has earned a Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) from Pepperdine University and a Master of Divinity (M. Div.), from Claremont School of Theology. He was married to the late Velma L. Oden, R.N., and they have three adult children, five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Prior to Bethel Oxnard, Pastor Oden served for 13 years as Senior Pastor at Bryant Temple AME Church in Los Angeles. From 1995 – 2002, Rev. Oden was Senior Pastor at Holy Trinity A.M.E. Church in North Long Beach where he served for seven (7) years. During his tenure at Holy Trinity, Dr. Oden was bi-vocational, having served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Family Savings Bank, and President and Chief Executive Officer of Watts Health Systems, Inc.



About the Mentors



Rev. Dr. Roger A. Richardson

Rev. Dr. Roger A. Richardson is the pastor of Christ Our Redeemer AME Church in Blackjack, Missouri where he has served since 2012. He accepted his calling to the ministry at age 12 at his home church, First AME Church, Los Angeles, under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Dr. Cecil “Chip” Murray.

Rev. Dr. Richardson began his academic career at Tuskegee University, earning a Bachelor’s degree in Political science. He also attended Alabama A&M University where he earned a Master’s degree in Urban & Regional Planning. He is a graduate of Payne Theological Seminary where he received his Master of Divinity. He received a Ph. D in Public Administration from Auburn University.

He holds a certificate in Nonprofit Management from Auburn University Montgomery. Rev. Dr. Richardson holds a certificate in Social Science Research from ICPSR at the University of Michigan. He is also a graduate of the Management Development Program at Harvard University’s Graduate School of Higher Education. In academia, he has served as a professor, outreach specialist, research director and program director.

Rev. Dr. Richardson draws upon his experience as an educator to equip and educate the saints with the Word of God. The central focus of his ministry is preparing God’s people to be Christ’s ambassadors to the lost as outlined in II Corinthians 5:20. Rev. Richardson has used his background in community development to build three community centers, one parsonage, and start 2 faith based nonprofits. These nonprofits provide over \$500,000 worth of goods and services to more than 20,000 clients annually. He has faithfully served as a pastor in the Thirteenth, Ninth and Fifth Episcopal Districts. Providing pastor leadership for the following congregations:

Craig Chapel AME Church, Salvisa Kentucky
St. Paul AME Church, Hurtsboro Alabama
Emmanuel AME Church, Birmingham Alabama
St. John AME Church, Graysville Alabama
Lee Chapel AME Church, Edgewater Alabama
Christ Our Redeemer AME Church, Black Jack Missouri

He is married to Joi Richardson and they have two children, Naomi and Roger Richardson Jr.