

## Master of Arts in Christian Leadership Specialization in Congregational Ministries

The Master of Arts in Christian Leadership with a Specialization in Congregational Ministries prepares students for ministry leadership through the development and achievement of three objectives. These objectives are supported by specific outcomes.

Objective:

- ❖ Spiritual maturity, moral character, and vision for ministry necessary for building the Body of Christ

Outcomes:

- Ability to articulate personal faith in Jesus Christ
- Ability to articulate a call to ministry
- Practices integrity in personal relationships, including reliability, trustworthiness, and ability to observe appropriate confidentiality
- Exhibits virtues of character, including but not limited to truthfulness, courage, patience, compassion, perseverance, and sexual fidelity
- Practices spiritual disciplines
- Gives appropriate attention to personal, emotional, and physical wellness
- Ability to articulate personal philosophy of ministry

Objective:

- ❖ Commitment to the authority of the Scriptures and coherent understanding of the Bible, theology, Christian heritage, and church polity, enabling the student to make disciples

Outcomes:

- Ability to articulate an understanding of the nature and function of biblical authority
- Coherent understanding of the content of biblical literature
- Coherent understanding of the tradition of Christian thought and current trends in Christian systematic theology
- Coherent understanding of the basic structures of church polity, ideally from the perspective of a student's declared denominational home
- Ability to interpret Scripture in accordance with acceptable principles of biblical interpretation

Objective:

- ❖ Competence in leading a congregation in the areas of ministry development.

Outcomes:

- Ability to articulate a vision that helps a congregation achieve balance between inreach and outreach ministries
- Ability to assist individuals and ministry groups to identify their mission, gifts, and ministry potential
- Ability to work and teach others to use a collaborative/team approach to achieve ministry goals
- Ability to communicate congregational goals and priorities through written, spoken, and electronic communications