

COS 124 – TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP

COURSE DESCRIPTION *(Goals & Objectives)*

This course forms the student's identity as pastoral leader and change agent in congregations, The United Methodist Church, and the world.

Students will be able to:

1. Identify and understand the attributes of good leaders, biblically and theologically.
 2. Evaluate and strengthen their own identities and skills as pastoral leaders.
 3. Explain and reflect on the nature of change in the local congregation and wider society.
 4. Implement visioning, strategizing, and planning processes in their local congregations.
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TEXTBOOKS

REQUIRED TEXTS:

- Bruce Birch & Lewis Parks: ***Ducking Spears, Dancing Madly: A Biblical Model of Church Leadership***
- Brandon O'Brien and Jim Belcher: ***The Strategically Small Church: Intimate, Nimble, Authentic, and Effective***

SUPPLEMENTARY:

- Larry Goleman: ***Finding Our Story: Narrative Leadership and Congregational Change***

TEXTBOOK SELECTION FOR COURSE OF STUDY

Goal: Two basic texts (**required**) per class. Individual faculty may add another.

Reference books are **required** and are to help a student build their own library.

Assignments assure the use of the reference books; they are not classroom texts.

Supplemental texts are valuable, but **optional** texts if a student wants to pursue an area of ministry.