

COURSE SYLLABUS
COS 124 Transformative Leadership
Fall 2024

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

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

Dates: The course will at the University of Indianapolis, in-person on:
Saturday September 7, 2024 from 2:00p – 4:00 pm (est), **Saturdays September 14, 2024,**
October 12, 2024, and November 9, 2024 from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm (est).

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II. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

After taking this course 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.

III. TEXTBOOKS:

1. Powe Jr, F. Douglas, and Lovett H. Weems, *Sustaining While Disrupting: The Challenge of Congregational Innovation* (ISBN-13: 978-1506479200)
2. Brandon O'Brien and Jim Belcher, *The Strategically Small Church: Intimate, Nimble, Authentic, and Effective Leadership* (ISBN-13: 978-0764207839)
3. Brown, Olu, *Leadership Directions from Moses: On the Way to a Promised Land* (ISBN-13: 978-1501832536)
4. Barton, Ruth, *Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership: Seeking God in the Crucible of Ministry* (ISBN-13: 978-0830846450)

EXPANDED OUTLINE TEMPLATE LINK: [Expanded Outline Template](#)

IV. COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Class participation & attendance (25% of total course grade)
2. Completion of all reading and written assignments (75% of total course grade)
 - a. Introduction Session: September 7, 2024**
 - i. Introductions
 - ii. Review Course Expectations
 - b. Session One: September 14, 2024**

Read the entirety of *Strategically Small Church*

 1. Prepare an expanded outline of this book. The expanded outline should be at least three (3) pages, and no more than five (5) pages. *Student will upload assignment to Moodle BEFORE September 14, 2024.*
 2. Prepare a two (2) page reflection summary of what you learned from the reading materials. *Student will upload assignment to Moodle BEFORE September 14, 2024.*

c. Session Two: October 12, 2024

Read the entirety of *Sustaining While Disrupting: The Challenge of Congregational Innovation*

1. Prepare an expanded outline of this book. The expanded outline should be at least three (3) pages, and no more than five (5) pages. *Student will upload assignment to Moodle BEFORE October 12, 2024.*
2. Prepare a two (2) page reflection summary of what you learned from the reading materials. *Student will upload assignment to Moodle BEFORE October 12, 2024.*

d. Session Three: November 9, 2024

Read the entirety of *Leadership Lessons from Moses*

1. Prepare an expanded outline of this book. The expanded outline should be at least three (3) pages, and no more than five (5) pages. *Student will upload assignment to Moodle BEFORE November 9, 2024.*
2. Prepare a two (2) page reflection summary of what you learned from the reading materials. *Student will upload assignment to Moodle BEFORE November 9, 2024.*

e. Final Assignment: DUE November 30, 2024

Read the entirety of *Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership: Seeking God in the Crucible of Ministry*

Prepare a five (5) page paper reflection summary of what you learned from the reading materials.

Student will upload assignment to Moodle by November 30, 2024.

V. COURSE PREPARATION:

1. Be sure to read the materials in its entirety.
2. Write clearly and will proper grammar and punctuation. Be sure to properly cite any and all sources or materials.
3. Papers will be turned in via Moodle at the above-mentioned due dates.
4. Come to class prepared to lead in the discussion of each book and related topics.