

**COURSE OF STUDY SCHOOL OF OHIO  
HYBRID COURSES AT UNITED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

**COURSE 124 – Transformative Leadership  
Winter 2015  
SYLLABUS**

*This course will begin on campus January 16-17, 2015; then continues and concludes online February 28, 2015.*

Instructor:

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Course Description and 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.

Required Textbooks:

1) Tom Rath and Barry Conchie --*Strengths Based Leadership* (Gallup Press, 2008; ISBN 978-1-59562-025-5). **It is strongly encouraged that students take the Gallup Strengthfinder Assessment prior to coming to campus. An access code is enclosed in each book.**

2) Marva Dawn and Eugene Peterson, *The Unnecessary Pastor: Rediscovering the Call* (William B. Eerdmans Publishing, 2000)

3) Alan J. Roxburgh and Fred Romanuk – *The Missional Leader: Equipping Your Church to Reach a Changing World* (Jossey-Bass, 2006; ISBN 0-7879-8325-X)

*(Students are responsible for obtaining their own books):*

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Course Schedule:

On Campus Weekend: January 16-17, 2015

- ☞ The On-Campus Weekend will begin at 2:30 on Friday and end by 2:30pm on Saturday. Friday class is 2:30 pm to 8:30 pm, with a dinner break at

5:00 pm; Saturday resumes at 8:30 am, with chapel at 11:15 am, lunch at noon, and class concludes at 2:30

Online Environment: **January 18 – February 28, 2015**

☞ This course continues and concludes with work online. Typical work online includes reading assigned books or documents, engaging in on-line discussion groups, and writing reflections on case studies. All online engagement will be complete by **February 28, 2015**.

Final Semester Project/Paper:

☞ Final Paper (8-10 pages) is due by **February 28, 2015**.