

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

**COURSE 124 – Transformative Leadership
Summer 2016
SYLLABUS**

This course will begin on campus June 17-18, 2016; then continues and concludes online July 30, 2016.

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). **Students who have not already taken the Strengthfinder assessment beforehand will be encouraged to do so Friday evening of the on-campus class. 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):

Course Schedule:

On Campus Weekend: June 17-18, 2016

- ☞ 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: June 18 – July 30, 2016

∞ 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 **July 30, 2016**.

Final Semester Project/Paper:

∞ Final Paper (8-10 pages) is due by **July 30, 2016**.