

CITY SEMINARY OF NEW YORK

Becoming God's peace in our
neighborhood, city, and world

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Thriving in Ministry

Become part of a growing community of pastoral ministry and leadership practice across church traditions and networks in the metropolitan New York area. The goal of the Thriving in Ministry initiative at City Seminary of New York is to walk alongside pastors from the diverse Body of Christ in our city to nurture networks of mutual support, care, and well-being in a complex and ever-changing urban context.

Whether you are new to pastoral leadership, seeking peers who have been pastoring for several years, or are transitioning into retirement, and serve in New York, this is for you!

Participate in
a number of
different ways at
no cost to you.

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Connecting with one another helps us create a new story together...to imagine stories of co-creation with God in partnership with one another.

Elizabeth Conde-Frazier

Spiritual Direction Retreats

Attend a one-day retreat for time and space for prayer, contemplation on Scripture, and spiritual renewal at City Seminary's Hope Campus in central Harlem. Led by a spiritual director, meet God anew during personal time as well as in fellowship with others. Fall retreat is open to spouses and families.

Friday / Saturday 9 AM – 3 PM
(Central Harlem, Manhattan)

Reflective Praxis Groups

Join a group of three to four pastors working through individual ministry or leadership challenges over five sessions of prayer, conversation, and fellowship. These groups meet on alternating weeks from March through May, and are facilitated by seminary faculty.

Tuesdays 9:30 AM – 11 AM
(Central Harlem, Manhattan; online)

Thursdays 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
(Lower East Side, Manhattan; online)

Pastoral Conversation Collaborative Inquiry Groups

Take a season of life and ministry to explore more in depth a compelling question around thriving in ministry, chosen together with a group of fellow pastors from diverse church networks. Groups meet approximately one to two times a month over four to six months, and incorporate an action-reflection process that generates new ways of understanding and experiencing ministry. The groups are co-led by participants. Once you have completed one round (you may complete multiple rounds), you may have the opportunity to initiate a new group with others. Coaching may be provided by seminary staff.

Tuesdays / Wednesdays / Thursdays (by invitation)

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Other times tba
(Central Harlem, Manhattan; online)

Join in the conversation.

Pastoral Portraits

Each year, we invite eight pastors (four women and four men) into deeper conversations around their formation as a pastor, practice of and hopes for a thriving ministry. These conversations are documented as written portraits for use as resources to share a theology of story, seeing the many ways that pastoral ministry may look in individual lives and the connections that can be made across networks.

Annual Reunion

Our fall reunion brings together all participants of our Thriving in Ministry initiative for a time of prayer, worship, reflection, and celebration of how God has been in our midst for the past year. This gathering includes good food and good fellowship, and opportunities to network with and build new and lasting friendships with pastors from the diverse Body of Christ in New York City.

Monday (by invitation)
5 PM – 9 PM

UPCOMING DATES

Spiritual Direction Retreats

Summer tba
September 26

Reflective Praxis Groups

Tuesdays
April 7, 21
May 5, 19
June 2

Thursdays
April 16, 30
May 14, 21
June 11

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March - October

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December 7