

**DM-939 - Church Leadership Study Trip Group Independent Study  
Leadership Institute, United Methodist Church of the Resurrection  
Leawood, Kansas**

**Wesley Theological Seminary  
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September 30-October 2, 2015 - Three semester hours credit

**Independent Study Description**

This independent study functions as other independent studies except that a number of students are participating at the same time, and it is done in connection with a leadership institute of a major mainline teaching church. The group will not have formal gatherings.

**Registration with Wesley**

You will need to register for this course through Wesley Theological Seminary just as you do for other courses.

**Registration with Church of the Resurrection**

You will also need to register for the Leadership Institute at Church of the Resurrection. Go to [li.cor.org](http://li.cor.org) for details and to register. There normally are early registration rates so register as early as possible. You need to register for the Pre-Session and the Institute.

**Trip Logistics**

Church of the Resurrection is located in Leawood, Kansas, a suburb of Kansas City, Missouri. The airport is Kansas City International (MCI). The church is about one hour south of the airport. Church of the Resurrection has arrangements with local hotels for reduced rates. You are encouraged to register for the conference and to make travel and housing reservations early for the best rates. You may want to coordinate your travel with other students to share rental car and/or housing expenses.

**Before the Institute, Read**

- *Leading Beyond the Walls: Developing Congregations with a Heart for the Unchurched* by Adam Hamilton, Abingdon, 2002 (any edition will do).
- *Unleashing the Word* by Adam Hamilton, Abingdon, 2009.

**Attend the Sessions Offered on September 30-October 2**

**After the Institute: Assignment Due by October 23**

Write a paper on your impressions, learnings, and observations from the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, the Institute presentations and workshops, and the readings. Be sure to be specific about the implications of the learnings for your understanding of the practice of ministry and for your ministry context. Length: At least 1,500 words and no more than 2,000 words, all inclusive.

Post the final paper to the Blackboard site for the course. If you have questions or problems, contact the instructor at [lovettw@wesleyseminary.edu](mailto:lovettw@wesleyseminary.edu). You will receive feedback to the paper and your grade on the Blackboard site.

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