2021 Summer COS Advanced Course Offerings

- **ACOS MS: The Missional Church and Evangelism OR ACOS EV: The Missional Church and Evangelism with Laceye Warner**

  The course is a reflection on God’s Mission for the church in the world. While the church’s identity and purpose often default to minimal techniques for survival and witness, too often ministries are encouraged without a sufficient understanding of the destructive outcomes of some efforts. This course argues for understanding the church’s mission in relationship to the Triune God, practiced in empowering and sustainable relationships with neighbors and creation.

  This course draws on Christian Scripture, tradition, and contemporary practices to shape textured, theologically-imagined, sustainable practices of missional witness with and beyond the church.

- **ACOS Preaching in the Wesleyan Way with Nathan Kirkpatrick**

  This course focuses on preaching the gospel and developing a pastoral imagination. Class sessions will consist of an overview of the theology and practice of preaching, particularly in a Wesleyan context. The utilization of biblical exegesis, sermon preparation and delivery as well as the evaluation of sermons for biblical integrity, theological soundness, internal logic and creative insights are central concerns.

- **ACOS NT: English Exegesis of 1 Corinthians with Jung Choi**

  The course is devoted to close reading and interpretation of 1 Corinthians. Discussion of the English text of 1 Corinthians will focus on the text’s social and theological issues.

- **ACOS Pastoral Care to the Dying and Bereaved with Jan Holton**

  All pastors will likely be called upon to minister to the dying and bereaved. This course is intended to equip pastors with an understanding of the theological and psychological responses to death, dying, loss, and grief and build skills in attending to these experiences. The course will focus on topics such as death in “ordinary time”, traumatic death, death in the time of Covid, and child death. Students will use case studies to build practical skills.