

PERKINS OFFICE OF EXTERNAL PROGRAMS

# *Save These Dates*

FOR 2020 - 2021 VIRTUAL EVENTS AND COURSES



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# AUTUMN

## Perkins Center for Preaching Excellence: “What’s a Preacher to Do?” An On-Going Interview Series

It only takes five or six minutes to mine the depths of wisdom and catch sparks of inspiration for preaching amid today’s challenging circumstances through “What’s a Preacher to Do?” This on-going series of interviews with notable preachers, theologians and experts in the field of communication is hosted by Dr. Alyce McKenzie, Director of the Perkins Center for Preaching Excellence at SMU, and Dr. O. Wesley Allen, Jr., Lois Craddock Perkins Professor of Homiletics at Perkins. Initially created to support preachers as they respond to the unprecedented challenges created by the [coronavirus pandemic](#), the focus of the interviews has pivoted toward equipping preachers during the [pandemic of racism](#). Learn to bring added wisdom, hope and insight to the pulpit through this *free*, accessible, rich, online resource. Contact [preaching@smu.edu](mailto:preaching@smu.edu) or visit [our website](#) for more information.

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## The Roy D. Barton Lecture September 21, 2020

Sponsored by the Perkins Hispanic/Latin@Ministries Program, the Barton Lecture features Dr. Luis Pedraja of Quinsigamond College presenting, “Living in the Margins: Theology and Education in the New Decade.” Dr. Pedraja advocates on behalf of increased access for historically underrepresented groups, cultures and languages in the higher education system. This presentation will be online. Admission is free but [registration](#) is required. Visit [our webpage](#) for more information.

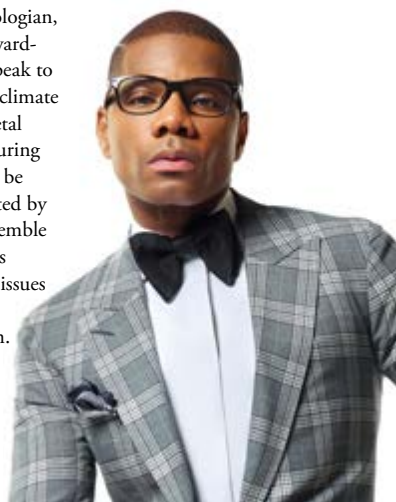
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## Fall Convocation: Leading into Change November 15-16, 2020



Hear acclaimed author and theologian, [Tod Bolsinger](#), and Grammy Award-winning artist, [Kirk Franklin](#), speak to how to lead during this current climate of institutional transitions, societal shifts and global uncertainty. During this virtual event, there will also be worship designed and orchestrated by Dallas based global worship ensemble Izbongo. A choice of workshops developed to address leadership issues in churches and other organiza-

tions of varying contexts and cultures is included in a full registration. A discount is available for groups of 5 or more. Visit [our website](#) to explore event details and to register.



# WINTER



## Know Your Number Enneagram Workshop

**December 3-4, 2020**

Explore the enneagram types during this online two-day offering from the Perkins Certificate in Spiritual Direction (CSD) Program. Join Billy Schwee of Life in the Trinity Ministry for a journey in pursuit of a better understanding of the nine personality types. Know your number to realize a better strategy for relating to the self, others and the world. For more information, visit the [CSD website](#) or call 214-768-3664.



## United Methodist Studies Course

**January 7-9, 2021**

An introduction to Methodist history, doctrine and polity presented online by Bishop D. Max Whitfield and Perkins Professor of Church History, Ted C. Campbell. Contact us at 214-768-3664 or visit [our webpage](#) for more information.

## United Methodist Certificate Programs

**January 10-15, 2021**

Join seasoned faculty and passionate students online for "Teaching Theology," an academic course to provide ongoing professional excellence in the fields of Christian education, children's ministry and youth ministry. Two additional courses, "Administration & Leadership," and "Adolescent World," will be offered May 19-22, 2021, for those seeking a certificate in one of those same fields. Learn more on [our webpage](#) or by calling 214-768-3664.

## Perkins School of Youth Ministry

**January 11-14, 2021**

From the "Foundations" curriculum for newbies to offerings for seasoned youth ministry workers, this year's virtual PSYM experience will empower all who serve the youth of your church community. Visit [our website](#) to learn more.



# SPRING



## Perkins Summit for Faith and Learning

**March 18-20, 2021**

Choose from a broad selection of courses on the Bible, theology and spirituality taught by Perkins faculty and esteemed guests and designed to suit varying interests and schedules. For email updates regarding speakers, classes and options for attendance in the coming year, visit [our subscription portal](#) and select "Perkins Summit for Faith and Learning."



## Certificate in Spiritual Direction

**Applications Due**

**June 30, 2021**

Become a mentor in the Christian way of life and help others find the movement of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Every April and August new CSD cohorts are formed. Learn more on [our webpage](#) or by calling 214-768-3664.