

## **LANCASTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

### **Doctor of Ministry Program**

RE600 (H) Forming Faith in an Internet World

Professor: Dr. Tripp Fuller

### **OPENING COURSE WEBINAR**

**Monday, October 1 – 2:00-3:00 ET**

Professor will email information for computer access to webinar on Zoom. Everyone should make plans to attend.

### **Course Description**

How does religious education capitalize on the ways people learn to live, think and believe in the contemporary world? This course seeks to cultivate innovative educational practices that engage such modes as social networking, texting, blogging, playing online games, and the consumption of film, television, music, comic books, graphic novels, and literature, as well as the insights of cultural critics, social and natural sciences, and artistic creativity. How can we use these resources to strengthen faith formation in our communities, to meet congregants/members where they are?

This course recognizes that each of you bring a multitude of resources to this community: your educational and professional experiences and your vast network of colleagues, co-workers, congregants, and friends. You are all likely already engaging some or all of the content referenced above from social media networks to the latest binge-worthy series on Netflix. This course is an opportunity for you to pause and take seriously your participation in the “Internet World” and how you might leverage that to augment on-going faith formation practices in your local communities.

### **First Two Books – In Order of Assignment**

Campbell, Heidi and Stephen Garner, *Networked Theology: Negotiating Faith in Digital Culture* (Baker Academic, 2016)

McLuhan, Marshall and Bruce Powers, *The Global Village: Transformations in the World, Life, and Media in the 21st Century* (Oxford University Press, 1989)