Perkins Summer Webinar Series  
**June 4 - September 28, 2020**

Take advantage of a new, virtual option for learning this summer! Join SMU and Perkins faculty, chaplains and regional church leaders every Thursday during lunchtime for an hour-long webinar series focusing on these four topics: Interfaith Conversations, Disability Theology and Ministry, Evangelism, and United Methodist Studies. Additional details regarding all 16 webinars are available on our website.

Regional Course of Study School Fall Session Applications Due  
**June 14, 2020**

Perkins Regional Course of Study School provides a thorough and contextualized theological education for full-time and part-time local pastors of the United Methodist Church. Grow through worship, mutual support and mentoring. Choose an education designed for effective ministry in your unique location. Learn more on our website.

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. Predraja advocates on behalf of increased access for historically underrepresented groups, cultures and languages in the higher education system. Visit our webpage for more information.

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Pulpit! Preaching and Humor  
**October 26, 2020**

This workshop, sponsored by the Perkins Center for Preaching Excellence, features two of SMU’s Altshuler Distinguished Learning Professors, Dr. Alyce McKenzie and Dr. Owen Hanley Lynch. Explore the use of humor in sermons as more than a means for entertainment and laughter. Learn to harness the power of humor, in its various forms and functions. Offer congregations a deeper, more challenging and delightful engagement of God’s good news with their lives and the wider world. Contact preaching@smu.edu or visit our events page for more information.

Fall Convocation: Leading into Change  
**November 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 annual event, there will also be worship and a choice of workshops. Request email updates to receive registration information and final event details as they become available.
Know Your Number Enneagram Workshop  
**December 3-4, 2020**

Explore the enneagram types during this 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.

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**United Methodist Studies Course**  
**January 7-9, 2021**

An introduction to Methodist history, doctrine and polity presented half online in a self-directed format and half in person with Perkins faculty. Contact us at 214-768-3664 or visit our webpage for more information.

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**United Methodist Certificate Programs**  
**January 10-15, 2021**

Join seasoned faculty and passionate students for an academic program to provide and maintain professional excellence in the fields of Christian education and youth ministry. Learn more about earning a [certificate in Youth Ministry](#) or [Christian Education and Children’s Ministry](#) on their respective webpages or by calling 214-768-3664.

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**Perkins School of Youth Ministry**  
**January 11-14, 2021**

From the “Foundations” curriculum for newbies to offerings for seasoned youth ministry workers, PSYM will empower all who serve the youth of your church community. Visit our website for additional information.

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**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 and classes for the coming year, visit our subscription portal and select “Perkins Summit for Faith and Learning.”

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**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.