DM901  The Doctoral Project and Research Methodologies
(Start dates for course January 30 / July 30)

Faculty
DMin Director, and select RTS faculty advisors.

Course Overview
This online course will assist the student to understand the required components of the DMin Project and to prepare an acceptable Project Proposal. As an outcome of the course, students will write the first draft of a Project Proposal with bibliography and be prepared to launch into the research and writing of the Project itself. The course has two sections:

1. The first section will include online instruction and interaction with the DMin Director. This portion of the course will assist the student to focus the Project topic, and create a research model and preliminary bibliography for the chosen topic.
2. The second section will pair each student with a faculty advisor who will guide the student in refining the bibliography. The required writing component of this section will be a first draft DMin Project Proposal.

Required General Resources for the DMin Project

Assignments for Section I with DMin Director (2 months, start dates Jan. 30 / July 30)
1. Listen to lectures online, and read Topic to Thesis (10 pts)
2. Submit the “Research Topic Worksheet” and post (5 pts)
3. ATLA journal search – submit list of 5 articles (in Turabian format) on your topic (5pts)
4. Submit Preliminary reading list of 2,000 pages for your topic (5pts)

Assignments for Section II with Faculty Advisor (4 months, start dates Mar. 30 / Sept. 30)
1. Re-submit refined reading list after input from faculty advisor
2. Post 3-page draft outline of Project research with chapter summaries (5 pts)
3. Post full Project Proposal (per DMin Project Guidelines), 12-15 pages (35 pts)
4. Post Reading Report indicating % of 2,000 pages completed (35 pts)