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Position Description for Professor of Christian Education and Discipleship

Western Theological Seminary seeks candidates for a faculty appointment in the field of Practical Theology primarily focused on Christian Education and Discipleship. Qualified applicants will have passions for teaching and student formation, for research and writing, for the life of the church, and for the lively interdisciplinary conversations in practical theology.

Western Theological Seminary equips men and women called by God to lead the church in mission, and forms students for pastoral leadership, missional engagements, and theological imagination. Western Theological Seminary is pedagogically committed to transformational learning, common worship, and faculty presence and engagement. Western Theological Seminary is rooted in the historic Christian faith and seeks to be Reformed, evangelical, and ecumenical. With a faculty of about twenty, it offers three degree programs: the M.Div. in both residential and distance-learning formats, a Th.M., and a D.Min., as well as a variety of continuing education initiatives to support pastors and congregations.

Qualified candidates will be able to articulate the biblical and theological framework the historic Christian faith within which the social sciences are appreciatively and critically utilized for their teaching, writing, and research. Expertise in teaching and pedagogy, transformational and adult learning theories, Christian practices, and discipling gospel-shaped communities are expected. Educational experience and ministry leadership are highly valued.

A D.Min, Ph.D., or equivalent academic degree is required. Rank is open. Applications should be sent by December 15, 2012 to:

Leanne Van Dyk, Dean and Vice President of Academic Affairs
Western Theological Seminary
101 East 13th Street, Holland, MI, 49423

Applicants should submit a cover letter, *curriculum vitae*, and three names from whom letters of reference may be obtained.

Western Theological Seminary has also opened faculty searches in Practical Theology primarily focused on 1) Pastoral Care and Counseling and 2) a Director of Formation for Ministry. This provides a unique opportunity to build a strong and collegial Christian Ministry faculty. Administrative experience or interest is also welcome. Western Theological Seminary is intentionally committed to a diverse faculty, and encourages applications from women and members of racial-ethnic communities. For more information on open faculty positions and our particular understanding of practical theology, visit www.westernsem.edu/faculty/open-positions.