



FOUNDATIONS OF CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

Reading Assignments

SESSION 1

Thriving Communities

- [About Leadership Education](#) – An introduction to the vision and mission of Leadership Education at Duke Divinity
- ***Thriving Communities: The Pattern of Church Life Then and Now*** by C. Kavin Rowe and L. Gregory Jones – Kavin Rowe takes us into the Acts of the Apostles, the earliest account we have of Christian community. There, we can observe six specific features of the first Christians communities – features that we also see wherever powerful Christian communities are gathered today.
Note: Leadership Education will supply participants with the link to a complimentary copy of this ebook.
- Acts chapters 1-16

Vibrant Institutions

- [Why institutions matter](#) – Drawing on Hugh Hecló's "On Thinking Institutionally," Greg Jones argues that Christian wisdom illustrates our need for institutions to teach and train us.

Traditioned Innovation

- [Pentecost as traditioned innovation](#) – The coming of the Holy Spirit is both a fulfillment of that which is old and a radical new beginning, writes New Testament scholar C. Kavin Rowe.
- ***Christian Social Innovation: Renewing Wesleyan Witness*** by L. Gregory Jones – Christian social innovation depends on a conception of hope different from the optimism that often characterizes secular endeavors – a hope that acknowledges personal and social brokenness. Faith communities, at their best, have embodied perseverance, often bringing people together across generations and diverse sectors to imagine how common effort and faith might overcome obstacles. Greg Jones provides a biblical and theological argument for such transformative work in *Christian Social Innovation*.
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- [God's people, gathered, blessed and sent out](#) – Small missional communities, anchored to a local congregation, offer a different way of being church, one that offers hope for renewal and new life, says evangelism scholar and Duke Divinity School dean Elaine Heath.

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