IPS 599-002 – Praying for Miracles: Parish, Clinic, World
From hospitals to parishes to the streets of injustice, ministers, pastors and people of faith encounter again and again a particular practice: praying for miracles. Sometimes these requests jar us as ministers; sometimes we find ourselves doing it. Sometimes it seems those prayers are answered, but other times, they clearly are not. What are we doing, as Christians, when we pray for a miracle? What are we doing in our liturgical practice of intercessory prayer? This course will explore these questions. The course will examine the history of the Christian tradition on miracles (scripture, saints, Hume, today), prayer as theological practice within the US and globally, and then reflect on the practice of prayer today in the variety of settings where ministers may find themselves—praying for healing in the clinical setting, praying for other kinds of intentions in the parish, praying for social justice issues in the city.

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Day and Time: Synchronous sessions held Wednesday – 4:15pm to 5:30pm
Location: Online campus