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A unique program that shapes leaders to engage culture, multiply disciples, and reproduce churches in your community and beyond.

Can you imagine having 5-10 more people equipped to engage your community with the gospel?

Ephesiology Master Classes certificates and degrees provide the foundation and flexibility for members of your church to effectively make disciples, develop New Testament leaders, plant healthy churches, and address the most pressing social issues in your community. Pastors are making a considerable investment of their time and resources, and we can help make their load lighter by equipping leaders to walk with them to see their communities transformed by the gospel.

Partnering with you, Seminary@YourChurch's unique certificate and degree programs in church planting, movement studies, faith and culture, and biblical justice are cohort-based theological education offered in multiple delivery systems set in the church's community. Participants enrolling in a certificate or degree will be able to benefit from our professors coming to the church, live web-streamed classes, and online asynchronous learning allowing the participant the advantage of seminary education without having to relocate. Seminary@YourChurch is designed serve your church and the working lay person.

Benefits

This is education focused not simply on learning, but on a journey to develop a proficiency of theological and missiological content, vocational skills that will lead to career success, and character motivated by one's identity in Christ.

Character Development

- Deepens faith as Christ-followers.
- Participate in a journey of discipleship and formation that invites the learner to embody the way of Jesus as co-laborer on God's mission.
- Learning that integrates faith and work so that what someone does is shaped by who they are as a follower of Jesus.

Vocational Excellence

- Develop skills across a wide array of disciplines (e.g. Bible, theology, missiology, leadership, spirituality, and more)
- Learn to communicate effectively in various cultures and segments of society.
- Be equipped for a life-time of service.

Proficiency Learning

- Develop patterns of thinking that reflect biblical, theological, historical, contextual, and vocational realities.
- Demonstrate learning through a portfolio of learning that provides evidence of who you are, what you can do, and where you thrive.
- Learn in the context of real-life situations rather than fabricated classroom experiences.

Certificates

Faith and Culture Certificate is a course of study that provides the foundations and flexibility to meet the theological needs of lay people. The certificate equips students to trace the contours of contemporary culture, interpret its movements and messages, and engage its challenges from a biblically informed worldview.

Church Planting Certificate is designed to equip those who sense God's leading into the challenging ministry of starting new churches. The 15-credit hour certificate focuses on biblical, theological, and missiological considerations to effectively launch, ground, lead, multiply, and sustain healthy, reproducing churches.

Movement Studies Certificate is designed especially for current and prospective missionaries working among church planting movements and disciple making movements. The certificate equips you with the most recent scholarship on Christian movements as well as movement principles from the study of the New Testament and the academic discipline of missiology.

Biblical Justice Certificate provides the biblical foundations and theological boundaries to meet the aspirations of those seeking justice for their cities. The certificate positions students to engage in anti-human trafficking, poverty, gender identity, race, educational disparities, and politics.

Graduate Degrees

Master of Arts - Increasing numbers of lay people are considering or already involved in career paths that lead them into areas of intentional cultural engagement including public policy, education, journalism, sociology, law, business, urban ministries, church missions, and working with advocacy groups. The Master of Arts is a 48 credit hour program that provides the foundations and flexibility to meet these lay people's needs. Nontraditional students are often seeking postgraduate training that will meet both specific credentialing needs and/or allow targeted areas for critical analysis. The degree equips students to trace the contours of contemporary culture, interpret its movements and messages, and engage its challenges from a biblically informed worldview. Approximately 2,000 hours.

Master of Arts with Focus on Church Planting - With the continuing decline of Western Christianity and the expansion of the gospel around the world, church planting can play a vital role in the evangelization of people in the post-Christian cultural milieu as well as in the majority world. This Master of Arts degree is designed to equip those who sense God's leading into the challenging ministry of starting new churches. The 48-credit hour degree focuses on biblical, theological, and missiological competencies to effectively launch, ground, lead, multiply, and sustain healthy, reproducing churches. Approximately 2,000 hours.

Master of Divinity – A non-residential degree designed to equip those who sense God’s leading into the challenging ministry of starting and sustaining new churches as well as revitalizing existing churches. The degree also equips you for the exciting role as a leader among equals in an APEST framework. The 72-credit hour degree focuses on biblical, theological, and missiological proficiencies to effectively make disciples, equip New Testament leaders, and restore and multiple healthy churches. Approximately 3,000 hours.

Doctor of Ministry – A specialized degree aimed to help you reflect critically about ministry and engage rigorously in theological and missiological dialogue in an advanced learning environment. This is a practical and professional degree program centered on the intersection of culture and theology. The program provides unique opportunity to do theology in your context. It will deepen your faith, challenge your paradigms, and help you develop personal, ministry, and intellectual habits so you will continue to flourish where God leads you. Approximately 1,500 hours.

Church Requirements

- Classroom space for 10-20 students
- Internet and computer capabilities in the classroom
- Video and PowerPoint projection equipment in the classroom
- A program coordinator who will work with the visiting professors
- Occasional room and board for a visiting professor (we’ll take care of the travel cost)

Faculty Visitors to Your Church

We have an international team of 16 of the world’s leading experts in ministry, missions, and theology who are engaged around the world in practicing what they teach. They are not just academics, but scholar-practitioners. In addition to various live and online course formats, our travel team can visit your church to conduct in-person modular courses.



Michael T. Cooper, PhD

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BED, Texas A&M University
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Dr. Cooper earned a PhD in Intercultural Studies with a focus on religious movements and a minor in theology from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He currently serves as a missiologist for East West Ministries International where he focuses on missiological research and equipping missionaries for effective cultural engagement. He has thirty years of missions experience, including ten years as a pioneer church planter in Romania after the fall of communism and has equipped church planters and leaders in Africa, Europe, East Asia, North America, South America, South Asia, and Southeast Asia. He regularly teaches at seminaries in the India, Nepal, South Korea, and the United States. He has written and contributed to more than 30 books and academic articles and has presented conference lectures at the London School of Economics, University of Bordeaux, Loyola University, Baylor University, and many others. His recent book, *Ephesiology: The Study of the Ephesian Movement* is a best seller at William Carey Publishing.



Donald Patrick Harris, DMin

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Dr. Harris earned a doctor of ministry from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. He is a Christian thinker and communicator, church missions consultant and spiritual mentor. After four years as the director of missions at Sherwood Bible Church, Don spent the next 25 years church planting and training church planters in the Czech Republic. His foci are congregational – organizational–health, and Christian leadership development. Others appreciate his creative, contemplative, and collaborative approach to complex issues. Individuals and organizations also apply the insights and experiences Don shares via seminars and workshops, small groups, and–of course–one-to-one.



Randy Newman, PhD

BS, Temple University
MDiv, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
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Dr. Newman is the Senior Fellow for Apologetics and Evangelism at The C. S. Lewis Institute in the Washington, DC area. He has taught at several evangelical seminaries, Patrick Henry College and is currently an adjunct faculty at Reformed Theological Seminary. After serving for over 30 years with Campus Crusade for Christ, he established Connection Points, a ministry to help Christians engage people’s hearts the way Jesus did. He has written several books, including the award-winning *Questioning Evangelism* and, more recently, *Unlikely Converts*, *Mere Evangelism* as well as numerous articles about evangelism and other ways our lives intertwine with God’s creation. He and his wife Pam live in Annandale, VA and have three grown sons, two delightful daughters-in-law, and two stunningly adorable granddaughters. Randy blogs occasionally at www.connectionpoints.us.

Other Faculty

Amit Bhatia, PhD (Trinity Evangelical Divinity School) – Dr. Bhatia serves as the director of Corban University’s Bachelor of Science program for Adults In Custody through the Oregon state prison system. He is the author of *Engaging Muslims & Islam: Lessons for 21st-Century American Evangelicals* (2017). Amit has spent more than 20 years bridging the gap between academia and the church, serving as a pastor in several different multi-ethnic congregations during his years in seminary at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Fully committed to training Christians for ministry and to engaging people from other faiths with the gospel of Jesus Christ, he specializes in courses on missions, world religions, and culture. He is married to Kathryn Richards Bhatia, MDiv, BCC, with whom he shares a love for Indian food, international travel and hiking in the beauty of the Pacific Northwest.

Kathryn Richards Bhatia, MDiv, BCC (Trinity Evangelical Divinity School) – Professor Bhatia has served since 2014 with She Is Safe, a non-profit ministry working with women and girls at extreme risk of abuse and slavery, particularly among war refugees and outcast people groups. A board-certified chaplain with a focus on trauma and resilience, she has developed a paradigm for healing called The Three Healing Friends: Laughter, Tears and Silence and recently co-edited *Social Injustice, Volume 2: Evangelical Voices in Tumultuous Times*. Born and raised in the Middle East, she’s a third-culture kid, a fourth-generation

minister of the Gospel, and mother of five adult children. She is married to Dr. Amit Bhatia, with whom she shares a love of Indian food, international travel, and hiking in the beauty of the Pacific Northwest.

David D. Feiser, PhD (Trinity Evangelical Divinity School) – Dr. Feiser is a graduate of Penn State, and earned a Master of Theological Studies at Palmer Theological Seminary outside of Philadelphia, then to Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, IL, where he received a Ph.D. in Theological Studies with a concentration in Systematic Theology. His dissertation was a theology of proclamation, aiming to help the local church use not only preaching, but the sacraments and living out one's faith in the world as means of proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Ronald P. Hesselgrave, PhD (Drew University) – Dr. Hesselgrave is a retired missionary and educator. He has taught at Rutgers University, Alliance Theological Seminary and Nyack College (Nyack, NY), and Trinity International University (Deerfield, IL). He also worked as researcher/writer for the Chicago Rehab Network, a coalition of not-for-profit housing development organizations in Chicago. Prior to retirement, he served for seventeen years as a home-based missionary, most recently as an education/resource coordinator and member of the Marginal Mission Network of EFCA ReachGlobal/Europe. He the author of *Public Ethics for a Pluralistic Society* (2001), *The JustMissional Church: Pursuing God's Path for Justice* (2014); *I Know That My Redeemer Lives: Suffering and Redemption in the Book of Job* (2016); and *The Supper: New Creation, Hospitality and Hope in Christ* (2019). Ron and his wife Kathi helped co-found of an aftercare ministry for survivors of sex trafficking in the Chicago area.

Alan Hirsch, MDiv (Melbourne School of Theology) – Alan Hirsch is the founding director of Forge Mission Training Network, 100Movements, The 5Q Collective, and Future Travelers. All these are focused on developing missional leadership and movemental organization. Known for his innovative approach to mission, Alan is considered to be a thought-leader and key mission strategist for churches across the Western world. Hirsch is the author of *The Forgotten Ways*; *5Q*; *The Shaping of Things to Come*, *ReJesus*, and *The Faith of Leap* (with Michael Frost); *Untamed* (with Debra Hirsch); *Right Here, Right Now* (with Lance Ford), and *On the Verge* (with Dave Ferguson).

Andrew Johnson, MA (Phoenix Seminary) - Andrew is a proud husband, father and pastor in the Bayou City, Houston, TX. Previously, he's ministered in Chicago, Flagstaff, and Tempe in a variety of church contexts. After graduating Phoenix Seminary, he, his wife and three kids moved to Houston join the growing ministry at Neartown Church, a church geared towards starting and supporting other strong local churches via church planting. When not at work, he's an avid disc golfing, ultimate playing, Spider-Man following/collecting fellow. Go Pacers. He is currently a doctor of ministry student at Kairos University.

Steve Leston, DBS (Master's International School of Theology) – Dr. Leston is the President of To Every Tribe, a mission training and sending agency. Prior to this role, Steve served as the pastor of Kishwaukee Bible Church in DeKalb, Illinois. He has been involved in ministry for over 20 years. He loves preaching, teaching, and equipping the next generation of leaders how to do the same. In addition to being the Author of *The Bible in World History*, he is also the author of *The Illustrated Guide to Bible Battles* and has contributed to several volumes of the *Layman's Commentary Series*. Steve's heart is to see people understand how to read, understand and apply the Christian Bible to their lives.

John W. Morehead, MA (Salt Lake City Seminary) – John W. Morehead is the Director of Multifaith Matters. He is the co-editor and contributing author for *A Charitable Orthopathy: Christian Perspectives on Emotions in Multifaith Engagement*, and *Encountering New Religious Movements: A Holistic Evangelical Approach*, and the editor of *Beyond the Burning Times: A Pagan and Christian in Dialogue*. John has also provided expertise to the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization issue group on "The Church and the New Spiritualities." He has been involved for many years in multi-faith relationships and conversations in the contexts of Islam, Mormonism, Paganism, and others. His ongoing research in multi-faith

engagement and religious conflict involves bringing social psychology and neuroscience into conversation with a theology of love of religious neighbors. Particular areas of interest are emotions and orthopathy, evangelical concerns for purity in relation to syncretism, intellectual and cultural humility, post-9/11 psychology, dehumanization, Christian Nationalism, as well as the cognitive science and biocultural study of religion.

Tom Steffen, DMiss (Biola University) - Dr. Steffen served 20 years with New Tribes Mission, 15 of those in the Philippines. He is Professor Emeritus of Intercultural Studies in the Cook School of Intercultural Studies at Biola University in La Mirada, California. He specializes in church multiplication, orality, honor and shame, and business as mission. Some of his books include: *Reconnecting God's Story to Ministry: Cross-Cultural Storytelling at Home and Abroad*, *Worldview-based Storying: The Integration of Symbol, Story, and Ritual in the Orality Movement*, and *The Return of Oral Hermeneutic: As Good Today as It Was for the Hebrew Bible and First Century Christianity*.

Jana Sundene, MA (Northern Illinois University, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School) - Professor Jana Sundene has been preparing students in the area of Christian Ministries at Trinity International University since 1990. She has a BA from Wheaton College and a master's in communication studies from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School with an emphasis in interpersonal and group communication theory. She also holds an MA in communication theory from Northern Illinois University. Before coming to Trinity, Jana spent 10 years doing Youth Ministry at churches in Illinois and California. Most of her time has been spent teaching and mentoring youth and emerging adults and serving at her local church. She is the co-author of *Shaping the Journey of Emerging Adults*.

Wes Watkins, DMiss (Fuller Theological Seminary) - Dr. Watkins earned a DMiss from Fuller and is currently working towards a PhD from the Oxford Center of Mission Studies. He is co-editor of *Margins of Islam: Ministry in Diverse Muslim Contexts* (2018) and editor of *Motus Dei: The Movement of God and the Discipleship of Nations* (forthcoming in 2021). As a missiologist with One Collective, he currently serves in theological education in the Middle East, training Arab world leaders for ministry in the region. His research topics include Muslim Studies, Frontier Missiology, Theology of Mission, and Movements. Wes has published in journals such as *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*, *International Journal of Frontier Missiology*, and *Global Missiology*.

Learning Experiences

Doing Theology with Revelation - This introductory course on The Revelation of Jesus Christ will explore the primary themes which are key to understanding the message of this final book of the Christian Scriptures. The Revelation--often subjected to wildly imaginative and twisted interpretations--is considered in light of its three literary genres and the historical context of the seven churches, its Christocentric focus and eschatological prophecies. Students will develop an interpretive framework that leads to reasonable applications that inspires faithful witness in times of turmoil. The Revelation is as relevant to the people of God today as it was for the early church.

Evangelism for the 21st Century - This course explores theological, missiological, and ecclesiological bases for effective evangelism. It is designed to help you think biblically about the gospel, what it is and what it is not. It also aims to help you wrestle with how to proclaim the good news in ways that remain faithful to the scriptures while being appropriate for your ministry setting. The course also seeks to develop skills in evangelism and in training members of the church to do the work of evangelists.

Foundations for a Missiology of Movements - The increase of disciple multiplication movements around the globe currently represents a significant breakthrough in missions in recent Church history. But what exactly are these movements? Why are there so many of them occurring in diverse locations across the globe? Can you or your organization be instrumental in catalyzing movements? This course lays a foundation for developing a movements missiology through learning from various practitioners, scholars, and leaders who are part of God's work in indigenous churches planting churches among all the nations. Through in-depth description and analysis, this course looks at cutting-edge missiological research into these movements that will help you discover your place in movements today.

God's Mandate for Justice - Throughout Scripture, God is shown to be a God of justice. And he holds both individuals and nations accountable to his mandate for justice. This eight-week study through the Gospel of Luke looks at God's mandate to work for justice and mercy, with a focus on what Jesus says about this topic. It addresses two main questions. First, what is justice? And, secondly, what is our obligation?

Identity Based Discipleship - This course introduces students to key concepts and characteristics of New Testament discipleship. Building on a foundation of an evangelical identity, the course examines both the Greek as well as the Old Testament ideas of disciple. As rooted in three distinguishing marks of the evangelical church, you will explore the meaning of discipleship as it relates to apologetics, justice, and evangelism. These markers, along with a biblical foundation, will help construct an identity-based discipleship as a practical model to equip Christ-followers to join God as imitators focused on living out their identity as a royal priesthood.

Missiological Theology - This course introduces the student to pivotal Christian doctrines as a missiological framework within which to engage the working intellectual assumptions and social issues of contemporary culture. In addition to investigating several models for Christian engagement with culture, the course encourages the positive formation of a biblically informed worldview as a foundation for creative interaction with contemporary thought and cultures.

Movemental Ecclesiology - Movemental Ecclesiology focuses on the movemental nature of the church with attention to the importance of cultural exegesis and adaptive strategies for ecclesial structures and leadership. Special attention is given to the importance of missiology in catalyzing reproducing churches. You'll analyze and evaluate contemporary church planting models with a view toward a nascent articulation of a personal church planting philosophy developed in a community of learners.

Movement Leadership - This in-depth study will equip the student with the tools to understand the people they are engaging and join with God in His work of uniting all things in Christ. You will explore God's DNA for the church as specified in Ephesians 4. Beginning with an overview to get a grounding in key terms, you will then consider the implications of APEST for individuals, the Church, and society.

New Religious Movements and Western Spiritualities - A historical and sociological survey of the origin and growth of new religious movements with particular attention given to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints ("Mormonism"), The Watchtower Bible and Tract Society (Jehovah's Witnesses), Modern Paganism and the New Spirituality (New Age

Movement). Special attention is given to understanding new religious movements as well as comparing and contrasting them with the historic Christian faith.

Regenerating Youth Ministry – In this learning experience, students will explore the shifting landscape of youth ministry as well as re-imagine ways to engage youth in the life of the church. Students will look at and beyond traditional approaches to youth ministry and help the learner determine appropriate biblically based strategies for their current context.

Survey of World Religions – A survey of the world’s major religions, including Hinduism, Buddhism, and other religions of Asia, those of Africa and the Americas, as well as the three great monotheistic religions—Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Beliefs and practices of each will be examined and assessed from the standpoint of both general and special revelation.

Teaching in Oral Culture – If you think storytelling, or its bigger brother orality, is just for tribal and peasant people, think again. This course investigates and demonstrates the genius of the narrative/story genre for those, yes, who cannot read, but mainly for a growing global multitude who can read but do very little of it—some 80% of the world. Class members will participate in three discussion threads, seven other tasks which includes a final major paper on some aspect of narrative that will advance your ministry. The grand tour question for this course is: Why is it important to know the role of story in Scripture and service?

The Church in Times of Crisis – This course introduces students to key issues confronting the church of the Western world. You’ll hear leading experts, like Jeff Christopherson, co-director of the Send Institute at Wheaton College, and Alan Hirsch, founder of Forge and best-selling author, focus on the future of evangelicalism and its leadership. You’ll also hear from church planters like Devlin Scott of NewCity Church, Russell Cravens of Neartown Church, and Heath Haynes of The Bridge Montrose as they wrestle with how the 21st century church must adapt to the new cultural realities of racial tension, global pandemic, and pastoral leadership.

The Ministry of Social Justice – An introduction to the ministry of social justice from biblical, historical, missiological and contemporary points of view. This course will provide the student with a biblical paradigm to engage the topic of social justice in our nations and neighborhoods. Selected topics of contemporary social justice concern will be explored for understanding their impact on local and global communities. Particular care will be given to skills to build resilience and longevity in the ministry of social justice.

The Study of the Ephesian Movement – This course introduces students to key concepts and characteristics of a New Testament movement through a comprehensive study of the community of Christ-followers in Ephesus. An examination of the church in Ephesus provides a missiologically theocentric foundation for joining God’s mission in his relentless pursuit of more people who will worship him. The course will focus on a missiological theology of Christ-followers, leaders, and church through facilitating a conversation in community that leads to the discovery of a framework for the exponential growth of the Ephesian movement. The course encourages students to critically assess the effectiveness of church planting movements (CPMs) and disciple making movements (DMM) as well as address concerns of theological shallowness, immature leadership, and careless evangelism.

Our Sacred Heritage – Our Sacred Heritage will challenge students to consider the practices, apologetics, theology, and conciliar nature of the church in her first four centuries. The course focuses on ancient writings that solidified apostolic traditions contained in the New Testament and combatted the emerging threats of the many forms of Gnosticism as well as other heresies. Students will see the emergence of a conciliar theology that was held everywhere, by everyone, for all time, especially manifesting in the atonement idea of *Christus Victor*. Additionally, students will identify a historical thread that ties Christianity of the 21st century back to Christianity of the late 1st to 4th centuries.

Worldview Apologetics – This course introduces students to key concepts and characteristics of engaging in worldview apologetics. Worldview apologetics is a form of apologetics that focuses more on the paradigms/ worldviews that drive the way people think, act, order life and live rather than on cultural issues that cause people to argue, debate and separate. Many forms of apologetics focus on the frameworks that emerge from the various worldviews - i.e. religious practices, sexual orientation, gender identity. Worldview apologetics goes a step deeper to look at the worldviews that drive these frameworks and helps the student learn how to engage people at the worldview level. The goal of this approach is to move from trying to win an argument to actually serving and helping people break free from the bondage of any worldview that is untethered from a Christ-centered worldview. A key distinction of this course is that you will learn how to take the first steps to building trust with people so that through the act of building trust you can have worldview level conversations in order to share the good news of the gospel and a heart level

Student Cost

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Ephesiology Master Classes fills a gap that no group or no idea is filling. I love the idea of an academically rigorous and immensely practical digital equipping of leaders toward kingdom ministry. That's a powerful combination.

Jeff Christopherson, Author, Missiologist, and Co-Founder of the Send Institute

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