

## CHURCH PLANTING AND REVITALIZATION CONCENTRATION

### **Statement of Expectation:**

This concentration is designed to equip church planters, pastors, and organizational leadership with current best practices for planting multiplying churches and revitalizing existing churches. It will uniquely focus upon crucial/strategic components of growth, sustainability, financial strength in ministry, and leading enduring change.

### **Course Descriptions:**

#### PT5321 A Biblical Theology of Church Planting and Healthy Churches

This course lays a foundation for understanding and creating an urgency for why the Church must plant healthy multiplying churches and why existing churches must be revitalized to full missional health. The course purposes to accomplish this by focusing on three key areas: 1. a solid biblical theology for church planting and healthy churches, 2. a history of church planting in the USA (and the A/G), and 3. church planting and revitalization as strategic methods to fulfill God's mission.

#### PT5322 Missional Ministry and Cultural Realities

This course lays a foundation for understanding and creating an urgency for why the Church must be a missional church. The course purposes to accomplish this by focusing on three key areas: 1. Understanding the missional church, 2. Current cultural realities, 3. Understanding the vital role Pentecostal, Spirit-filled Leaders and Churches fulfill in missional ministry.

#### PT5323 Church Planting LAUNCH Intensive

This course offers a unique partnership between Northpoint Bible College and the Church Multiplication Network (CMN) providing an academic vehicle for engaging church planting best practices. The course focuses on three key areas: 1. Intensive pre-work to understand the individual church plant context and to discover the planter's unique part in the church plant, 2. The Launch Intensive will equip the planter to gain an understanding of the strategic church planting systems, processes, and skills, 3. The course culminates in a church planting Prospectus integrating strategic plans, knowledge gained and an implementation process for a real-world church plant.

#### PT5324 Principles for Funding Your Ministry

Principles for Funding Your Ministry equips the ministry leader to develop stewardship understanding for ministry to be well resourced. Topics covered include: definition of biblical stewardship, current best practices of fund raising, the leader as role model in biblical stewardship, developing a culture of generosity in the local church, tithing as a financial cornerstone, and funding large ministry initiatives. Special Emphasis is placed on the role of the ministry leader being a fiscally responsible steward.

#### PT6332 Leading Lasting Change

Leading Lasting Change is designed to equip the leader to bring about effective and enduring change in their ministry context. Topics covered include: knowledge of ministry/congregational

assessment tools, how to discern a God-given vision for the future, how to develop and implement a strategic plan, understanding the diffusion of change, anchoring change to the culture, and values of the ministry context. Special emphasis: is placed on the role of the ministry leader as the change agent.

#### PT6333 Church Multiplication – Churches Planting Churches

Churches Planting Churches explores best practices for planting churches out of their established church context. Topics covered include the following as they related to multiplication: biblical theology of spiritual multiplication, New Testament models, preparation of the congregation and leadership, evaluation of current best practices, overview of models, and code of ethics. Special emphasis is placed on the role of the ministry leader in the context of church multiplication.

#### PT6322 Church Growth and Revitalization

This course will examine the existing conditions of the church in America and contrast the findings with the conditions in the early New Testament church. Barriers to growth as well as the characteristics of a healthy church will be identified. With these findings the student will design an assessment tool to measure ministry health in his or her context of ministry. Additionally, class time will be taken to examine the steps that need to be taken for implementation of church revitalization. Key areas such as: church organization, effective communication, styles of leadership, Kingdom building principles as well as the need for and communication of a specific church vision will be examined.

#### PT6391 Internship:

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#### PT6392 Internship: Ministry Planning and Development

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## PASTORAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONCENTRATION

### **Statement of Expectation:**

The Pastoral Leadership Development concentration encourages church ministry organization leaders to make courageous, intentional choices to grow deeper and influence wider. Students who take this concentration will rediscover their calling, develop their unique contribution, and effectively deploy other leaders. Graduates will infuse core paradigms, synthesize leadership theory, cultivate into Bible centered leaders, and acquire the ability to effectively build and lead ministry teams.

### **Course Descriptions:**

#### PT5382 Leadership Discovery: The Call of God

Leadership Discovery is a study of the ways and means that God calls and equips people to serve Him in all facets of life, especially in the ministry. Case studies and principles will be extrapolated from the Bible as well as from secondary sources to assist in the process of gift discovery and implementation. Special emphasis is placed on helping students to find their niches, talents, and giftings within the providential plan of God and to implement them in practical living.

#### PT5388 Human Resource Development

Human Resource Development emphasizes training, education and other types of development for employees after they are hired in an organization. Topics covered include: hiring, morale, motivation, people issues, and training and development. Special emphasis is placed on growth and development of people in your organization and making your organization more effective.

#### PT5390 Leading a Multidimensional Organization

Leading a Multi-Dimensional Organization is an examination of the intricacies of leading people from multiple backgrounds into working together for common mission, vision, and objectives. Topics covered include: communication, conflict resolution, emotional intelligence, cultural agility, organizational culture, decision making, team building, and leadership styles. Special emphasis is placed on discerning how the nuances of cultural, generational, gender, economic, and educational backgrounds will impact the topics covered in this class.

#### PT6324 Biblical Leadership Models

Biblical Leadership Models identifies and examines leadership models found in the Old and New Testament as well as current leadership models. Topics Include Abrahamic leadership, Mosaic leadership, Davidic leadership, Jesus' leadership, Apostle Paul's leadership and current leadership models.

#### PT6325 Team Leadership Development

Leadership Deployment identifies and explores the power of community in leadership development. Topics include team building, the difference between teams and groups, the wisdom of teams, dysfunctional teams, and what constitutes high impact teams. Special emphasis is placed on identifying and building high impact teams.

### PT6326 Leadership & Organizational Culture

Leadership & Organizational Culture focuses on the personal, relationship dynamics within missional organizations. Topics include the leader as change agent, the leader as encourager, leadership values, strategic planning, mission and organizational culture. Special emphasis is placed on how to position the organization for growth enabling sustainable missional organizations.

### PT6336 Leading Change

Leading Change focuses on understanding how to plan and implement change in various organizations and other settings. Topics covered include: succession planning, organizational culture change, and leading people through change. Special emphasis is placed on formulating strategies and tactics for organizational change and interventions. Prerequisites: Biblical Leadership PT6326 Leadership & Organizational Change.

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## **PREACHING CONCENTRATION**

### **Statement of Expectation:**

The preaching concentration is designed to enable pastors, missionaries, evangelists and ministerial students preach with *greater confidence*. This confidence grows in the preacher who develops the skills necessary to connect the truth of the biblical text to the needs of the

modern listener. Upon completion of this degree the graduate of the preaching concentration should have developed skills in how to: practice genre sensitive biblical interpretation, build sermons that maintain listener interest and engage in audience analysis.

### **Course Descriptions:**

#### PT5351 Exegetical Foundations for Preaching

Exegetical Foundations for Preaching is designed to provide the skills for biblical interpretation. Topics covered include how to use historical/grammatical/literary interpretation, how to determine the exegetical idea of the text, and how to recognize theological ideas and rhetorical arguments employed by the original author. Special emphasis is placed on developing the exegetical skills necessary for biblical preaching

#### PT5352 Theology, History and Practice of Preaching

Theology, History and Practice of Preaching examines the theological foundation for preaching and the sermons and methods of great preachers throughout church history. Topics covered include preaching styles of famous preachers, Pentecostal preaching, the call to preach, preaching for special occasions and developing a preaching calendar. Special emphasis is placed on the lives and ministries of preachers such as Martin Luther, George Whitefield, Charles Finney and Billy Graham.

#### PT6342 Expository Preaching

Expository Preaching is designed to improve the student's skill in preparing and communicating verse-by-verse sermons. Topics covered include determining the exegetical idea of a biblical passage and developing the structure and homiletical idea of a sermon. Special emphasis is placed on developing a sermon series from a book of the Bible. (Prerequisite: Exegetical Foundations for Preaching)

#### PT6301 Narrative Preaching

Narrative Preaching is designed to improve the student's skill in preparing and effectively communicating narrative sermons. Topics covered include narrative analysis, and structuring and delivering a narrative sermon. Special emphasis is placed on developing the skill to effectively preach biblical narratives that engage listeners. (Prerequisite: Exegetical Foundations for Preaching)

#### PT6306 Preaching for Spiritual Formation

Preaching for Spiritual Formation is designed to equip the pastor to employ preaching in leading his or her congregation in spiritual growth. Topics covered include preaching for spiritual growth and developing a sermon series focusing on spiritual formation from a theme or book of the Bible. Special emphasis is placed on the spiritual life of the preacher in leading others in spiritual growth. (Prerequisite: Exegetical Foundations for Preaching)

#### PT6307 Preaching to Modern Listeners

Preaching to Modern Listeners emphasizes the relationship between the biblical text and the modern audience. Topics covered include understanding modern social trends and how to

effectively communicate in a changing culture. Special emphasis is placed on communication theory and audience analysis. (Prerequisite: Exegetical Foundations for Preaching.)

#### PT6308 Preaching the Great Themes

Preaching the Great Themes focuses on the topical preaching of theological themes found in scripture. Topics covered include discovering the theological ideas of a biblical passage and how to preach biblical theology. Special emphasis is placed on developing a series of sermons exploring themes such as Christology, redemption, and suffering. (Prerequisite: Exegetical Foundations for Preaching.)

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### **SPIRITUAL FORMATION CONCENTRATION**

#### **Statement of Expectation:**

After completing the Master of Arts in Practical Theology with a concentration in Christian spirituality/discipleship the student will have a biblical and historical understanding of discipleship/spirituality which will lead them to the development of their own personal theology of discipleship. This personal theology should act as the foundation for the student's future ministry. This concentration will engage the student in the development of their own personal spirituality. Upon completion of this degree the student will be prepared to effectively engage in local church ministry of group or personal Christian education, discipleship, spiritual formation, or mentoring.

## **Course Descriptions:**

### PT5383 Biblical and Theological Foundations for Spiritual Formation

Biblical and Theological Foundations for Spiritual Formation is a philosophical and theological understanding of spiritual formation and discipleship. Topics include spirituality from an Old Testament and New Testament perspective and spiritual disciplines encountered in Scripture. Special emphasis is given to spirituality from various perspectives such as but not limited to: the Law, the Psalms, Johannine, Pauline, or later New Testament writers.

### PT5371 Studies in Pre-Reformation Spirituality

Studies in Pre-Reformation Spirituality is a study of the spirituality of individuals and movements from A.D. 100 to 1500. Topics covered include but are not limited to: people such as Origen, Augustine, Basil, Benedict, St. Symeon the New Theologian, William of St. Thierry and movements such as monasticism and Celtic spirituality. Special emphasis is given to the applicability of historical spirituality to our modern 21<sup>st</sup> century and Pentecostal context.

### PT5372 Studies in Reformation and Post-Reformation Spirituality

Studies in Reformation and Post Reformation Spirituality is a study of the spirituality of individuals and movements from A.D. 1500 to 1800. Topics covered include but are not limited to: people such as Luther, Calvin, Ignatius, John of the Cross, Teresa of Avila, Brother Lawrence, and movements such as Anabaptism, Wesleyanism, Puritanism, Pietism, and Orthodoxy. Special emphasis is given to the applicability of historical spirituality to our modern 21<sup>st</sup> century and Pentecostal context.

### PT5373 Personal Spirituality and the Ministry

Personal Spirituality and the Ministry considers the importance and practice of personal spiritual formation of the vocational minister. Topics covered include: the emotional and spiritual health of the vocational minister, understanding, appreciating, and being renewed by the grace of God, the value of reading for personal spiritual growth, and knowing the resources available for nurturing spiritual growth. Special emphasis will be placed on developing a rule of life.

### PT6327 Leading Congregational Change

Leading Congregational Change focuses on moving the local congregation, as a community of faith, into spiritual renewal and maturity. Topics covered include: expectations for congregational renewal, what is continual renewal, can spiritual maturity be measured, what tools are available to measure congregational/spiritual renewal, and can leadership plan for renewal. Special emphasis will be placed on understanding congregational changed in light of our Pentecostal heritage and practices.

### PT6328 21<sup>st</sup> Century Discipleship

21<sup>st</sup> Century Discipleship is about the importance of and ways to create disciples in a post-Christian era. Topics include: a review of the definition and history of discipleship (particularly in the context of a non-Christian/pre-magisterial eras), the use of electronics and media in discipleship, planning for discipleship, creating a profile/description of a 21<sup>st</sup> century disciple of

Christ, and knowing why current models for creating disciples are or are not working. Special emphasis will be placed on

#### PT6329 Readings in Spiritual Hagiography

Readings in Spiritual Hagiography is an advanced course in reading and analyzing primary source material. Topics include writers such as but not limited to: Augustine, Brother Lawrence, John of the Cross, Jeanne Guyon, The Orthodox Pilgrim, John Bunyan, Evelyn Underhill, C.S. Lewis, and Thomas Merton. Special emphasis is placed on the enduring spirituality of the primary source hagiography.

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