

## DONORS

An integral part of an aspirant to ministry is guided leadership. For this we have developed a mentorship program model, using the structure found in the Bible (Moses/Joshua, Paul/Timothy, etc.). We strongly encourage ministry preparation in urban and ethnic communities. We are committed to investing in the lives of LAMP students, knowing that the Lord will bless these efforts with remarkable fruit. We have already seen the fruit in the lives of many of our LAMP graduates and current students. We have great stories of lives touched in Mexico, Haiti, Florida, and other places.

It is not just pastors, professors or staff who can help these students; you also can have a strong part in pastoral development for future generations. We invite you to partner with us prayerfully and financially as we provide leadership and ministry preparation. As God calls these men and women for ministry preparation, your prayerful financial contribution is essential to building the churches of today and tomorrow.

## INFORMATION

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## MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

Presbyterian Church in America



**In obedience to the Great Commission Pastor Brian Kelso and leaders of Christ Covenant Church (PCA) established a training program in 1995 with the purpose of training laborers for the harvest—in our nation and, indeed, the world—faithful to the entire Word of God. We would like to share with you the vision, mission and strategy of LAMP.**

## VISION

The vision of LAMP is to see GOD, by His grace and for His own glory, through the cooperative prayers and efforts of Christ's Church, raise up godly men and women engaged in effective Gospel ministry that ignites a powerful church planting and vitalization movement that has an impact on all of North America and beyond with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and at the same time transforms both the heart and the face of the church. We long to see the nations and communities deeply transformed as the result of people being saved, lives being changed, disciples being made, and needs being met in the name of Jesus Christ.

***“And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.” 2 Tim. 2:2***

## MISSION

The mission of LAMP is to equip men and women for effective Gospel ministry who are involved in the building of healthy churches that will multiply throughout the unreached ethnic, multicultural, and post-Christian people groups in the urban centers of North America and beyond.

## STRATEGY

The strategy of LAMP is to train men and women for effective Gospel ministry utilizing a practical and reproducible mentor-based model that focuses on calling, character, competency and practical understanding of biblical and theological content.

## LAMP TRAINING PROGRAM

The following is a basic overview of the LAMP program, including an explanation of the five major components: (1) calling, (2) character, (3) competency, (4) content, and (5) credentialing. If you have further questions about program content, please contact your Learning Site Coordinator or the main office at [lampinfo@LAMPtraining.org](mailto:lampinfo@LAMPtraining.org) or by phone at (954) 434-4500.

## CALENDAR

The LAMP program takes six years from initial call to ordination.

- Course work for 42 out of 52 weeks per year is assumed.
- Classes work best with at least three students. However, the program can be used with only one student.
- Class Facilitators are usually mature, tested, ordained pastors.
- Class Facilitators serve as discussion leaders on a weekly basis after student (s) have listened to audio tape lectures and completed the reading and writing assignments.
- The completion time of six years can be accelerated if the LAMP Executive Director, local site coordinator, mentor and student agree.

## **1. Calling and Initial Assessment**

LAMP ensures that the student has more than a subjective feeling about his calling by investigating God's Word to discover the elements of a call that must be present in a minister of the Gospel. The initial assessment helps expose and assess the call, character and competency of the candidate and his wife to create a forum so that these topics and issues can be continually addressed in the future. The man immediately comes "Under Care" of his presbytery or church network once his call is confirmed through the initial assessment.

## **2. Character**

Each student is assigned a Ministry Mentor who is usually a mature, tested, ordained pastor. GLEEs are Guided Learning Experiences and Evaluations. These are periodic reassessments of the student's calling, character and competencies (the wife and Mentor are included in assessing the student). GLEEs promote the achievement of outcomes that will be the most beneficial for the overall development of the candidate for Gospel ministry. GLEEs are "free" – although the GLEEs are a credited part of the curriculum, there is no charge whatsoever to the student. GLEEs are reported to the student's presbytery or church network (see Credentialing below).

## **3. Competencies & Skills (Practical Theology)**

Competencies and skills are developed in the context of the student's home church. Practical competencies are timed to coordinate with study content.

## **4. Content (Knowledge)**

All courses follow an approved syllabus

that utilizes reading, writing, listening (tapes and class lectures) and group discussion led by an approved LAMP Facilitator. The student must engage in self study, complete all the assignments and satisfactorily complete a final exam for each course in order to receive a final grade. Final exams include materials and questions that appear in the booklet by Dr. Bryan Chapell & Jim Meek called "Preparing for Licensure & Ordination Exams – Syllabus / Study Guide."

## **5. Credentialing**

The student's presbytery or church network gets to know and appreciate the man through all six years of local learning and practice. Each year the presbytery receives a written progress report on each man that includes his GLEEs and a transcript of course grades. The student must progress through the credentialing process established by his presbytery or church network as he proceeds through the LAMP Program.

## **CREDITS FOR DEGREES**

LAMP consists of 180 quarter hours (the number required for a bachelor's degree). Master's degrees require fewer hours, but in LAMP all candidates will accomplish all 180 quarter hours. All candidates go through the same curriculum. Each course earns 3 credit quarter hours. Degrees are awarded for successful completion of LAMP as follows:

- Bachelor of Divinity (BDiv) is awarded to those with no undergraduate degree
- Master of Divinity (MDiv) is awarded to those who already have an under-

## **REGISTRATION AND ADMISSION**

LAMP Training encourages all prospective students to apply for admission to its programs of study. Admission to a program for a Masters in Divinity degree requires a bachelor's degree (or its educational equivalent) from an accredited college. A bachelor's degree requires a High School Diploma or its educational equivalent (GED). An MATS requires a bachelor's degree from a Bible college.

## **Policy of Nondiscrimination**

LAMP Training does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, or physical handicap in its educational programs or activities, including admission and employment. LAMP Training does not discriminate on the basis of sex in admission to or employment in its educational programs or activities except as required by the doctrinal standards set forth in LAMP's statement of faith "Doctrines of Grace."

Because LAMP is a Christian institution, it is fully permitted to select students on the basis of their religion. Note: Even though LAMP is committed to the biblical teaching that the ordained office of pastor/teacher is exclusively for men, we believe that women should be equipped for ministry in the church.

## **Application Procedures**

To apply for admission to LAMP, the prospective student should do the following:

- Obtain an application packet from your Local Learning Site or the LAMP website.

- Distribute reference forms to be completed and mailed directly to your Local Learning Site Coordinator.
- Arrange for official transcripts from undergraduate and/or previous schools—even if no program was completed—to be sent to your Local Learning Site.
- Return the completed application to your Local Learning Site along with the \$50 application fee, a recent photograph and a personal testimony

## **Transfer of Credit from Another Academic Institution:**

Students who wish to transfer previously earned credit from another institution must submit an official transcript and a catalog from the previous institution, preferably with their application, to their local LAMP Site. In cases where the coursework is parallel, LAMP may allow a direct transfer of credits. In cases where the coursework was similar, LAMP may allow a transfer of credits upon the completion of partial class attendance and/or assign research projects or reading to fulfill the LAMP course requirements. All courses for which credit is granted will be shown on the LAMP official transcript. Determination of transfer credit should be completed before enrollment. Registration deadlines are determined by each Learning Site.

## **Denominational Affiliation**

LAMP Training is governed by a board of directors that reports to a commission of the session of Christ Covenant Church, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. However, students represent a broad range of evangelical denominations.