

Welcome



Get into the action. As each believer is trained and released in ministry, the kingdom of God will expand into all areas of society.

This school is not just for pastors and church planters; it is for anyone sensing a call from God to move out into ministry. Our goal is not just to provide information, but for students to receive Holy Spirit impartation and be transformed. The teachers will often lay hands on the students and pray for them.

We are affiliated with the Wagner Leadership Institute (WLI). Completing this school will directly transfer for a completed WLI Associates diploma and will earn a 2/3 advanced standing towards WLI Bachelor, Master and Doctorate diplomas.

We are encouraged to see many CPLS alumni prospering in various fields of ministry. Our graduates have always been the best promoters of this school. We hope you start this school with high expectations for receiving from God the tools you need to fulfill His calling on your life. Prepare to impact the world.

Brian Sauder
CPLS Director

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For more than 25 years, we've had the privilege of laboring alongside church leaders, church planters, mission leaders and marketplace leaders from five continents who are committed to experiencing the life of Christ and the principles of the Kingdom of God in everyday life. As we learned together about a "new relational model" of leadership, church planting, and marketplace ministry, we were encouraged to start a Church Planting and Leadership School (CPLS) to impart these truths to others. Of course, the "new model" is really not new at all; it is emphasized and modeled in the New Testament. Many believers and Christian leaders have only experienced a traditional model of Christian leadership. This school emphasizes a "relationship-centered" model that we see lived out in the early church. If you are called to leadership in the church or in the marketplace, or to missions or youth ministry or church planting, this school is for you! You will be glad you took this step of faith!

Many blessings in Christ,

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Larry Kreider
DCFI International Director

DCFI Church Planting & Leadership School

Course Description

The goal of this school is leadership training and development. We want to provide Holy Spirit empowered information, impartation and activation. You will be changed and prepared for a lifetime of leadership, ministry and service to others in all areas of society.

Whether you are called to start a church, cell group or business, called to public service, or simply want to grow in your leadership ability—our goal is to help you build a biblical foundation to be led by the Holy Spirit as you pursue your dreams.

Course Objectives

As a student you will be:

- Exploring how the kingdom of God can permeate all areas of society including business, government and the arts.
- Learning about the dynamics of starting, multiplying and leading churches and small groups.
- Discovering the way house churches, community churches and mega churches work together to reach a geographic area.
- Learning to be led by the Holy Spirit and the dynamics of the Spirit's work in ministry to others.
- Developing leadership skills and practical methods.
- Understanding spiritual gifts and talents and how to identify them and develop them in others.
- Evaluating church planting strategies and plans.
- Studying scripture and basic foundations of Christian doctrine, church government, missions, church history and theology.
- Gaining an understanding of servant leadership and teamwork.
- Learning the importance of networking with the body of Christ worldwide in building God's kingdom.
- Experiencing the keys needed to minister in cross-cultural settings.
- Strengthening practical ministry skills.
- Cultivating an intimate relationship with God.
- Building godly character for a lifetime of ministry and service.
- Discussing class topics with fellow students and a ministry mentor.
- Training to prepare and teach small and large groups of people.

Course Requirements

To receive a certificate of completion you will need to:

- Attend or watch video tapes of the classroom sessions.
- Read the 12 *Biblical Foundations Series* booklets.
- Use a *Biblical Foundations Series* booklet (as appropriate) in a practical discipleship relationship.
- Take notes during lectures in the classroom time.
- Complete open notebook tests.
- Maintain regular contact with a ministry mentor throughout the course.
- Help with the operations of the classroom part of the school.
- Participate in classroom discussions and prayer times.
- Complete all evaluations.
- Complete nine Field Study requirements.
- Read one book from the reading list.

Classroom Methodology

Lecture

Class discussion and dialogue

“Question and Answer” with lectures

Prayer

Field Study Experiences

In-class application

Tests

Note-taking

Course Texts

- The Bible
- 12 *Biblical Foundation Series* booklets
- *House To House* by Larry Kreider
- Reading list
- *Helping You Build Cell Churches* Manual

School Calendar

(Please check our website www.dcfi.org or call 717.627.1996 for dates)

Church Planting Boot Camp

November 14-16, 2008

Spiritual Gifts and Leadership

December 12-14, 2008

Helping People Find Freedom

January 2009 - TBA

Fivefold Ministry and New Testament Leadership

February 2009 - TBA

The Bible and Church History

March 2009 - TBA

Missions and Practical Ministry Skills

April 2009 - TBA

Advanced Ministry Skills

May 2009 - TBA

The Kingdom of God

September 2009 - TBA

Cell Groups & House Churches

October 2009 - TBA

Class Schedule

Friday	6:30 - 9:30 PM
Saturday	8:30 - 12:30 PM
	1:30 - 4:30 PM
Sunday	8:30 - 11:30 AM
	12:30 - 2:30 PM

Ministry Times

A value of this school is the impartation that happens through personal ministry and the laying on of hands by anointed instructors. These ministry times will sometimes extend past the regularly scheduled class times. While students are free to leave, they are encouraged to stay to receive ministry.

Policies and Procedures

1. Welcome

Students from all parts of the body of Christ may apply for the Church Planting and Leadership School. We are blessed to have many students from outside of the DOVE family of churches taking advantage of this training.

2. Application Procedure

Applications are available at the DCFI Office. Your application will be processed immediately, and final approval will be contingent upon receipt of applicant's reference forms. You will receive an acceptance letter.

Contact DCFI for an application: 11 Toll Gate Road, Lititz, PA 17543 Phone: 717.627.1996 Email: CPS@dcfi.org Fax: 717.627.4004

3. Financial Information

Student Costs

Total Costs for Church Planting & Leadership School

Application Fee ----- \$75.00

Each Weekend Intensive ----- \$119.00

Total Cost ----- \$1,146.00

Cost of Books included in tuition.

Note: *There is a \$50.00 discount if tuition is paid in full by orientation day.*

Payment Options

A. Payment in Full

(If paid by application deadline a \$50.00 discount will be applied)

Cash Check Mastercard Visa

Account number _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Expiration date _____

Name on card _____

Signature _____

B. Monthly Payment Schedule

Application Fee -----	\$75.00
November 14, 2008 -----	\$119.00
December 12, 2008 -----	\$119.00
January 2009 -----	\$119.00
February 2009 -----	\$119.00
March 2009 -----	\$119.00
April 2009 -----	\$119.00
May 2009 -----	\$119.00
September 2009 -----	\$119.00
October 2009 -----	\$119.00

4. Attendance

A. Punctuality

Students are expected to arrive on time for all classes and related school functions. This demonstrates respect and honor for teachers and students alike.

B. Attendance Records

Students will keep their own attendance record on a classroom attendance sheet supplied to them. If a student is absent the day of a test, arrangements should be made before the absence to make up the test.

C. Video Policy

Videos of most classroom teaching sessions are available from past schools. To receive credit, students are required to make up any classes missed by watching them by video.

A lending library of videos is located at the classroom. Our experience is that the longer students wait to watch video tapes, the more difficult it is to finish them.

If students know they will miss classes, they should checkout the videos in advance and view them before the absence to keep up with the rest of the class. The video tapes should be viewed as soon as possible and returned as a courtesy to the other students. All tapes should be rewound after watching.

D. Weather Related Cancellation

If there are weather-related school changes, they will be announced on these radio stations: WJTL 90.3 FM and WDAC 94.5 FM.

5. Dress

Please dress in a way that expresses godly character and encourages an atmosphere of learning. We have no desire to institute a dress code at this time.

6. Student Commitment

Students are encouraged to be committed to the full course of study. Each student is required to attend the full program of sessions, which includes 15 classes per weekend intensive. This commitment will put a demand on your schedule, and it is important that priority be given in time and effort to complete the classes and assigned work.

Students must maintain involvement with their local congregation and cell group. This provides for spiritual connection, care and protection, as well as providing an avenue for practical ministry. This involvement should be at a level that will allow you to give the necessary priority to your studies. With this goal in mind, students shall be committed to a life-style of Christian character and conduct.

7. Leadership Cell Groups

Students will be involved in small groups for practical ministry experience. Ministry will be modeled and practiced here. Students will take turns leading these groups.

8. Student Housing

If you travel from outside the Littiz area for CPSL, you are responsible for your own housing, transportation and basic living needs. Our office can help by giving you hotel information or contacting potential host families for you from the local DCFI churches.

9. Student Mentors

Each student will be assigned a ministry mentor. The mentors are to provide the following:

1. A prayer covering. The mentor is expected to regularly intercede for the student to see God's will and purposes fulfilled in the student's life and ministry.
2. Spend relational time with the student. The mentor is expected to stay in contact by phone, notes, letters, emails, etc. as much as possible.
3. A sounding board for the student to ask questions about what is being experienced in ministry.
4. A ministry model. When possible, taking the student along on ministry visits, trips, meetings, etc.
5. Help to identify and minimize any weaknesses the student may have in leadership or ministry.
6. Help for problems or difficulties the student may be experiencing in ministry.

Note

It is not only the mentor's responsibility to initiate contact with the student. Students should be aggressive to contact their mentors. Draw from these people!

10. Field Study

The field study aspect of the school emphasizes practical application of what is learned in the classroom. A ministry mentor will work with you in your personal development as a leader. Field Study should be tailored to fit the area you want to specialize and grow in.

The Field Study requirement will consist of completing nine credits from the following items throughout the school.

1. Plant a church. (5 credits)
2. Start a business. (5 credits)
3. Run for a public office. (5 credits)
4. Start a cell group or similar small group. (2 credits)

5. Complete an extended fast of at least three days on liquids. (2 credits)
6. Propose and lead a short term mission's trip. (2 credits)
7. Attend funeral and report how the leader handled it. (1 credit)
8. Attend a wedding practice and the wedding to give a report on the practical dynamics involved. (1 credit)
9. Go along with a Christian leader on a hospital or prison visit and give a report of what you learned. (1 credit)
10. Preach a sermon in your local church. (1 credit)
11. Research the population demographics of a geographic area for a church plant and write a report of the results. (2 credits)
12. Assist in a water baptism service and report your experiences. (1 credit)
13. Assist in a baby dedication and report your experiences. (1 credit)
14. Share with someone about the baptism of the Holy Spirit and pray for him or her to receive it. (1 credit)
15. Lead someone to faith in Jesus Christ. (1 credit)
16. Attend an elders' meeting and report your observations. (1 credit)
17. Observe a youth retreat and report your observations. (1 credit)
18. Observe a deliverance weekend and report your observations. (1 credit)
19. Read one additional recommended book. (1 credit)
20. Travel with a fivefold minister for a day or two. (1 credit)
21. Assist with a DCFI seminar or event. (1 credit)
22. Spend a day with a business person who has a vision for marketplace ministry. (1 credit)
23. Write a business plan. (1 credit)
24. Other projects you propose for approval. Please make proposals.

Apostolic Council for Educational Accountability



Church Planting and Leadership School is affiliated with the Apostolic Council for Educational Accountability (ACEA). C. Peter Wagner formed this group as an alternative to traditional accreditation for the new apostolic churches that are emerging. The ACEA provides evaluation and accountability without affecting the purpose and vision of the school.

Earn diplomas with Wagner Leadership Institute (WLI)

WLI Associate of Practical Ministry diploma

Students completing the Church Planting and Leadership School will earn enough WLI training units to qualify for a WLI Associate of Practical Ministry diploma. CPLS graduates only have to pay a \$100 processing fee to receive the WLI associate diploma.

WLI Bachelor, Master & Doctoral programs

Students completing the CPLS will be eligible for admission into the WLI Bachelor, Master or Doctoral programs with a 2/3 advanced standing. Students must meet all age, maturity and ministry experience qualifications as set by WLI for admission into each of these programs. The bachelor, master, and doctrinal degree programs will be assigned and monitored by WLI in Colorado Springs, not by the CPLS as in the associate program. A tuition schedule is available from WLI.

DOVE Christian Fellowship International

Our Vision

To build a relationship with Jesus,
with one another,
and to reach the world from
house to house,
city to city,
nation to nation.

Our Mission

To exalt Jesus Christ as Lord, obey His Word, and encourage and equip each believer for the work of ministry. We are called to build the church from house to house, city to city, and nation to nation through small groups. This “underground church” is built through prayer, reaching the lost, and making disciples. Our mission includes reaching adults, youth and children for Christ. We are also called to church planting, proclaiming the gospel through media, and building unity in the body of Christ. As a spiritual army, we will cooperate with the church that Jesus is building throughout the world in fulfilling the Great Commission.

Our Plan

By the grace of God we will accomplish our mission by:

1. **Strengthening** our faith through the daily meditation of the Word of God and **developing** an intimate relationship with Jesus.
2. **Committing** ourselves to other believers in a cell group.
3. **Praying** to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into the harvest fields: locally, nationally and internationally.
4. **Encouraging** every believer to be involved in prayer, reaching the lost, and making disciples.
5. **Helping** each believer to learn to serve and discover the gifts and callings within his life.

6. **Teaching** the Word of God with power and authority in a way that is practical and applicable to everyday life.
7. **Releasing** apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry and to build up the body of Christ.
8. **Training** and **equipping** leadership in home cell groups and congregations to minister to others and to plant new churches.
9. **Planting** and **multiplying** home cell groups and congregations locally, nationally and internationally.
10. **Sending** laborers to identified harvest fields.
11. **Caring** for, **loving**, **healing** and **restoring** those who are wounded and need deliverance, healing and restoration.
12. **Promoting** unity by **supporting**, **networking** together and **laboring** with other churches and ministries locally, nationally and internationally.
13. **Mobilizing** and **challenging** adults, youth and children to be radically committed laborers for the harvest.
14. **Utilizing** all forms of media to proclaim the gospel.
15. **Resourcing** each believer through the ministry of helps, administration and communication.
16. **Ministering** to the poor and needy.
17. **Encouraging** each child, young person and adult to be a worshiper.
18. **Giving** of tithes, offerings, material possessions and our time to the building of the kingdom.
19. **Exemplifying** a life-style of accountability, integrity, and purity in every level of leadership and throughout every area of church life.
20. **Supporting** and **encouraging** the spiritual leaders that the Lord raises up among us.
21. **Edifying** one another daily through encouragement and speaking the truth in love.
22. **Celebrating** Jesus as we come together in various locations to worship together, pray together and receive the Word of God together.

23. **Partnering** with believers within the DOVE Christian Fellowship International family of churches and ministries who are meeting from house to house and city to city to reach the world together.
24. **Receiving** the filling of the Holy Spirit to minister Jesus to our generation through the demonstration of His supernatural power and gifts.
25. **Recruiting** disciples to carry the gospel to new regions of the earth.
26. **Training** mission personnel in cross-cultural communication of the gospel.
27. **Placing** seeds of mission into the hearts of each new church plant.
28. **Encouraging** youth revival and awakening, and training teenagers and young adults to go into the harvest fields of the world.
29. **Worshipping** our God and Father through our Lord Jesus Christ.
30. **Spiritually fathering and mothering** within every sphere of kingdom life as the Lord turns the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to their fathers in our day.

Our Values

1. Knowing God the Father through His Son Jesus Christ and living by His Word is the foundation of life.

We believe that the basis of the Christian faith is to know God through repentance for sin, receiving Jesus Christ as Lord, building an intimate relationship with Him, and being conformed into His image. God has declared us righteous through faith in Jesus Christ (John 1:12, John 17:3, Rom. 8:29, II Cor. 5:21). All values and guiding principles for the DOVE Christian Fellowship International family must be rooted in the scriptures (II Tim. 3:16-17, II Tim. 2:15). DOVE is an acronym: **D**eclaring **O**ur **V**ictory **E**mmanuel (God with us).

2. It is essential for every believer to be baptized with the Holy Spirit and be completely dependent on Him.

We recognize that we desperately need the person and power of the Holy Spirit to minister effectively to our generation. Changed lives are not the product of men's wisdom, but in the demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit as modeled in the New Testament church (I Cor. 2:2-5, John 15:5). We believe it is essential for every believer to be baptized with the Holy Spirit and to pursue spiritual gifts (II Cor. 13:14, John 4:23-24). All decisions need to be made by listening to the Holy Spirit as we make prayer a priority and learn to be worshipers. Worship helps us focus on the Lord and allows us to more clearly hear His voice. We recognize that we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against demonic forces. Jesus Christ is our Lord, our Savior, our Healer and our Deliverer (Eph. 6:12, I John 3:8).

3. The Great Commission will be completed through prayer, evangelism, discipleship, and church planting.

We are committed to helping fulfill the Great Commission through prayer and fasting, evangelism, discipleship, and church planting locally, nationally, and internationally reaching both Jew and Gentile (Matt. 28:19-20, Matt. 6:5-18, Acts 1:8). We are called to support others who are called as co-laborers, as churches are planted throughout the world. The Great Commission is fulfilled through tearing down spiritual strongholds of darkness and church planting (I Cor. 3:6-9, Matt. 11:12, II Cor. 10:3-4, Acts 14:21-23). We are also called to proclaim the gospel through the arts, publications, and the media and will continue to believe God to raise up other resources and ministries to assist us in building the church (I Cor. 9:19-22).

4. We deeply value the sacred covenant of marriage and the importance of training our children to know Christ.

It is our belief that marriage and family are instituted by God, and healthy, stable families are essential for the church to be effective in fulfilling its mission. Parents are called by God to walk in the character of Christ and to train their children in the nurture and loving discipline of the Lord Christ (Mark 10:6-8, Eph. 5:22-6:4). The Lord is calling His people to walk in the fear of the Lord and in a biblical standard of holiness and purity. Marriage covenants are ordained by God and need to be daughters in our day, we are committed to spiritual parenting on every level of church and ministry life (Mal. 4:5-6, I Cor. 4:15-17).

5. We are committed to spiritual families, spiritual parenting and intergenerational connections.

Believing that our God is turning the hearts of the fathers and mothers to the sons and other spiritual gifts including administrative gifts (ministry of helps) need to be released to fulfill the Lord's vision on each level of church life (I Cor. 12). In every area of church life we believe we need to submit to those who rule over us in the Lord and esteem them highly in love for their work's sake (Heb. 13:17, I Thess. 5:12-13). Participation in a cell group is a fundamental commitment to the DCFI family. The cell group is a small group of believers and/or families who are committed to one another and to reaching others for Christ. We believe the Lord desires to raise up spiritual families in many levels including cells, congregations, apostolic movements and the kingdom of God (I Cor. 12:18, Eph. 4:16). We believe each spiritual family needs to share common values, vision, goals, and a commitment to build together, with the need to receive ongoing training in these areas (Ps. 133, II Pet. 1:12-13, II Tim. 2:2). We are committed to reaching, training and releasing young people as co-laborers for the harvest, as the young and the old labor together (Acts 2:17, Jer. 31:13).

6. Spiritual multiplication and reproduction must extend to every sphere of kingdom life and ministry.

Multiplication is expected and encouraged in every sphere of church life. Cell groups should multiply into new cells and churches should multiply into new churches. Church planting must be a long term goal of every congregation (Acts 9:31, Mark 4:20). The DCFI family of churches will be made up of many new regional families of churches as apostolic fathers and mothers are released in the nations of the world (Acts 11:19-30, Acts 13-15).

7. Relationships are essential in building God's kingdom.

Serving others and building trust and relationships is a desired experience in every area of church life. We believe the best place to begin to serve and experience trust and relationship is in the cell group (Acts 2:42-47, Eph. 4:16, Gal. 5:13). We are joined together primarily by God-given family relationships, not by organization, hierarchy, or bureaucracy (I Peter 2:5).

8. Every Christian is both a priest and a minister.

According to the scriptures, every Christian is a priest who needs to hear from the Lord personally (Rev. 1:5-6). Every believer is called of God to minister to others and needs to be equipped for this work with the home as a center for ministry. Fivefold ministers are the Lord's gifts to His church. He uses fivefold persons to help equip each believer to become an effective minister in order to build up the body of Christ (I Pet. 4:9, Eph. 4:11-12). We need to be constantly handing the work of ministry over to those we are serving so they can fulfill their call from the Lord (Titus 1:5, I Tim 4:12-14).

9. A servant's heart is necessary for every leader to empower others.

We believe every sphere of leadership needs to include a clear servant-leader called by God and a team who is called to walk with him. The leader has the anointing and responsibility to discern the mind of the Lord that is expressed through the leadership team (II Cor. 10:13-16, Num. 27:16, I Peter 5:1-4). Leaders are called to listen to what the Lord is saying through those whom they serve as they model servant-leadership. They are called to walk in humility, integrity, in the fruit of the Spirit, and in the fear of the Lord (Acts 6:2-6, Acts 15, Matt. 20:26, Gal. 5:22-23). We believe God raises up both apostolic overseers and partner church elders to direct, protect, correct and discipline the church. These leaders must model the biblical qualifications for leadership (Acts 15, Acts 6:1-4, I Tim. 3, Titus 1). Those with honored and kept (Prov. 16:6, Mark 10:9, I Thess. 4:3-8, I Cor. 6:18-20).

10. Biblical prosperity, generosity and integrity are essential to kingdom expansion.

Biblical prosperity is God's plan to help fulfill the Great Commission. The principle of the tithe is part of God's plan to honor and provide substance for those He has placed over us in spiritual authority. Those who are over us in the Lord are responsible for the proper distribution of the tithe and offerings (III John 2, Matt. 23:23, Heb. 7:4-7, Mal. 3:8-11, Acts

11:29-30). We believe in generously giving offerings to support ministries, churches, and individuals both inside and outside of the DCFI family, and emphasize giving to people as a priority. We encourage individuals, cells, congregations, and ministries to support fivefold ministers and missionaries in both prayer and finances (II Cor. 8:1-7, Gal. 6:6, Phil. 4:15-17). We believe that every area of ministry and church life needs to be responsible financially and accountable to those giving them oversight in order to maintain a high standard of integrity. Spiritual leaders receiving a salary from the church are discouraged from setting their own salary level (Gal. 6:5, Rom. 15:14, I Thess. 5:22, II Cor. 8:20-21).

11. The gospel compels us to send missionaries to the unreached and help those least able to meet their own needs.

Jesus instructs us to take the gospel to the ends of the earth to those who have never heard. Our mission is to reach the unreached areas of the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ by sending trained missionaries and through church planting. Together we can join with the body of Christ to reach the unreached (Matt. 24:14, Acts 1:8, Acts 13:1-4, II Cor. 10:15-16). We are also called to help the poor and needy, those in prison, orphans and widows. This includes our reaching out to the poor locally, nationally and internationally. When we help the poor, both materially and spiritually, we are lending to the Lord (Deut. 14:28, 29, Deut. 26: 10-12, Matt. 25:31-46, James 1:27, Prov. 19:17).

12. We are called to build the kingdom together with the entire body of Christ.

Our focus is on the kingdom of God, recognizing our cell group, our local church, and DCFI is just one small part of God's kingdom. We are called to link together with other groups in the body of Christ and pursue unity in His church as we reach the world together (Matt. 6:33, Eph. 4:1-6, John 17, Ps. 133). We believe in utilizing and sharing the resources of people and materials the Lord has blessed us with. This includes the fivefold ministry, missions, leadership training, and other resources the Lord has entrusted to us (I Cor. 12, Acts 2:44-45). Our unifying focus is on Christ, His Word and the Great Commission, and we believe we should not be distracted by minor differences (Romans 14:5). We subscribe to the Lausanne Covenant as our basic statement of faith and Christian values. The scriptures serve as a light to guide us and the Lausanne Covenant along with these values and guiding principles unite us as Partner churches as we walk together in the grace of God (Matt. 28:19-20, Amos 3:3, I Cor. 1:10, I Cor. 15:10).