



I. Learning Communities (LC)

A. Description and Purposes

1. Grow in Loving the LORD your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength;
2. These are co-ed, non-lecture formats;
3. Students will receive course notes and PowerPoint presentations before each learning community;
4. The purpose of each LC is to identify truth in its context and discuss possible means of personal and ministry application;
5. Students will work together, interacting in these non-competitive LCs.

B. Attendance and Participation

1. Full attendance and participation in all LCs is anticipated; A Student's spouse is welcome to attend all LCs free of charge (however, there is a fee for the Libronix Course & Retreat);
2. With a few exceptions, each LC will meet two weekends. This will involve three hours on a Friday night (6:00 - 9:00 p.m.) and seven hours on the following Saturday (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. with one hour off for lunch), resulting in twenty hours of interaction;
3. A student's development is not based upon the issuing of grades, however one of the ways a student's development is assessed is in the development and fulfillment of twelve Learning Contracts (one per Learning Community). The student's Spiritual Transformation Group (STG) Facilitator must approve these learning contracts. Students will be responsible for the writing and fulfillment of twelve Learning Contracts. Each student is

responsible to write three learning contracts per semester. The content of these learning contracts can be from the Learning Communities or from the topics of the CLI Graduate Profile. However, at least eight Learning Contracts must be designed from the Learning Communities. The student's STG Facilitator must approve these learning contracts.

II. Spiritual Transformation Groups (STG)

A. Description and Purposes of STG

1. The purposes of these gender specific STG meetings are as follows:
 - a. Grow in Loving the LORD your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength;
 - b. Develop a Biblical Worldview;
 - c. Learn from each other utilizing one another's spiritual gifts;
 - d. Submit to accountability in a grace-filled loving environment;
 - e. Integrate LC content with your spiritual gifts, call of God and further development of godly character;
 - f. Students work together, interacting in non-competitive STGs.

B. Attendance and Participation

1. Full attendance and participation in all STGs is anticipated;
2. STGs meetings average two per month (3 hrs each).

III. Family Gatherings (FG)

A. Description and Purposes of FG

1. FG are opportunities for students and their families to do the following: Eat, fellowship, have fun and worship God together.

B. Attendance and Participation

1. Full attendance and participation in all FGs is anticipated;

2. FGs occur at the beginning and end of each of the four semesters (3-4 hrs each).

IV. Mentoring (M)

A. Description and Purposes

1. Mentoring meetings are two hours in length with your Facilitator/Mentor (same sex);
2. Foster intimacy with Christ and personal holiness;
3. Openly and honestly deal with sin regarding all aspects of your life (i.e. personal, marriage, family, ministry and vocation);
4. Mentor and CLI Counselor(s) will work together to assist each student in godliness.

B. Attendance and Participation

1. Each student will meet with their STG Facilitator/Mentor at agreed upon times and locations at a minimum of once per month;
2. Students, in agreement with their mentor(s), will work on various assignments regarding the description and purposes of the mentoring portion of this training;
3. Mentor meetings may involve students meeting with their spouse and mentor(s).

V. Counseling (Includes Group, Individual & Marital – First Year Only)

A. Description and Purposes

1. Members of your STG along with their spouses (if married) meet together to interact over relational principles and issues with the guidance of a professional Christian Counselor (six times during the first year);

2. Each student and their spouse (if married) will meet with a professional Christian Counselor, after completing each large group meeting, to interact over assignments given during these meetings.

B. Attendance and Participation

1. Full attendance and participation in all counseling sessions is anticipated by both student and spouse (if married).

VI. Apprenticeship (Second Year Only)

A. Description and Purposes

1. Each student will select, with their Facilitator/Mentor's approval, an organization to receive supervised, practical experience within a leadership context related to the student's maturity, gifts and calling;

a. These experiences will include the planning and implementation of specific activities in the selected organization. Primary activities are to be identified in a Learning Contract specific to the apprenticeship;

b. The Learning Contract related to the apprenticeship is separate from the Learning Contracts associated to the Learning Communities.

B. Attendance and Participation

1. Students are expected to complete all aspects of the Learning Contract without receiving any compensation.

VII. Cross-Cultural Trip (Within last six months of program)

A. Description and Purposes

1. This trip will provide numerous opportunities to contextualize leadership/ministry principles in a cross-cultural setting;

2. Students will work within their STG identifying and clarifying potential problems and suggested solutions with the intent to be a meaningful resource to that cross-cultural ministry.

B. Attendance and Participation

1. Cross-cultural trip expenses are the sole responsibility of each participant (these expenses are not included in the CLI tuition).

VIII. Commitment Per Month (Does not include work done at home)

A. First and Second Year

1. Learning Communities average one per month (ten hours per weekend);
2. Spiritual Transformation Groups average one per month (three hours per STG);
3. Mentoring meetings average one per month (two hours per meeting);
4. Counseling sessions average two per month (two hours per large group & one hour per individual/couples meeting).

B. Second Year

1. Learning Communities average one per month (ten hours per weekend);
2. Spiritual Transformation Groups average two per month (three hours per STG);
3. Mentoring meetings average one per month (two hours per meeting);
4. Apprenticeship (To be determined by the student and their Facilitator/Mentor);
5. Cross-Cultural Trip (7-10 days).

IX. Tuition Comparison

A. Four-Year Accredited Degree (Typically traditional seminary includes a minimum of seven semesters of lecture and note taking and one semester of field experience.) (These figures are based upon 2011/2012 tuition fees)

1. Dallas Theological Seminary (Th.M) - \$48,750 + Books (\$800 - \$1,000 per semester)

a. Program Purpose - The Master of Theology degree program is designed to produce competent Bible expositors who are qualified to serve God effectively as pastors, missionaries or leaders in other areas of vocational Christian ministry.

2. Trinity International University (M.Div) - \$45,428 + Books (\$800 - \$1,000 per semester)

a. Program Purpose - The Master of Divinity is the professional degree that provides comprehensive graduate education drawing on the various theological and practical disciplines taught at Trinity. The M.Div is the ideal program for those whose goals are oriented toward professional ministry or who intend to pursue an academic career in biblical and theological disciplines.

3. Denver Seminary (M.Div) - \$43,466 + Books (\$800 per semester)

a. Program Purpose - The Master of Divinity has a scope that is sufficient to equip students for a variety of church, mission or parachurch vocations.

B. Two-Year Diploma in Leader Development (non-accredited) (Training includes the following forms of interaction: Learning Communities, Spiritual Transformation Groups, Mentoring, Group and Individual Counseling, Family Gatherings, Apprenticeship and a Cross-Cultural Trip.)

1. Christian Leadership Institute - \$18,800

a. Program Purpose - To develop Christian leaders who have a strong love for God, a growing godly character, and a high level of biblical and ministry competence;

2. Tuition does not include required lap top computer, Bible software (\$600-\$800), books (average per year - \$180 - \$200) and Cross-Cultural trip (travel, housing and food).

3. Upon graduation:

a) Each graduate will receive the following:

- 1) Diploma in Leader Development from Christian Leadership Institute;
- 2) Letters of recommendation from the graduates' Facilitator/Mentor and Supervisor during their apprenticeship.

b. The following are the types of positions a CLI graduate could fill depending upon his/her maturity, gifts and calling:

- 1) Professional Ministry - Pastoral staff including the following examples: Executive, Senior, Teaching, Youth, Worship and Children's pastors etc.
- 2) Mission & Parachurch - Local, Short or Long term;
- 3) Volunteer – Elder, Deacon and/or Leader;

4) Our 18 months of training extends over a 2-year period consisting of 4 quarters. New students can begin in either January or August.

a) To receive our January or August Schedule and Financial Payment options please send an email to the CLI office: cli-mfs@msn.com requesting this information.

X. Payment Options:

Please contact the CLI office at cli-mfs@msn.com and request the different payment options for your CLI training.

XI. Curriculum:

A. Biblical Core – 12 Weekends

1. Personal Holiness (3 weekends)
2. Inductive Bible Study (Libronix) (2 weekends)
3. God's Love and Redemptive Plan in the OT (2 weekends)
4. God's Love and Redemptive Plan in the NT (2 weekends)
5. The Study of God (2 weekends)
6. Learning From The Saints of Old (Retreat) (1 weekend)

B. Leadership Core – 12 Weekends

1. Skills in Helping Others Through The Difficulties and Challenges of Life (2 weekends)
2. Exercising Godly Authority While Leading Through Change and Conflict (2 weekends)
3. Critical Thinking Skills and The Art of Asking Questions (2 weekends)
4. How Men and Women Work Together (1 weekend)
5. A Lifestyle of Sharing God's Love (2 weekends)
6. Developing a Principle Based Ministry Philosophy (3 weekends)