



GLOBAL CHURCH DIVINITY SCHOOL®



The Global Church Divinity School® houses more than 275 interactive training courses by renowned Christian leaders from every major world region!

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The Global Church Network has forged strategic relationships with pastors and professors through the Global Church Divinity School. In the Global Church Classroom of the GCDS, powerful Assemblies of God Ministry tracks have been created for Certified, Licensed and Ordained levels. In order for you to take these courses, you do not have to stop what you are doing, relocate to a new city, or incur astronomical debt in order to receive high-level ministry training that will help you succeed in fulfilling your divine destiny. Through the GCDS, you have the opportunity to personally and professionally take 28 courses, plus up to three internships. You get to set the pace by which you take your courses.

In the summer of 2001, I was riding in the back of a public bus with two pastor friends, in Bangkok, Thailand. The late Dr. Bill Bright, Founder of Campus Crusade, gave me a short videoclip to watch on my handheld Palm Pilot. During this timeframe, we did not have smartphones. We carried a cell phone and then a personal organizer, like a Palm Pilot. Eventually, the cell phone and Palm Pilot were merged to become a Smartphone.

After I inserted the video chip into my Palm Pilot, I began watching this short video, while riding on the bus. Immediately, the Holy Spirit whispered twice: They will study like this one day. They will study like this one day." With that message in my heart, the GCDS was launched in January 2002. You now hold in your hands the opportunity to grow faster and go further in ministry than any previous generation. You can take your AG courses via computer, I-Pad or Smartphone.

Since you believe the Lord has called you into ministry service, you need to prepare yourself to fulfill your divine calling in this generation. The Lord has called you to find your role in His goal and your part in His heart!

Until The Last Person Has Heard,



James O. Davis
Founder/President
Global Church Network®
Global Church Divinity School®



LEARN DIRECTLY FROM THE GREATEST TEACHERS IN THEIR FIELDS OF STUDY AND MINISTRY

The Global Church Divinity School was founded in January, 2001, through the ministry of the Global Church Network (GCNW.tv). Since its inception, the GCDS has helped to teach and train thousands of ministers toward the fulfillment of the Great Commission. GCN is committed to synergizing, mobilizing and finalizing the Great Commission in this generation.

The Assemblies of God Ministry Track of the Global Church Divinity School comprises of 27 courses for the Certified, Licensed and Ordained levels. The GCDS does not offer AG ministry credentials and the completion of these courses does not grant AG ministry credentials. As you will further learn under the Policies & Procedures section, there is a standardized process in the Assemblies of God to apply for your credentials.

When you complete your AG Ministry Track(s), if you choose, you will also have opportunity to further your studies through a personalized membership into the Global Church Divinity School. The GCDS consists of more 275 courses, taught by key leaders from every world region. This personalized membership cost will be discounted since you will be a GCDS alumnus.

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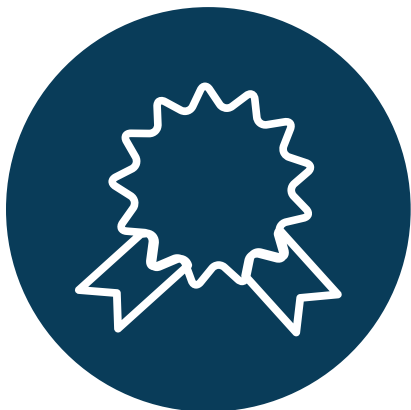
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CERTIFIED

The Global Church Network, in partnership with the Assemblies of God has provided dynamic learning tracks for the Certified, Licensed and Ordained levels. Each course consist of 15 lectures, approximately one hour in length each. In addition to the lectures, the ministry student receives a complete transcript of each lecture. Testing occurs at the end of each course. Students are encouraged to take copious notes, read the textbooks and study the word-by-word transcripts. As to Certified, Licensed and Ordained internships, these take place in the local church, under the mentorship of the pastor.

The Assemblies of God has chosen to denote three main classifications of ministry—the certified minister, the licensed minister, and the ordained minister. *Ordination* is the term used for the highest level of ministerial classification the Assemblies of God recognizes, a classification available to both men and women. All ministers are encouraged to progress to ordination.



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The selection of spiritual leaders throughout Scripture is usually recognized in a public way that signifies the spiritual origins of the call. In the Old Testament, a formal anointing with oil, bringing with it the power of the Spirit, accompanied God's selection. Jesus purposefully drew the twelve disciples aside and appointed them to be apostles (Mark 3:13–19). Judas's successor was prayerfully and publicly chosen (Acts 1:15–26). When the seven deacons were chosen, the apostles prayed and "laid their hands on them" (Acts 6:6). Similarly, when the Spirit announced His choice of Paul and Barnabas for missionary service, the decision was followed by fasting, prayer, and the laying on of hands (Acts 13:2–3).

Paul's letters to Timothy, who represents a younger generation of ministers, imply a kind of formal ordination. At some unidentified point, Paul and a body of elders laid hands on Timothy to set him apart for the ministry. The work of the Spirit in Timothy's ordination is also noteworthy, "Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you" (1 Timothy 4:14). Moreover, Paul continued to mentor his young colleague, reminding him to "fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands" (2 Timothy 1:6).



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The practice of selecting and "ordaining" qualified elders, crucial to the success of the missionary churches, became a strategic step for Paul's ministry team. Following the pattern of his first missionary journey (Acts 14:23), Paul commanded Titus, charged with setting the churches of Crete in order, "appoint elders in every town" (Titus 1:5). Timothy, likewise, had as a part of his ministry similar tasks in the appointment and supervision of elders (1 Timothy 5:17–22).

ACADEMIC VISION

GCDS applies a "Best Around the World Teaching the Rest of the World" approach to learning and with that, high expectations for students and educators.



TOP RATED FACULTY & TEACHINGS

GCDS consist of more than 190 faculty from every major denomination and more than 275 courses. GCDS courses are in 9 languages, advancing to 25 languages.

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IMPORTANT THAN WHERE YOU STUDIED."



GCDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Free memberships are available to leaders who primarily live in developing countries. More information is available on the GCDS website.

MINISTRY TRAINING

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- **Christ In The Synoptic Gospels - Greg Evans**

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK: *Christ in the Synoptic Gospels by Michael R. McClaflin*

An introductory study of our Lord's life and times according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. It examines the historical setting, His life between the Annunciation and the Ascension, and His message and method, including His parables and miracles. Organized around three themes (1) the world, (2) the Man, and (3) the message—this introduction helps to fuse our understanding of His life and work with our commitment to live by the values He taught and demonstrated.

- **Introduction To Hermeneutics - Craig Keener**

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK: *Introduction to Hermeneutics: How to Interpret the Bible by, Quentin McGhee, Carl Gibbs, and Willard Teague*

An introductory course on the principles for interpreting Scripture. It summarizes the need for hermeneutical principles and explores the qualifications, tools, and goals of a biblical interpreter. This is followed by a historical survey of hermeneutics from early Jewish interpreters to the present. The course includes a unit on the general and specific principles for interpreting the Bible, a unit on genres, and a unit on applying the principles. Students develop skills by practicing the principles in the provided exercises.

- **New Testament Survey - Kyle Holt**

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK: *New Testament Survey, Global University & Staff*

A survey course giving the student background for understanding, teaching, and applying the principles of the New Testament. Key facts from each book of the New Testament are highlighted in a manner that can be used in preaching and teaching.

- **Old Testament Survey - Kyle Holt**

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK: *Old Testament Survey, Global University & Staff*

A practical approach to the Old Testament that gives students material they can use in teaching and preaching. It covers significant details from every book in the Old Testament in an inspirational yet informative manner.

- **A Spirit-Empowered Church: An Acts 2 Ministry Model - Mike Clarensau**

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK: *A Spirit-Empowered Church: An Acts 2 Ministry Model by Alton Garrison*

A biblical, comprehensive, and strategic plan requires the empowerment of the Spirit to produce spiritual fruit and a flourishing church. The strategic plan is based on Acts 2 and focuses on developing Spirit-empowered disciples who will be involved in the five functions found there: connect, grow, serve, go, and worship. Assessment tools are used to identify areas where changes are needed, and the strategic plan is used to focus on God's vision for each local church.

- **Relationships & Ethics in Ministry - Gary Brothers**

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK: *Relationships and Ethics in Ministry by Ray Rachels*

A biblical approach to the relationships that are important to the minister, both personally and professionally. It looks at temperament theory and its relevance to human relations. This course examines relationships and ethics in view of the minister's personal growth, ministry challenges, people in the community, and other ministers.

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- **Introduction To Pentecostal Doctrine - Jamie Stewart**

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK: *Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine by Zenas J. Bicket*

An examination of the four cardinal doctrines of the Assemblies of God: salvation, baptism in the Holy Spirit, healing, and the second coming of Christ. After an introductory unit on the importance of doctrine, there is a unit of study on each of the doctrines. This course is essential to further understanding the complete Pentecostal message as presented in other courses.

- **Assemblies of God History, Missions & Governance - Terry Lamer**

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK: *Assemblies of God History, Missions, and Governance by Gary McGee, Annette Newberry, and Randy J. Hedlun*

A study of the historical development of the Assemblies of God, the history of the missions movement in the Assemblies of God, and the ecclesiastical governance of the Fellowship. Attention is given to the General Council Constitution and Bylaws in relation to credentialed ministers, local churches, and district councils.

- **Introduction to Theology - Dave Allman**

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK: *Introduction to Theology: A Pentecostal Perspective by Johnny Ford*

A study of historic Christian doctrines as expressed through Protestant and evangelical traditions. The course provides a complete study of the "Statement of Fundamental Truths" of the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

- **Beginning Ministerial Internship - Local Church Pastor**

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK: *Beginning Ministerial Internship by Michael Clarensau*

This is the first of three internships to be developed for the Ministerial Studies Diploma. Each internship requires the student to work with a local pastor to gain hands-on experience in various ministry activities. This course discusses the importance of a good attitude in ministry as well as many functions of ministry such as weddings and funerals. It also emphasizes servant leadership and the minister's devotional life.

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- **Acts: The Holy Spirit At Work In Believers - Craig Keener**

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK: *Acts: The Holy Spirit at Work in Believers, George O. Wood*

A thorough study of the content, purposes, principles, and applications of Acts. The course emphasizes the role of the Holy Spirit in the early church and today. Attention is given to the geographical, numerical, cultural, and theological growth of the church from Jerusalem to Rome. The journeys of Paul are examined as the background for his epistles.

MINISTRY TRAINING

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- **Prison Epistles - Terrance Espinoza**
REQUIRED TEXTBOOK: *Prison Epistles: Colossians, Philemon, Ephesians, and Philippians*, by LeRoy Bartel
A practical study of the principles Paul wrote to the churches during his imprisonment. The concepts are presented in language that is easy to understand with explanations, illustrations, and applications that make the concepts helpful to students in both their personal lives and ministries.
- **Romans: Justification By Faith - Bruce Rosdahl**
REQUIRED TEXT BOOK: *Romans: Justification by Faith* by William F. Lasley, with sermon notes by Richard Dresselhaus
An in-depth study of the book of Romans. It focuses on Paul's systematic explanation of the gospel to the Romans and offers insight into the doctrines of sin, salvation, and sanctification. Students will learn how union with Christ and the indwelling Holy Spirit leads to spiritual growth.
- **The Local Church In Evangelism - Terry Lamer**
REQUIRED TEXT BOOK: *The Local Church in Evangelism* by Randy Hurst
The local church is the provenance of evangelism for reaching its community and the world. After a foundational, biblical theology of the Great Commission and the Holy Spirit's role in evangelism, this course proposes a comprehensive and integrated approach to evangelism in the local church that avoids over compartmentalizing evangelism and discipleship. It focuses on a variety of evangelism methods, the evangelistic purpose of an organized fellowship of churches, and pastoral leadership in evangelism. The largest portion of the course is devoted to the evangelistic responsibility of all believers and practical biblical instruction about effective personal evangelism.
- **Introduction to Homiletics - James O. Davis**
REQUIRED TEXT BOOK: *Introduction to Homiletics* by Ian Hall
A basic study of the principles of Christian preaching. The course emphasizes biblical exposition and covers practical matters such as the preparation of sermons, sources of materials, construction of sermon components, variety of sermon types, and delivery of sermons.
- **Effective Leadership - Mike Clarensau**
REQUIRED TEXT BOOK: *Effective Leadership* by Ron McManus
A biblical approach to the principles of leadership. This course applies those principles in the church setting, giving the student the practical skills needed to serve in a leadership role in the local church.
- **Introduction to Assemblies of God Missions - Jerry Roberts**
REQUIRED TEXT BOOK: *Introduction to Assemblies of God Missions* by Ron Iwasko and Willard Teague
An introductory course in the science of missions. It is a survey of the theology, history, and methods of Christian missions in general and within the Assemblies of God in particular. There is a special emphasis on recent developments, crucial issues, current trends, and missions as they are carried out through national and local churches.

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- **Eschatology: A Study of Things To Come - Koo Yun May**
REQUIRED TEXT BOOK: *Eschatology: A Study of Things to Come* by Zenas J. Bicket
A biblical study of end-time events written from a Pentecostal perspective. The course studies the Rapture plus various views of the Tribulation and the Millennium. It provides excellent material for teaching and preaching on the second coming of Christ.
- **Conflict Management for Church Leaders - Arik Nabie**
REQUIRED TEXT BOOK: *Conflict Management* by Wayde I. Goodall
A biblical approach to conflict resolution. This course offers a scriptural way to deal with the inevitable occasions when conflict arises, particularly in a church setting. It offers practical principles for resolving the conflict in a manner that is pleasing to God.
- **Intermediate Ministerial Internship - Local Church Pastor**
REQUIRED TEXT BOOK: *Intermediate Ministerial Internship* by Micael Clarensau
The second of three required internships for the Ministerial Studies Diploma. This course helps the student develop the right attitude for ministry. It examines characteristics to be avoided and tests to be passed in the life of a minister. It further focuses on public aspects of ministry, such as teaching, preaching, and leading meetings. The personal life of the minister, including time management and personal health, is also discussed.

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- **The Corinthian Correspondence - Ty Thompson**
REQUIRED TEXT BOOK: *1 & 2 Corinthians* by James D. Hernando
A study of 1 and 2 Corinthians, providing the student with truths for teaching and preaching as well as practical assistance in dealing with the issues facing today's church. The student will learn how Paul instructed the Corinthians to deal with division and difficulty. By applying these same principles, the student will be prepared to deal with the challenges of ministry in the twenty-first century.
- **The Pentateuch - David Hymes**
REQUIRED TEXT BOOK: *Pentateuch* byt Roger Cotton
A study of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy with a practical approach that will provide preaching and teaching material. The Pentateuch forms the foundation on which the New Testament covenant is based and is an important study for anyone desiring to understand the entire Bible more completely.
- **The Poetic Books - Kevin Holt**
REQUIRED TEXT BOOK: *Poetic Books* by Scott Ellington
A study of the five books of poetry or wisdom: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs. These books cover issues like suffering, parenting, and the fear of the Lord, teaching us how to live. The course is designed to help the student in his or her own walk with God and in ministering to others who need instruction.

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- **Preaching In The Contemporary World - James O. Davis**
REQUIRED TEXT BOOK: *Preaching in the Contemporary World* by Doug Oss, Rochelle Cathcart, and David Crosby; *Gutenberg To Google: Twenty Indispensable Laws of Communication* by James O. Davis

The purpose of this course is to help preachers present life-changing messages that connect with the world around them. The course focuses on presenting messages that are true, clear, interesting, and relevant. Students are challenged to present messages that are true to the intent and power of Scripture. The course also examines the postmodern culture and offers help in making messages relevant to the needs and concerns of this audience.

- **Church Administration, Finance, & Law - Craig White**
REQUIRED TEXT BOOK: *Church Administration, Finance, and Law* by Joseph W. Klpatrick and Randy J. Hedlun

An introductory study of many principles, procedures, and techniques used in today's business world as they apply to the local church and its leadership. Attention is given to organizing and staffing functions of the church, practical methods of raising money for the church's expenses, keeping good records, and managing the church's money, facilities, and equipment. It also gives students a practical understanding of the law in order to recognize and resolve legal questions confronting pastors and churches today.

- **Pastoral Ministry - Kevin Holt**
REQUIRED TEXT BOOK: *Pastoral Ministry* by Richard Exley

An examination of pastoral ministry in three areas: preparation, responsibilities, and relationships. The unit on preparation focuses on a pastor's qualifications, devotional life, and personal life. A unit on responsibilities analyzes preaching and teaching, worship, pastoral care, leading, training, forming cell groups, and special services. The final unit examines a pastor's relationships with layleaders, staff, work, and calling. This is a principle-centered study to lay a lifelong foundation for the pastoral ministry.

- **Prayer & Worship - Kent Jensen**
REQUIRED TEXT BOOK: *The Story of the Christian Church* by Jesse L. Hurbut

An overview of the biblical teaching on prayer and worship leads to practical considerations for cultivating intimacy with Christ in every aspect of life, from personal, private prayer to corporate celebration. Students will discover the joys and benefits of a dynamic prayer life and gain a fresh appreciation for the many ways in which the Holy Spirit makes prayer and worship both meaningful and powerful. An examination of some of the common challenges of prayer, such as learning to hear God's voice, the problem of unanswered prayer, and what to do when it seems God is not speaking, is followed by practical insight for becoming more effective and fervent prayer warriors.

- **Advanced Ministerial Internship - Local Church Pastor**
REQUIRED TEXT BOOK: *Advanced Ministerial Internship* by Michael Clarensau

The third of three required internships for the Ministerial Diploma Building on the foundation of the previous two internship courses, this course focuses on three attributes of the heart of ministry, characteristics to be avoided, tests that must be passed in the life of the ministry, basic areas of pastoral counseling, and other skills needed to be a successful pastor.

Global Church Divinity School

Purpose, Program, Policies & Procedures

PURPOSE

Upon admission to the Global Church Divinity School, students agree to adhere to the following rules and regulations to maintain discipline, the highest level of training, and uphold excellent standards. Global Church Divinity School's mission is to train and equip Christian leaders through the Word and wisdom with a passion for God's presence, purpose, and plan for them.

Global Church Divinity School is committed to imparting passion for the pursuit of God and His will, while training and equipping Church leaders who desire to grow in the Word of God, gain the skills needed to obtain ministry success, and to fulfill their destiny in the world.

PROGRAM

With practical and biblical ministry teachings and a personalized internship at the Certified, Licensed and Ordained levels, Global Church Divinity School students will be taken on an immersive journey towards understanding the call, the roles, and the responsibilities in building strong, Pentecostal ministry. All students should live a godly life, along with consistent personal Bible study each day.

All Global Church Divinity School courses are designed for the student to obtain at least a 70% grade before moving to the next sequenced course. All required textbooks must be read and acknowledged to have done so.

POLICIES

Global Church Divinity School students are required to read their personal copy of God's Word every week. As ministry students, it is expected to develop and instill a habit of reading the Word. Each student will confirm this policy by checking the Bible Reading box, regardless of Certified, Licensed or Ordained level.

A commitment to the honor system must always be observed. Each Global Church Divinity School Course contains 15 lectures, along with transcripts. All lectures must be viewed, transcripts studied, textbooks read, and tests taken. There is a test after every 5 lectures, with a total of 3 tests in each course.

Plagiarism is not permitted at the Global Church Divinity School. Academic integrity means acting honestly and honorably in all academic endeavors. Plagiarism will result in removal from the Assemblies of God Training Track.

Once a student has begun a course, he/she has 30 days to be able to withdraw from the course. If the student has purchased an entire level (Certified, Licensed or Ordained), he/she has 30 days to withdraw with full refund.

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PROCEDURES

Applications for Assemblies of God ministerial credentials are made through the District Councils; not through the Global Church Divinity School. You should contact the district council office for your area for information on how to apply for credentials with that district.

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These GCDS Courses are designed and delivered for future Assemblies of God ministers. In these learning tracks (Certified, Licensed, Ordained), the students will have the opportunity to be trained and mentored by pastors, scholars and leaders, who provide incredible areas of strength in the subject they are teaching.

GCDS students taking the Assemblies of God Training Track can login by:

1. Entering email address and password on the login page
2. Clicking on Credentials Tab on the left inside the Global Church Classroom
3. Providing the promo code, "AGTraining!" in the Credentials Section
4. Scrolling down until Assemblies of God Training Track appears.

As students take the Assemblies of God Courses in the GCDS students are encouraged to reach out to the Divinity School Management (Olivia@gcds.tv) for personal assistance.

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- Second level in ministerial training
- 8 courses, plus one internship

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COURSE**

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ORDAINED - Broaden Your Ministry

- Third level in ministerial training
- 7 courses, plus one internship

**\$100 PER
COURSE**

\$700 FOR ALL 8 COURSES

All GCDS Alumni, who have fully completed Certified, Licensed or Ordained levels, will receive 10% discount off published tuition. During the registration process, check the alumni box to receive the 10% discount.

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