

# Church Planting & Renewal Conference

## Training Team: Steve Childers, Steve Ogne & Others

### January 25-28, 2010

(Tuesday-Friday, Sonesta Hotel, Orlando)

**RTS Doctor of Ministry Elective 2DM853  
(or Core 2DM804 with request to Registrar)**

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### Course Description

**The Church Planting Conference** is designed to equip church planters (before and after first public worship), coaches and supervisors with the principles and strategies needed for starting and developing healthy, growing, reproducing churches. In this intensive and comprehensive learning experience, planters and coaches will learn, in hands-on ways, how to develop a biblical vision for ministry, philosophy of ministry and church development. Lectures, discussion, and workshop activities will allow participants to formulate vision, values, mission, and strategy that can find immediate application in the field. Some topics to be covered:

- Determining the ministry focus group
- Designing a church planting action plan
- Creating a church planting proposal
- Establishing a core group and launch team
- Developing gospel-centered ministries (Worship, Prayer, Discipleship, etc.)
- Mentoring church ministry leaders
- Leading the church to healthy growth
- Ordering the church planter's private world
- Establishing a church multiplication movement
- Coaching church planters & leaders
- Raising up leaders from the harvest for the harvest

**Great for Pastors Too!** Many Christian leaders in the U.S.A. and abroad have taken this training, not primarily to learn how to do church planting themselves but to learn gospel-centered principles and strategies for church growth and renewal that will lead their churches to renewal and multiplication in church planting.

### The Seminar Instructors

- **Steve Childers**, Professor of Practical Theology at RTS Orlando, author of the *Church Planter Training Manual* and President of Global Church Advancement (GCA).
- **Steve Ogne**, Church planter trainer, coach and consultant for Church Resource Ministries (CRM) & coauthor (with Bob Logan) of *The Church Planter's Toolkit*.
- **Other Veteran Trainers** from various denominational, generational and cultural perspectives (representing 100 + years of church planting experience & mistakes!).

## Church Planter Training Manual

The **Church Planter Training Manual** (seminar notes) by Dr. Childers will be made available for purchase (\$50.00 by check or cash only & made payable to: *Global Church Advancement*) at the seminar registration table when you arrive. Although this manual is listed in the *Required Reading* section of the syllabus, it is not to be considered as a required reading text. Note: This manual is not available for purchase apart from the seminar.

### Debriefing With Professor

All D.Min. credit students are required to meet with the professor of record (Dr. Childers) on the afternoon immediately following the seminar (Jan 28) for interaction regarding the application of the seminar training to their lives and ministries and for clarification regarding the course assignments. The time and location of this meeting will be announced the first day of the seminar.

### Integration Paper

Students will complete a 20-25 page *Church Planting Proposal* (including appendices, models, etc.) that is due October 31, 2009. The integration paper is the heart of the student's work outside class and will determine the major portion of the final grade. The integration paper will be a real or hypothetical "Church Planting Proposal" showing the application of the principles taught in the course. The proposal should include the new church's values, vision, philosophy, strategy, timeline, resources, etc. Models of Church Planting Proposals will be made available at the conference. (Alternative integration papers must be approved by Dr. Childers before the end of the seminar.)

### Required Reading

D.Min. credit students are required to read and report (see attached reading report form) on approximately 2000 pages of reading (not previously read) from the following reading lists. The *Reading Reports* (one-page each maximum) are also due April 29, 2010. Please email to [jsisler@rts.edu](mailto:jsisler@rts.edu).

Childers, Steven L. *Church Planter Training Manual*. Orlando, FL: Global Church Advancement, Inc. 2007 (Not to be considered as a required reading text—see above.)

Lovelace, Richard. *Renewal as a Way of Life: A Guidebook for Spiritual Growth*. 2002. ISBN: 9781579108663.

Malphurs, Aubrey, *Planting Growing Churches for the 21 Century: A Comprehensive Guide for new Churches and Those Desiring Renewal*, 2004 Third Edition. ISBN 9780801065143

Miller, John C. *Outgrowing the Ingrown Church*. 2004 ISBN 9780310284116.

Schwarz, Christian. *Natural Church Development*. Church Smart Resources, 1996. ISBN 9781889638003

Stetzer, Edward, *Planting Missional Churches*. 2006. ISBN 978-0805443707

Warren, Rick, *The Purpose Driven Church*. 2005. ISBN 9780310201069

### **Very Highly Recommended:**

Keller, Timothy and Allen Thompson. *Church Planter Manual: A Church Multiplication Handbook* (Center-City Church Planting). New York: Redeemer Church Planting Center. 2002.  
Order from: <http://www.redeemer2.com/rstore>

### **Supplemental Reading List**

In the event that you have already read some of the books on the “Reading List”, you may choose additional books from this supplemental list to fulfill your 2000-page reading quota.

#### Highly Recommended Reading

Biehl, Bobb and Glen Urquhart

1990 *Mentoring: How to Find a Mentor. How to Become One*. Masterplanning Group

Bosch, David J.

1994 *Transforming Mission: Paradigm Shifts in the Theology of Mission*.  
Maryknoll: Orbis.

Church Multiplication Training Center

2002 *Get Ready! Get Set! Go! Bootcamp & Restart Training Manuals*, IN:  
CMTC.

Clowney, Edmund.

1995 *The Church: Contours of Christian Theology*. Downers Grove, IL:  
InterVarsity.

Conn, Harvie M. (ed.)

1996 *Planting and Growing Urban Churches: From Dream to Reality*. Grand  
Rapids, MI: Baker Book House.

Cordeiro, Wayne

2005 *Doing Church as a Team: The Miracle of Teamwork and How It  
Transforms*. Ventura, CA: Regal

Covey, Stephen R., (A. Roger Merrill)

2004 *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*. Free Press.  
1996 *First Things First*. New York: Simon and Schuster.

Erickson, Millard J.

1998 *Postmodernizing the Faith: Evangelical Responses to the Challenge of  
Postmodernism*. Baker Book House.

- Finzel, Hans  
1994 *The Top Ten Mistakes Leaders Make*. New York: Simon and Schuster.
- Gibbs, Eddie  
2000 *Church Next: Quantum Changes in How We Do Ministry*. InterVarsity
- Greenway, Roger S.  
1973 *Urban Evangelism in Latin America*. Philadelphia: Westminster Press.  
1976 *Guidelines for Urban Church Planting*. Baker Book House.  
1979 *Discipling the City*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House.
- Guder, Darrell L., et. al. (eds.)  
1998 *Missional Church: A Vision of the Sending of the Church in North America*. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company
- Hesselgrave, David J.  
2000 *Planting Churches Cross-Culturally: North America and Beyond, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House.
- Hiebert, Paul G.  
1985 *Anthropological Insights for Missionaries*. Grand Rapids, .  
1995 *Incarnational Ministry: Planting Churches in Band, Tribal, Peasant and Urban Societies*. Baker.
- Hunter, George  
2000 *The Celtic Way of Evangelism: How Christianity Can Reach the West . . . Again*. Abingdon.
- Hughes, Kent and Barbara  
1997 *Liberating Ministry from the Success Syndrome*. Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.
- Logan, Robert E. (Steven L. Ogne) (Neil Cole)  
1989 *Beyond Church Growth*. Old Tappan, NJ: Revell  
1995 *Church Planter's Toolkit*. ChurchSmart Resources ([www.churchsmart.com](http://www.churchsmart.com))  
1995 *Churches Planting Churches*. ChurchSmart Resources ([www.churchsmart.com](http://www.churchsmart.com))  
1995 *Raising Leaders for the Harvest*. ChurchSmart Resources ([www.churchsmart.com](http://www.churchsmart.com))
- Macchia, Stephan A.  
1999 *Becoming a Healthy Church: 10 Characteristics*. Baker Books.
- McLaren, Brian D.  
1998 *The Church on the Other Side: Doing Ministry in the Postmodern Matrix*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House.  
2001 *More Ready Than You Realize: Evangelism as Dance in the Postmodern Matrix*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.
- Miller, Darrow  
1984 *Discipling Nations: The Power of Truth to Transform Cultures*. Seattle, WA: Ywam Publishing.

- Moore, Ralph  
2002 *Starting a New Church: The Church Planter's Guide to Success*. Ventura, CA: Regal Books.
- Nebel, Tom  
2002 *Big Dreams in Small Places: Church Planting in Smaller Communities*. St Charles, IL: ChurchSmart Resources.
- Newbigin, Lesslie  
1989 *The Gospel in a Pluralistic Society*. Eerdmans.  
1995 *The Open Secret: Introduction to a Theology of Missions*. Eerdmans.
- Pope, Randy  
2002 *The Prevailing Church*. Chicago, IL: Moody.
- Sande, Ken  
1997 *The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books.
- Schaller, Lyle E.  
1989 *Forty-Four Questions for Church Planters*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon.
- Shenk, David W. and Ervin R. Stutzman  
1988 *Creating Communities of the Kingdom: New Testament Models of Church Planting*. Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press.
- Walling, Terry B. and Rick Tansey  
2003 *Maximum Health: Navigating Your Church to Greater Health*. ChurchSmart Resources ([www.churchsmart.com](http://www.churchsmart.com))
- Walling, Terry B.  
2002 *Advancing Leaders: Discovering Your Ultimate Contribution*. ([www.churchsmart.com](http://www.churchsmart.com))  
1999 *Focused Living Resource Kit*. ([www.churchsmart.com](http://www.churchsmart.com))
- Wagner, C. Peter  
1990 *Church Planting for A Greater Harvest*. Ventura, CA: Regal Books.
- Winter, Ralph D. and Steven C. Hawthorne.  
1992 *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement*. William Carey Library.

## **RECOMMENDED READING**

- Allen, Roland  
1962 *Missionary Methods, St. Paul's or Ours?* Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans  
  
1962 *The Spontaneous Expansion of the Church and the Causes Which Hinder It.* Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company.
- Amberson, Talmadge R. (ed.)  
1979 *The Birth of Churches: The Biblical Basis for Church Planting.* Broadman Press.
- Anderson, Leith  
1992 *A Church for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.* Minneapolis, MN: Bethany House.
- Becker, Paul  
1992 *Dynamic Church Planting.* Vista, CA: Multiplication Ministries.  
1996 *Dynamic Daughter Church Planting.* CA: Multiplication Ministries.
- Brock, Charles  
1981 *The Principles and Practice of Indigenous Church Planting.* Nashville, TN: Broadman Press.
- Bunch, David T. and Barbara L. Oden  
1991 *Multihousing Congregations: How to Start and Grow Congregations in Multihousing Communities.* Atlanta: Home Missions Board.
- Chaney, Charles L.  
1993 *Church Planting at the End of the Twentieth Century.* Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House
- Cheyney, Tom, J., David Putman and Van Sanders, (eds.)  
2003 *Seven Steps for Planting Churches.* Alpharetta, GA: North American Mission Board, SBC.
- Dayton, E.R. and D.A. Fraser  
1990 *Planning Strategies for World Evangelism.* Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans.
- Faircloth, Samuel D.  
1990 *Church Planting for Reproduction.* Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House.
- Francis, Hozell C.  
2000 *Church Planting in the African American Context.* Zondervan
- Galloway, Dale and Warren Bird  
2003 *Starting a New Church: How to Plant a High-Impact Church.* Kansas City, MO: Beacon Hill Press.

Your Name  
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**Title of Book**  
**Complete Bibliographic Reference**

**Overview**—Give a brief overview of the book, including its theme, perspective and approach.

**Critique**—Offer a brief critique of the book, including elements of strength and weakness.

**Application**—Offer some specific application to your own ministry— demonstrating the value and relevance of the material in this book.

**Best Quote**—Be sure to include the page number where the quote can be found.

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**Reading List**

Author  
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