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)

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.

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.)


**Very Highly Recommended:**


**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.


Church Multiplication Training Center

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

Clowney, Edmund.


Conn, Harvie M. (ed.)


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.


Erickson, Millard J.

Finzel, Hans  

Gibbs, Eddie  
2000  *Church Next: Quantum Changes in How We Do Ministry*. InterVarsity

Greenway, Roger S.  

Guder, Darrell L., et. al. (eds.)  

Hesselgrave, David J.  

Hiebert, Paul G.  

Hunter, George  

Hughes, Kent and Barbara  

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)  
1995  *Churches Planting Churches*. ChurchSmart Resources  
(www.churchsmart.com)  
1995  *Raising Leaders for the Harvest*. ChurchSmart Resources  
(www.churchsmart.com)

Macchia, Stephan A.  

McLaren, Brian D.  

Miller, Darrow  
Moore, Ralph  

Nebel, Tom  
2002  *Big Dreams in Small Places: Church Planting in Smaller Communities.* St Charles, IL: ChurchSmart Resources.

Newbigin, Lesslie  

Pope, Randy  
2002  *The Prevailing Church.* Chicago, IL: Moody.

Sande, Ken  

Schaller, Lyle E.  

Shenk, David W. and Ervin R. Stutzman  

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  

Winter, Ralph D. and Steven C. Hawthorne.  
**RECOMMENDED READING**

Allen, Roland  
1962  *Missionary Methods, St. Paul’s or Ours?* Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans


Amberson, Talmadge R. (ed.)  

Anderson, Leith  

Becker, Paul  

Brock, Charles  

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  

Faircloth, Samuel D.  

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.
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.

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