



## ***Spiritual Life Bible College Catalog***

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

*The mission of Spiritual Life Bible College is to prepare students through an affordable higher education, to become leaders, teachers and ministers of extraordinary passion for Christ who will influence the world.*

## **VISION STATEMENT**

Spiritual Life Bible College aspires to become a premier multicultural, missionary and ministry-training institution of bible education in the Twin City Area, aiming to reproduce its training program in “daughter” bible training centers overseas and regionally. It is seeking new formats for education, to be implemented now and in years to come. The College purposes to produce zealous and effective ministers of the Gospel that expand the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ on earth. The College will strive to have the excellent facilities, faculty, administration, technology and funding-base necessary to make all of the above possible through community, corporate, ministry affiliations and alumni.

## **SPIRITUAL LIFE BIBLE COLLEGE HISTORY AND OVERVIEW**

In January of 1985, Dr. Judy, then an evangelist, reflected upon the fact that during the previous year she had been called on to hold some 235 meetings in the 5-state area of Minnesota. Instead of being overjoyed at the prospect of being so popular, she found herself troubled by the shortage of qualified gospel workers. So with a little prodding from various pastors, church laymen and others who sat under her ministry, she incorporated and began Spiritual Life Training Center, a two year Biblical Course of Study to prepare evangelists, missionaries and church workers to meet the ever-expanding needs of the church universal.

Some 30 years later, Spiritual Life Bible College – now a degree granting institution – continues to build and expand upon its reputation as a premier missions and ministerial training program. Its students presently serve or have served in 70 countries as short and long term missionaries. Ours is a rich history of service to the Body of Christ, receiving its quality and meaning through the fulfillment of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).

Our campus is housed within Spiritual Life Church in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota. The church conducts worship services, hosts many gifted and

anointed special speakers and airs four television broadcasts each week. The main Sunday service generally carries an attendance of 700-850; special events will draw up to 1400. Spiritual Life Church offers students the opportunity to have practical hands-on ministry within various departments such as TV ministry, praise and worship team, dance team, intercessory prayer, youth ministry, women's outreach, men's fellowship, and singles ministry. With this experience, the student is better able to serve within his/her own local church.

Spiritual Life Bible College offers a Bible certificate diploma program, an A.A. and B.A. degree in Biblical Theological Studies.

Students in the B.A. program are required to complete a ministry practicum. Spiritual Life Bible College has partnered with other churches, ministries and bible schools within the Minneapolis and five-state area for the student practicum experience. A one-week mission trip fulfills another exciting option for this practicum completion which would include teaching or being part of a mission crusade on the foreign field. We currently offer such opportunities at the mission schools in La Entrada (Honduras), Bochum (Germany) and London. Mission schools that have been fully turned over to SLBC graduates are located in Angeles City (Philippines), Monrovia (Liberia), Provadia (Bulgaria), Kiev (Ukraine) and La Entrada (Honduras). A new mission field is opening up in Liberia.

All students are encouraged to go on mission trips as a part of their on-going education. The Spiritual Life "family" has done ministry in over 80 nations and continues a commitment to mission work.

Spiritual Life Bible College encourages graduates to apply for ministry licenses under the covering of a ministerial organization which requires accountability and facilitates the process of the minister to do evangelism, meet the needs of the nations for biblical teaching etc. Our graduates are licensed and ordained through several different organizations throughout the United States. Spiritual Life Bible College is affiliated with and highly recommends Covenant Life Ministerial Organization, Brooklyn Center, MN.



### **Message from Dr. Judy Fornara, Founder**

**I believe with all of my heart that the harvest of the world is ready but the laborers are few. God has called me to equip the laborers with the tools that are needed to go out into the fields and bring in the harvest.**

**The call today for laborers is varied, for there is great need for preachers, teachers, apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and missionaries – those who minister to children and teens, on the streets and in prisons, and builders of churches overseas.**

**For so long, the next generation of God's workers has watched the older, seasoned preachers and has said, "If I could only learn from them." Spiritual Life Bible College has come forth to answer that need in the body of Christ.**

**My desire is to train you in the Word of God as well as in how to do ministry, and to do it unto the Lord's excellence.**

**In Christ,**

**Dr. Judy Fornara  
Founder & Chancellor  
Spiritual Life Bible College**



## **Message from Dr. Joseph Fornara, President**

**Dear Students:**

**Every step that we take upon the road of life carries with it the potential to set the tone and change the direction of our lives. Many times we are not aware nor do we note that there has been a shift, or even a dynamic change in our lives. Other times we convince ourselves that we alone captain our ship; we alone set the course of our lives.**

**Rest assured that you stand upon the threshold of a new beginning, a new direction, one to be set by you in conjunction with, and under the direction of, a sovereign and purposeful God. It only remains for you to choose to step across that threshold, to embrace the change.**

**There is a legacy that comes with this choice. It is a legacy of service to the community, the Church, the entire Body of Christ throughout the world. Your enrollment will encompass far more than the courses that you choose to study. It will hopefully be the beginning of a lifetime commitment to service, and with that commitment, your name forever enrolled with that fraternity of saints who have ardently served the church since its earliest beginnings. May God abundantly bless you from this day forward.**

**In Christ,**

**Dr. Joseph Fornara  
President  
Spiritual Life Bible College**

## STATEMENT OF DOCTRINAL AFFIRMATION

Students, Faculty and Staff are required to sign this doctrinal statement.

- I believe in one sovereign God, eternally existing in three Persons: the eternal Father, His only begotten Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life.
- I believe God created the heavens and the earth out of nothing, by His Word and power only.
- I believe God revealed Himself in creation, in Scripture, and most of all in Jesus Christ.
- I believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are verbally inspired by God and are without error.
- I believe God created humanity in His own image in a state of original righteousness. Our first parents sinned and fell to physical and spiritual death. As a result all creation is marred and all human beings are born with a sin nature.
- I believe in the existence of Satan, sin, and evil powers, and that all these have been defeated by God through the atonement of Christ.
- I believe that Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and was true God and true man, existing in one Person and without sin.
- I believe in the bodily crucifixion of Jesus for all of humankind's sins, and His bodily resurrection for our justification. Salvation is now possible for all who personally repent and believe in his atoning sacrifice. Believers are justified by His shed blood and forgiven of all sin. Healing, deliverance, and eternal life are made provision for through His atonement.
- I believe Jesus bodily ascended into heaven. He is there now and forever as Savior and Lord, High Priest, and Advocate.
- I believe all who receive the Lord Jesus Christ by faith are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God.
- I believe that the Holy Spirit indwells and gives life to believers, enables them to understand the Scriptures, empowers them for godly living, and also baptizes and equips them for service and witness, signs and wonders.
- I believe that the Church is made of the born-again body of believers, both in heaven and on earth.
- I believe Christ's people are to serve God in worship, witness, and service.
- I believe that Jesus Christ will soon return to this earth, personally, and visibly, first to gather His elect, then to judge the nations and bring His Kingdom to fulfillment.
- I believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust, the everlasting punishment of the lost, and the everlasting life and blessedness of the saved.

## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

**Dr. Judy Fornara: *Founder/Chancellor*** (since 1985) (Originally with Bible Training Center)  
Golden State University Ph.D. (h.c.) (Theology); Midwest Seminary D. Min. (Bible Theology);  
Bethel Theological Seminary M.A. (Theological Studies); Oral Roberts University B.A.  
(History/Secondary Education); *Ordained Minister*

**Dr. Joseph Fornara: *Chief Executive Officer/President*** (since 1998) (Originally with the Bible Training Center)  
Midwest Seminary of Bible Theology, Ph.D (Theology); Midwest Seminary of Bible Theology M.A. (Bible Studies); University of Minnesota B.A., Summa Cum Laude (History); Spiritual Life Training Center Diploma (Bible); *Ordained Minister*

**Rev. Edwina Morgan: *Dean of Students / Admissions / Registrar / Administrator*** (since 1994) (Originally with the Bible Training Center)  
Augsburg College B.S. (Social Work); Spiritual Life Bible College B.A. (Biblical Theological Studies); *Ordained Minister; Former Missionary: Philippines*

**Rev. Nancy Sky: *Academic Dean / Director Student Ministries /Administrator*** (since 2005) (With S. L. Church since 2003)  
Bethel Theological Seminary M.Div. (Theology); University of Minnesota B.A. honors (English); Spiritual Life Bible College B.A. (Biblical Theological Studies); *Ordained Minister*

**Ms. Nancy Soldatow: *Librarian*** (since 2008)  
University of Minnesota M.A. (Library Science); Macalister College B.A. (Spanish and Education)

**Ms. Jacqueline Linn: *Library Assistant*** (since 2008)  
University of Minnesota M.A. (Library Science); University of WI B.A. (General Studies, Linguistics concentration)

**Pastor Robert Smith: *Recruitment; Bookstore*** (since 2002) Bethel Theological Seminary MATS (Master of Arts and Theological Study); Quincy University B.S. (Marketing); Spiritual Life Training Center Diploma (Bible); *Ordained Minister*

## THEOLOGICAL STUDIES FACULTY

**Dr. Joseph Fornara: *Chief Executive Officer /President*** (since 1998) (*Originally with the Bible Training Center*)

Midwest Seminary of Bible Theology, Ph.D (Theology); Midwest Seminary of Bible Theology M.A. (Bible Studies); University of Minnesota B.A., Summa Cum Laude (History); Spiritual Life Training Center Diploma (Bible); *Ordained Minister*

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Golden State University Ph.D. (h.c.) (Theology); Midwest Seminary D. Min. (Bible Theology); Bethel Theological Seminary M.A. (Theological Studies); Oral Roberts University B.A. (History/Secondary Education); *Ordained Minister*

**Pastor Gordon Peterson** (Since 2008)

Bethel College B.A. (Sociology); *Ordained Minister*

**Rev. Nancy Sky** (since 2005)

Bethel Theological Seminary M.Div. (Theology); University of Minnesota B.A. honors (English); Spiritual Life Bible College B.A. (Biblical Theological Studies); *Ordained Minister*

**Pastor Robert Smith** (since 2004) Bethel Theological Seminary MATS (Master of Arts and Theological Study); Quincy University B.S. (Marketing); Spiritual Life Training Center Diploma (Bible); *Ordained Minister*

**Rev. Cheryl Burton** (since 2008) University of Minnesota B.A. (Psychology); Spiritual Life Bible College B.A. (Biblical Theological Studies); *Ordained Minister*

**Rev. Stella Dimitrova** (since 2005) (*Originally with the Bible Training Center*); Spiritual Life Bible College B.A.; (Biblical Theological Studies); *Ordained Minister*

**Rev. Shirley Applebee** (since 2005) Spiritual Life Bible College B.A (Biblical Theological Studies); U of M ASL Program Teacher; *Licensed Minister*

**Rev. Delores Topliff** (since 2002) (*Originally with the Bible Training Center*)

University of Missouri A.B.D.; Western Washington University M.A. honors (English); University of Toronto B.A. honors (English); *Ordained Minister*



# **SPIRITUAL LIFE BIBLE COLLEGE**

# IN THE CLASSROOM



Bible college classrooms are equipped with the latest in audio visual technology for viewing Power Point/VHS/DVD presentations. All lectures are recorded for the benefit of the students.

## FACILITIES

Spiritual Life Bible College has dynamic modern facilities. The multipurpose building opened in 2000 and now houses two levels of classrooms as well as offices, work and storage rooms, a 1200 seating sanctuary, a fellowship hall adaptable for banquets, other special college events or large classes. Spacious free parking is assured. The building is safe, with security attendants on duty during class and work hours. Free child care is available during class. A growing library opened in 2005, including on-line computer work stations, multimedia material, a developed reference section and other research-oriented materials.

## CREDENTIALS

The State of Minnesota (Office of Minnesota Higher Education Services) authorizes Spiritual Life Bible College to be a religious degree or diploma granting institution. Spiritual Life Bible College is registered with the US Government as a 501(c)(3) entity.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

### College Calendar

Spiritual Life Bible College operates on a “quarterly” basis, with each quarter 12 weeks in length. The schedule for Winter Quarter 2014 through Fall Quarter 2015 is given below:

	<b>Monday and Tuesday Classes</b>
<b>Winter Quarter 2014</b>	Jan 6 – Mar 25
<b>Spring Quarter 2014</b>	Apr 7 – June 24
<b>Summer Quarter 2014</b>	July 7 – Sept 23
<b>Fall Quarter 2014</b>	Sept 29– Dec 16
<b>Winter Quarter 2015</b>	Jan 5 – Mar 24
<b>Spring Quarter 2015</b>	Apr 6 –June 23
<b>Summer Quarter 2015</b>	July 6-Sept 22
<b>Fall Quarter 2015</b>	October 5-Dec 22

Students will be given 1-2 weeks vacation over the Christmas and New Year holiday season. The school will also be dismissed for nationally recognized holidays if their observance falls on the day of class. Students will be kept informed of any change in the school calendar.

## **Enrollment**

Students who are prepared to sign intent to pursue a degree or diploma must have a high school diploma transcript or G.E.D. on file. Students intending to transfer credits from another college must request an official transcript before or at the time that they sign intent to pursue a degree or diploma. Upon request, we may admit students on a provisional basis to a degree or diploma program who have not yet completed a high school education, provided they evidence a plan to complete such education in a timely manner.

The Office of Student Ministries is available to answer prospective students' questions in light of where their ministry and academic path is leading them and how an education at SLBC can help them meet their objectives.

### **Non-Discrimination Policy**

Spiritual Life Bible College is committed to non-discrimination of all persons based on their color, national origin, race, age, physical disability or receipt of public assistance.

### **First Time Enrollment**

To enroll for the first time, students must complete a Spiritual Life Bible College application including a personal testimony page and submit it with the \$25.00 application fee. A student may be called in for an interview prior to acceptance in the school. New students must pre-register prior to the first day of class.

### **Individual Courses**

Any person may take individual classes as they desire. Grades recorded will be kept in the event that person will later enroll as a regular degree student. (An application must be submitted).

Spiritual Life Bible College is delighted to receive students at the beginning of any of the four quarters at any level of credit load. Prospective students may start out taking one or two classes before committing to a degree or diploma program. Classes are offered on a two-year rotation basis. For this reason, once students decide to commit to a degree or diploma program, it is not beneficial to "miss" a quarter, as the classes missed may not be offered again for another two years.

## **Registration for Classes**

Every quarter a student will be given a registration card. At that time, students will be notified as to which classes are required or optional towards graduation. Students with outstanding financial obligations, incomplete or missing assignments may be denied registration for the next quarter until the obligation is cleared. If a student registers for classes and stops attending without officially dropping or withdrawing from classes, that student will be responsible for complete payment of tuition for that month.

### **Course Changes Drop/Add**

Students can drop or add classes within the first week of the quarter with a 100% refund. Any student who drops a class after two weeks will receive a W on their transcript and will not be entitled to any refunds. There can be no adding of classes after two weeks unless special permission is given from the Dean of Students.

## **Transfer of Credits**

Spiritual Life Bible College accepts up to 50% of appropriate courses from other applicable institutions. Students who have a previous bachelor's degree from another college may transfer all of their courses with a grade of C and above. However, this will be counted within the 50%. Spiritual Life Bible College is on a quarter system, so courses transferred from a semester system will be converted into quarter credits. Theological and Bible courses must match the same courses offered at Spiritual Life Bible College in order to be considered for transfer. Doctrinal differences may also exclude some courses from transfer. The determination of which credits will be allowed to transfer will be at the discretion of the academic department.

### **Credit Conversion (Semesters to Quarters)**

Transferred semester credits will be converted into quarter credits at the 2/3 ratio. For example 3 quarter credits = 2 semester credits.

# **FINANCIAL POLICIES**

## **Application Fee**

A one-time \$25.00 non-refundable application fee will be due at the time an application is submitted to Spiritual Life Bible College from each student.

## **Transcript Fee**

There will be a \$5.00 charge for each transcript sent out from Spiritual Life Bible College.

## **Tuition**

Each quarter credit has a cost of \$60.00. This includes practicum done for credit. Most classes are 3 or 4 credits (example 3 credits = \$180.00). The registration materials will list the total credits and cost for each class. This is well below the cost of other local colleges.

Students are encouraged to register, pay for classes and purchase class materials (books, manuals, etc.) the week before classes begin.

Tuition is payable on the first class of each month for those who pay monthly. If tuition is more than 30 days past due, a student may not be allowed to attend classes until tuition is paid.

## **Refund Policy**

Full refund within first week 100%. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> week, 80% refund. No refunds after the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of classes.

## **Books and Course Materials**

The cost of books and materials will vary each quarter. For budgeting purposes, the cost will be approximately \$20-70 per class. All students are expected to have all their class materials on the first night of class or as soon as they are available.

## **Auditing**

Anyone can audit class/classes, there are two requirements. An audit form must be filled out and a non-refundable audit fee (tuition) must be paid prior to beginning the course. A person auditing a class is not required to take any test, do any homework or audibly participate in the class discussions. No attendance records or grades are kept and no credit given. There is no reduction in tuition for auditing a class.

### **Graduation Fees**

Each student will pay a graduation fee as indicated below. This fee must be paid by Nov. 1 prior to the January graduation.

Bible Certificate	\$175
A.A. Biblical Theological Studies	\$175
B.A. Biblical Theological Studies	\$200

**All fees quoted are subject to change.**

# MISSIONS PRACTICUM



**Students have the opportunity to participate in ministry overseas. Teaching, preaching, working with an interpreter, crossing boundaries with the Gospel is all a part of your training.**



## PROGRAM GOALS

With our mission in mind, SLBC is committed to three interrelated sets of goals. An SLBC education is designed for you to (1) increase in Biblical and spiritual knowledge, (2) strengthen in Christian character and maturity, and (3) grow in Christian professionalism to fulfill Biblical models of leadership and ministry.

- ✓ **Knowledge Goal:** Students will act to influence their world as a result of a foundational understanding of the Old and New Testaments, God's plan in Christ for creation and humankind, and a Biblical global perspective.
- ✓ **Character Goal:** Students will show forth daily zeal for the cause of Christ, stemming from a life of worship and devotion, so that they serve as salt and light in every place God sends them.
- ✓ **Ministry Goal:** Students will operate in biblical models of leadership and ministry within their unique call, having developed foundational skill-sets through their course of study.

## INSTITUTIONAL GOALS

The Institutional Goals of Spiritual Life Bible College are the following:

- Prepare students for leadership in a variety of settings, ministry & missions
- Aid in identifying and developing a student's call and passion
- Foster the on-going personal and moral growth of students
- Offer biblical education to all cultures and groups of Christians

# ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

## Grading

### **System**

Spiritual Life Bible College is on the 4.0 letter grade system.

A = 90 -100%	(4.0)
B = 80 - 89%	(3.0)
C = 70 -79%	(2.0)
D = 60 - 69%	(1.0)
F = 59% or below	(0.0)

P = Pass

F = Fail

W = Withdrawn

I = Incomplete

R = Repeated

S = Satisfactory Completion of Requirement

U = Unsatisfactory Completion of Requirement

**(W)** reflects students who drop the class after two weeks, but have requested a Withdrawal. Students who drop/add a course within the first two weeks do not have a mark on their transcript.

**(R)** indicates a class that has been taken for a second time for a better grade as a repeat. The new class grade will replace the first class and the repeated class will be counted within the GPA. The old class will be removed from the GPA.

**(I)** indicates a class that has requirements yet to be met. Upon the completion of requirements in a timely manner stipulated by the individual instructor, the new class grade will replace the incomplete. Students will be allowed a maximum of 2 incompletes (for full time students) and 1 incomplete (for part time students) on their transcript. Each current student has a student folder where graded papers and their grade reports are delivered. Students can request that a grade report be mailed to their home.

Challenges to grades must be made before the end of the subsequent quarter.

### **Reporting**

Academic reporting of grades will be given to each student two weeks after the quarter ends.

## **Classroom Expectations**

### **Class Times**

Classes meet every Monday and Tuesday night from 6:00 to 8:00 and 8:05 to 10:00 pm. As the need arises, Wednesday nights are also used for extra courses taught. Four to eight classes will be taught each quarter (four quarters per year) on a rotation basis.

### **Attendance Policy**

Most classes meet once a week and are intensive. Therefore, it is necessary that students maintain a high attendance record. Students who need to miss two classes in a row must have approval from the Dean of Students. Students who anticipate missing more classes because of church responsibilities or illness must get approval from the Dean of Students. Students who do not get special approval for repeated absences may be withdrawn after notification from the Dean of Students. More than four unexcused absences may result in failure of a course.

### **Visitors**

Students can assess a class if they want during the first two weeks, but no visitors are allowed beyond the second week. All students attending classes must be registered. Absolutely, no unregistered visitors are allowed in classes without special permission.

### **Tardiness**

Classes will begin promptly at the stated times. If you arrive late due to unforeseen circumstances, please sit down quietly so as not to disturb the teacher and other students.

### **Number of Students/Course**

Spiritual Life Bible College hereby establishes guidelines for individual class enrollment of 40 students or more at which time a teaching assistant is assigned, and which include a maximum limit of 80 students total per individual class enrollment. Maximum enrollment that can be accommodated by the College's staff, equipment and facilities comes to 240 students.

### **Dishonesty/Plagiarism**

Academic dishonesty includes cheating on tests, copying another person's papers or projects, purchasing papers on the internet and presenting it as your own, purposely not giving references of sources. Any student involved with cheating will be sent to the Dean of Students for determination of fate according to Scriptural principles of justice tempered with mercy. All appeals will be judged by the President.

In general, any dishonesty, stealing, cheating or plagiarism does not reflect the character of a Christian minister and may be grounds for dismissal from the Bible College upon the discretion of the President of the College. No tuition will be refunded.

## **Course Requirements**

### **Timely Fulfillment of Coursework**

All course requirements must be fulfilled by the last day of class. The student will have a given amount of time as stipulated by the individual instructor to complete all the course requirements. Full time students will be allowed to carry only 2 incompletes on their transcript. Part time students will be allowed only 1 incomplete on their transcript. An incomplete sustained over a year's time in a required class will obviously mean that the class will need to be retaken in order to receive due credit.

Coursework will vary depending upon the class and may include: reading of textbook(s) and class notes, essays, papers, book reports, quizzes, exams. All students must fulfill the Ministry Participation requirement each year they are enrolled. Students in the B.A. and A.A. are required to fulfill a Ministry Practicum (See academic policies). Although not required, diploma certificate students are encouraged to fulfill a Ministry Practicum (although not required) to enhance their ministry experience while in school.

### **Testing Deadlines**

Students are expected to take all quizzes, tests, or exams and turn in any other work required on the assigned date. In the event of an emergency, students are responsible for contacting the class instructor and taking any missed quizzes, tests, or exams.

## **Academic Performance**

### **Failing Grades**

If a student fails a required course, they will be expected to take the entire course over again. They must demonstrate satisfactory work for the entire course before they may be eligible for a passing grade to appear on their transcript.

### **Repeated Courses**

Students who want to repeat a course may do so in order to get a better grade. The highest grade shall be recorded in the GPA. The lower grade shall be removed as a counted credit. (R) for repeat will be put next to the newest class grade.

### **Academic Probation**

Students with a GPA of 2.5 or lower will be placed on probation. Regularly scheduled meetings with the Director of Student Ministries shall be required. Unsatisfactory performance for two quarters shall be reviewed by the Dean of Students and Director of Student Ministries.

### **Chronically Unsatisfactory Performance**

Consistently unsatisfactory academic performance (such as course failure, unexcused absences, late reports, lack of meeting course requirements, missing of final exams, etc.) may be reason for the college to terminate a student's enrollment. Students terminated for unsatisfactory academic performance will not be entitled to any tuition refund.

### **President's/Dean's/Chancellor's List**

The President's List recognizes students of superior academic achievement at the end of each quarter with a GPA of at least 4.0 while carrying at least 9 credits.

The Dean's List recognizes students of substantial academic achievement at the end of each quarter with a GPA of at least 3.5 while carrying at least 9 credits.

The Chancellor's List recognizes students who have performed exemplary action in the ministerial field. This list could be released at any time.

## **SLBC LIBRARY**

The Spiritual Life Bible College Library provides information resources in print, electronic and audiovisual formats to support the SLBC curriculum in the areas of Bible, Theology, Christian worldview, and Preparation for Ministry. The library supports the student's spiritual and personal growth and instructs in information literacy so that the students are equipped to be life-long learners.

The library is housed on the ground floor of the SLBC building in two rooms equipped with comfortable study areas as well as an adequate number of computers for student use. Students may also use their own laptop computers in the library. A copier/printer is available for student needs at low cost. Students can also check out small tape recorders and access all course syllabi. A DVD/Video player is available for reviewing materials from the Audio Visual collection.

In addition to SLBC Library resources, students can use the Library computers to access their public library system for electronic resources or the MnLink Union Catalog for statewide access to Interlibrary Loan collections, Minnesota public library systems, University of Minnesota and other higher education institutions including theological colleges/seminaries.

Students may also access the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) for periodical articles or Electronic Library for Minnesota (ELM) for ebooks, newspaper and journal articles.

Library staff is available on call during the day; and librarians are available for student needs each class night to assist with research and informational queries. Library privileges are available to all SLBC students and staff with library access for church and community members available at a very low annual fee.

## **Administrative Government**

### **Dean of Students/Registrar**

The Dean of Students handles all the admissions, course schedules and progress of students while in the college. The Dean oversees the daily management of classes, grades, and scheduled events whether special (guest speakers) or routine. Problems with finances and personal crises affecting enrollment should be addressed to the Dean of Students. The Registrar manages student records and transcripts.

### **Director of Student Ministries**

All students will participate in an orientation in which they will be introduced to the Director of Student Ministries. The role of the Director is to nurture and focus the ministerial calling of each student. The Director will help the student plan their academic track and practicum. The Director helps the student plan and discuss how to be successful academically as well as in their ministry formation. Senior thesis management is also a role of the Director of Student Ministries.

### **Academic Dean**

The Academic Dean supervises academic rigor in course offerings, managing academic standards. The Academic Dean supervises faculty meetings and promotes faculty collaboration. Petitions for intent to pursue degrees or diplomas must be initially filed with the Academic Dean. Copies of practicum and ministry formation experiences must be initially filed with the Academic Dean. The Senior Thesis paper is also initially filed with the Academic Dean.

## **Institutional Conduct Policies**

### **Grievance Policy**

If you believe that you have not received fair or equitable treatment from the College or its representatives, you may file a grievance. Before filing a written complaint, you are encouraged to do the following:

1. Address the complaint to the person with whom you have a problem or to the person responsible for the area of the institution in which your problem lies. Matthew 18:15-17 is a good guide for these situations. If you receive satisfaction, stop there.

*Please Note: SLBC promotes Ken Sande's Principles of Forgiveness from his book: Peacemakers: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict. These can be paraphrased and summarized as the following:*

- ✓ *Glorify God*
- ✓ *Get the log out of your own eye*
- ✓ *Confront your brother in love*
- ✓ *Be reconciled*

2. If you do not receive satisfaction, address the complaint to the person's immediate supervisor. If you have questions as to the appropriate supervisor or administrator, please contact the President's Office.
3. If you do not receive satisfaction, please contact the President's Office for redress. The President's office will perform due diligence to assess all facts and reported incidences, and to take every appropriate action of which the office is capable of taking.

### **SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY**

Neither verbal nor physical harassment will be tolerated as also God demands. The President will be notified of any concerns of these actions.

All members of the college community should conduct themselves so that no appearance of evil or impropriety is given. When on Mission or Teaching trips any compromising situations should be avoided at all times. Students and faculty are expected to conform to the higher moral standards of the ministry. Please report any instances of Harassment to the Student Dean, who will take up the matter appropriately either by addressing the situation as well as taking it to the President as the matter may dictate (see item 3 above).

## **Guidelines and Requirements for Program Completion**

### **Time Limits for Program Completion**

Spiritual Life Bible College caters to some students who have full time jobs/ministries and must go a slower pace. Some students participate on a long term mission experience thus having to delay their coursework. Therefore the school is more flexible in adjusting the time limit for completion of degrees. Most students do complete their degrees in a timely fashion. The Director of Student Ministries and the Dean of Students will analyze each student's situation in efforts to help students complete their studies. The College encourages students with Bible diplomas to enter a degree program at any time.

### **Credit for Prior Missionary/Ministerial Experiences**

Students with substantial prior foreign mission field or ministerial work may apply to receive credit for their experience. Students must provide sufficient evidence of their experience including a summary for their file. An administrative committee will review all applications for credit. Upon review, and at the discretion of the administrative committee, the Ministry Practicum requirement may also be waived. The maximum credits allowed for missions/ministerial experience is 12 credits.

### **Short Term Mission Credits**

Short term mission trips accrue 1 credit for every 30 hrs participation/travel. Students are required to write a short review of their experience and to submit it to the Dean of Students. This review will be placed in their file and may be used for recommendations in ministerial positions.

### **Senior Thesis**

All students pursuing a bachelor's degree who have not obtained a previous BA degree are required to write a senior thesis expounding on ten Christian doctrine fundamentals. Formats for the design of the senior thesis are available in the Director of Student Ministry's office. The Director of Student Ministries will work closely with the student as the chair of the Thesis Committee.

The committee for overseeing the success of the thesis is within the range of the Academic Dean, and the Director of Student Ministries. Copies of the Senior Thesis must be given to the Academic Dean and the Director of Student Ministries for final approval. Students not meeting approval will be given several opportunities to improve their work. A copy of the Senior Thesis paper will be kept in the student's file.

## **Graduation Requirements**

The graduation requirements for the conferring of diplomas and degrees are as follows:

1. The student must have completed all required course work in their chosen program prior to graduation.
2. The student must have maintained a 2.5 or greater cumulative grade point average while attending **Spiritual Life Bible College**.
3. The student must have paid all tuition and fees before graduation.
4. The student must have participated in the required SLBC-affiliated events each year, such as graduation ceremonies or other events the students help host.
5. B.A. students must participate in:
  - The Ministry Practicum
  - An evangelistic and/or Overseas/Cross-cultural Missions experience
  - B.A. students are required to write a Senior Doctrinal Thesis paper
  - A Ministry Formation Program (with Mentor)
6. The student has exhibited personal grounding in the Fruit of the Spirit with the testimony of being a Christ-like role model for others.

## **Policies Related to Transfer Credit and Prior Learning**

SLBC normally honors the transfer of one half the incoming student's credits relevant to their course of study at SLBC when they transfer from an applicable institution.

Semester to quarter hours are calculated under the following formula: "quarter hours X 2/3 semester hours" (e.g. 30 quarter hours = 20 semester hours.). The Student and Academic Dean make the final call as to what credits are applicable to our degree programs, based on similarity of content and academic rigor.

## **Transfer of SLBC Credits to Other Institutions**

Students who graduate from SLBC with a B.A. are encouraged to apply for graduate school at Spiritual Life Seminary for a Master's Degree in Bible Theology. If applying to any other graduating institution (undergrad or graduate), it is up to the institution as to their requirements for transfer credits or other qualifying factors.

# **STUDENT STANDARDS**

## **Lifestyle and Conduct**

All students admitted to the Bible College are expected to refrain from the use of any tobacco, alcoholic beverages and habit-forming or illegal drugs, both on and off campus site. No improper language (cursing) will be tolerated. Students will also maintain behavior above reproach in relationships with the opposite sex, avoiding all appearances of evil. Sexually immoral living (non-marital, homosexual, or lesbian) is not acceptable. Anyone found to be engaged in these activities may be dismissed from the College. In accordance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Public Law 101-226 and in adherence to God's principles, Spiritual Life Bible College is a drug and alcohol free college. No abuse of this law will be tolerated.

## **Classroom Dress Code**

"What ever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jew, Greek, or the Church of God, even as I try to please every body in every way. For I am not seeking my own good, but the good of many."

I Corinthians 10:31-33

Students should be appropriately dressed to represent the ministry, the college, and SLBC-affiliated events. Students will not be allowed to use extreme dress or fashion. SLBC staff reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of all dress. In general, students are expected to dress in "business causal" wardrobe. Clothes should be neat and clean. Women can wear dresses, skirts with sweaters or blouses. Dress pants or pants suits are also appropriate. No low cut necklines or dresses with splits high above the knee are permitted. Men should be well-groomed, neat and clean. Men can wear casual slacks and shirts with collars. Earrings are not acceptable for men. Jeans, shorts, and t-shirts are considered inappropriate and should not be worn. Any concerns concerning the dress code may be submitted to the student senate.

## **Uniform Dress Code for SLBC-Affiliated Events**

Students work in assigned helps ministry positions during special events, counted toward the "Ministry Participation" requirement. Men are required to wear a dark blue or black suit with white shirt and tie. Women are required to wear a blue or black dress or skirt/suit. Name tags will be handed out prior to the event to identify students in the helps ministry.

# STUDENT LIFE

## Faculty Advisement of Students

Students are encouraged to seek out their instructors for individual help and guidance in the courses for which they are registered. All faculty members are required to post on the course syllabus their phone numbers, email, and hours available for course-related discussion. Matters related to transcripts, student records, tuition, graduation, grades or any general concerns should be addressed to the Dean of Students (Rev. Edwina Morgan). Questions regarding academic standards (i.e., ministry practicums, senior thesis), should be addressed to the Academic Dean (Rev. Nancy Sky).

## Interruption/Dismissal and Reentrance

**Withdrawal** – a student will be subject to withdrawal from the college if it is determined, by clear and convincing evidence that this student:

- a. Behaves, or threatens to behave, in a way which poses the danger of harm to self or others
- b. Behaves, or threatens to behave, in a way which would cause property damage or impede the lawful activity of others at the College
- c. Displays actions characteristic of an extreme learning disability which is beyond the College's ability to address.
- d. Demonstrates unwillingness to comply with College policies

**Interim Suspension** may be imposed only to ensure the safety and well-being of members of the College family or preservation of College property; to ensure the student's own physical or emotional safety and well-being; or if the student poses a definite threat of disruption of, or interference with, the normal operations of the College. During the interim suspension, students shall be denied access to College facilities (including classes) and/or all other College activities or privileges for which the student might otherwise be eligible, as the Directors of Student Life and Ministries may determine to be appropriate.

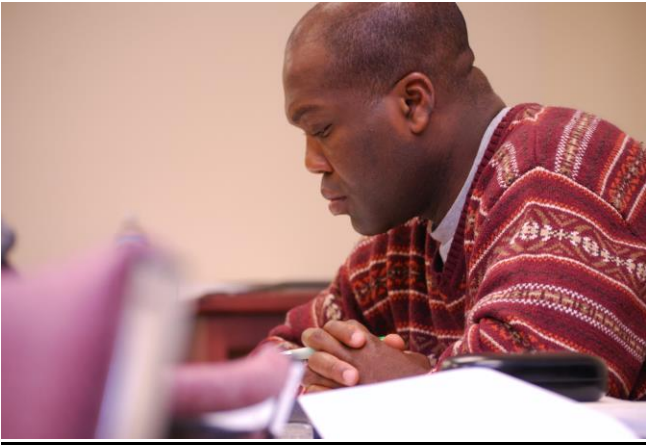
**College Suspension** - A student may be suspended from the College (1) for the remainder of any ongoing quarter, (2) for a longer, but definitely stated period of time, (3) for a future quarter or quarters, or (4) indefinitely, with a date set forth in writing at which time the student will be given the privilege of applying for readmission—such application to be reviewed and acted upon by the Student Life Disciplinary Committee of the Faculty.

**College Expulsion** - A student may be immediately separated from the College when student behavior so merits.

**Reentrance:**

In all of the above cases, the student may make a written request to the Dean of Students to return to the College. The request will be relayed to the Student Life Disciplinary Committee. Reentrance will be granted or not depending on the unique circumstances of each case.

# MINISTRY PRACTICUM



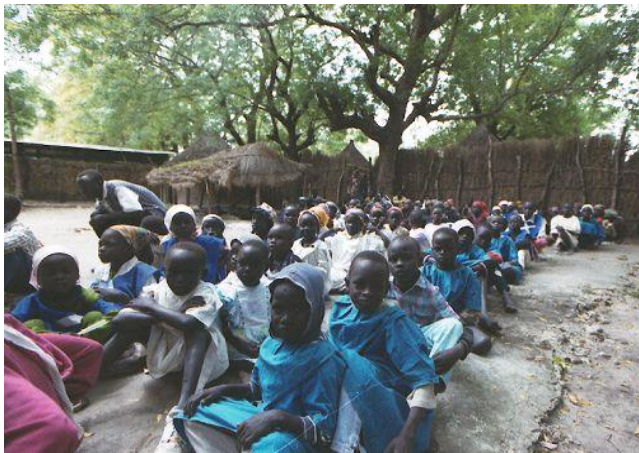
# MISSIONS



## THE GREAT COMMISSION

“Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.”  
Mark 16:15

“Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:  
Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:  
and, lo, I am with you always. Even unto the end of the world. Amen.”  
Matthew 28:19-20



**Spiritual Life Bible College has trained and sent many missionaries  
to the field. Will you be the next?**

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

**B.A. in Biblical Theological Studies**

**A.A. in Biblical Theological Studies**

**Diploma Certificate: Biblical Studies**

Students can apply for ministerial licenses after their diploma certificate, but are encouraged to continue with degree advancement.

### **Quarter Credit System**

Spiritual Life Bible College operates on a quarter credit system.

- The academic quarter is 12 weeks in length.
- There are four quarters in each calendar year.

## DEGREE CORE REQUIREMENTS

The B.A. degree requires **192 quarter credits**

The A.A. degree requires **96 quarter credits.**

The Bible Certificate requires **48 quarter credits.**

## **B.A. in Biblical Theological Studies**

***The mission of Spiritual Life Bible College is  
to prepare students, through an affordable education,  
to become leaders, teachers and ministers  
of extraordinary passion for Christ  
who will influence the world.***

### **Program Description:**

Those who opt for the BA will build a solid foundation on which to continue studies in a given field of interest and gifting, and to maximize their contribution as ministers to the Body of Christ and secular society. They will exhibit competency in both verbal and written communication and the capacity to interact using their expression of the Gospel in a variety of social and cultural situations.

### **Program Objectives: The BA graduate will:**

#### **✓ Knowledge:**

- Demonstrate a vibrant understanding of the Word of God, the history of the Church, the study of theology, spiritual gifting and the place of Christianity amongst world religions, and a clarified definition of their unique call to an area of Christian leadership.

#### **✓ Character:**

- Evidence a depth of Christian commitment to their unique call, and a discipline that displays the love of Christ and the Fruit of the Holy Spirit in challenges encountered in ministerial relationships.
- Demonstrate a heart after God stemming from a life of vital faith and devotion expressed in their service to the Body of Christ and a strong dedication to persevere unto completion of each God-given vision or task.

#### **✓ Ministry:**

- Achieve skill and confidence in preaching, teaching, (both verbal and written expression), evangelism, pastoral care, spiritual leading, stewardship, and helps, through student ministry formation methods and courses in the area of ministry.
- Operate as a prepared, valued and fruitful team-member within a church or Para church ministry or mission, able to advance in his or her leadership responsibilities.
- Be eligible to be considered for ordination with CLMO pending approved ministry involvement and previous ministerial licensure with CLMO or other ministerial organization.

## BACHELOR OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL THEOLOGICAL STUDIES SPIRITUAL LIFE BIBLE COLLEGE

The B.A. degree requires 192 Credits applicable to comprehensive ministry profession and biblical knowledge.

### Course requirements for “1<sup>st</sup> Year” – 48 credits

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
BTH-101	New Testament Survey I	3
BTH-103	New Testament Survey II	3
BTH-109	History of Israel I	3
BTH-110	History of Israel II	3
BTH-111	History of Israel III	3
BTH-119	Acts of the Apostles	3
BTH-113	Doctrine	3
BTH-115	Gifts of the Holy Spirit	3
BTH-117	Revelation	3
*BTH-107 OR PS-311	Gospel of John or Spiritual Warfare	3
BTH-106	Gospel of Mark	3
*BTH-217 or BTH-226	Minor Prophets or Proverbs	3
BTH-130	Preparation for Ministry	3
GEM-101	Pentecostal History	3
*BTH-228 or PS-214	Daniel or Dynamics of Praise and Worship	3
*BTH-304 or PS-214	Homiletics I or Dynamics of Praise and Worship	3

**TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED:  
BIBLE CERTIFICATE**

**48 Quarter Credits Total**

### Course requirements for “2<sup>nd</sup> Year” – 48 Credits

BTH-207	Prison Epistles	3
BTH-208	Pastoral Epistles	3
*BTH-209 or PS 312	General Epistles or Divine Healing	3
BTH-220	Romans	4
BTH-301	Anointing	3
BTH-420	Advanced Homiletics	3
GEM-210	Church History I	4
GEM-211	Church History II	4
GEM-310	World Religions I	4
GEM-311	World Religions II	4
GEM -318	Business Principles in the Church	4
PS-203	Leadership In Ministry	3
PS-309	Church Government	3
PS-320	Practical Teaching	3

Course requirements for “3 <sup>rd</sup> Year” – 45 credits		
Course No.	Course Title	Credits
BTH-112	Evangelism	3
BTH-120	Prayer	3
*BTH-217 or BTH-226	Minor Prophets or Proverbs	3
BTH-219	I and II Corinthians	4
BTH-225	Psalms	4
BTH-232	Joshua	3
BTH-303	The Jewishness of Jesus	4
BTH-307	Feasts of the Lord	4
BTH-318	The Life Of David	3
*GEM-116 OR BTH-306	Biblical Worldview or The Twelve Tribes of Israel	4
GEM-308	Between The Testaments	4
PS-305	Pastoral Ministry	3
PS-316	Ministry Administration	3
Course requirements for “4th Year” –		
BTH-221	Hebrews	3
BTH-308	The Kingdom of God	3
BTH-320	The Life Of Moses	4
GEM-306	World Geography For Missions	4
GEM-403	Curriculum and Lesson Planning	4
PS-203	Building Strong Leaders	3
PS-314	Ethics and Excellence In Ministry	3
PS-410	Crusade Management	4
Senior Ministry Practicum and Thesis Paper		
*PS-405	Ministry Formation Program	8
PS-313	Evangelism or Missions Practicum	6
PS-403	Ministry Practicum	3
BTH-425	Senior Thesis Paper on 10 Major Doctrines	6
<b>TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED:</b>		<b>193 Quarter Credits Total</b>
<b>BA DEGREE IN BIBLICAL THEOLOGICAL STUDIES</b>		

\* = Choose one course from each category

## **A.A. Degree in Biblical Theological Studies**

***The mission of Spiritual Life Bible College is to prepare students, through an affordable education, to become leaders, teachers and ministers of extraordinary passion for Christ who will influence the world.***

### **Program Description:**

Those opting for the AA will acquire a valuable preparation with which to pursue a BA in Biblical Theological Studies at SLBC, a degree in another field at a college or university, or embellish a BA degree already acquired from a different institution. The AA degree is designed for individuals who desire to gain ministry skills and knowledge with the goal of serving as lay workers (helps ministry) in churches or Christian organizations on a volunteer basis or as a paid staff member.

### **Program Objectives: The AA graduate will:**

#### ✓ **Knowledge:**

- Demonstrate lay proficiency in their understanding of the Word of God, the history of the church, etc., and a greater definition of the area of Christian lay leadership to which God is calling them as they learn vital truths and principles relevant to ministry.
- Be prepared to advance to a B.A. in Biblical Theological Study at SLBC if so desired

#### ✓ **Character:**

- Evidence an advancing level of Christian maturity where the love of Christ and the Fruit of the Holy Spirit are increasingly observable in circumstances of life or ministry.
- Evidence a level of maturity to form a welcomed part of a lay ministry team at the local church or Christian organization.

#### ✓ **Ministry:**

- Develop areas of interest or gifting in the helps ministry, through a curriculum designed to cultivate preaching, leadership, administrative, and pastoral care skills.
- Develop capacities needed in Christian service and teamwork within a church or parachurch organization, growing in those relational skills fundamental to dealing with various ministry contexts.
- Be eligible to be considered for licensure with CLMO pending approved ministry involvement and previous workers papers with CLMO or equivalency within another ministry organization.

## ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL THEOLOGICAL STUDIES SPIRITUAL LIFE BIBLE COLLEGE

The A.A. degree requires 96 Credits applicable to ministry profession and more thorough biblical knowledge.

<b>ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL THEOLOGICAL STUDIES (96 Credits)</b>		
<b>Course requirements for "1<sup>st</sup> Year" – 48 credits</b>		
<b>Course No.</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
BTH-101	New Testament Survey I	3
BTH-103	New Testament Survey II	3
BTH-109	History of Israel I	3
BTH-110	History of Israel II	3
BTH-111	History of Israel III	3
BTH-119	Acts of the Apostles	3
BTH-113	Doctrine	3
BTH-115	Gifts of the Holy Spirit	3
BTH-117	Revelation	3
*BTH-107 OR PS-311	Gospel of John or Spiritual Warfare	3
BTH-106	Gospel of Mark	3
*BTH-217 or BTH-226	Minor Prophets or Proverbs	3
BTH-130	Preparation for Ministry	3
GE-101	Pentecostal History	3
*BTH-228 or PS-214	Daniel or Dynamics of Praise and Worship	3
*BTH-304 or PS-214	Homiletics I or Dynamics of Praise and Worship	3
<b>Course requirements for "2<sup>nd</sup> Year" – 48 Credits</b>		
BTH-207	Prison Epistles	3
BTH-208	Pastoral Epistles	3
*BTH-209 or PS 312	General Epistles or Divine Healing	3
BTH-220	Romans	4
BTH-301	Anointing	3
BTH-420	Advanced Homiletics	3
GEM-210	Church History I	4
GEM-211	Church History II	4
GEM-310	World Religions I	4
GEM-311	World Religions II	4
GEM -318	Business Principles in the Church	4
PS-203	Leadership In Ministry	3
PS-309	Church Government	3
PS-320	Practical Teaching	3
<b>TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED:</b>		<b>96 Quarter Credits Total</b>

## **Bible Certificate**

***The mission of Spiritual Life Bible College is to prepare students, through an affordable education, to become leaders, teachers and ministers of extraordinary passion for Christ who will influence the world.***

### **Program Description:**

Those who opt for the Bible Certificate will find a program designed for the student who wants one to two years of biblical instruction at a Bible college with a strong emphasis on the Word of God and the Power of the Holy Spirit. Whether you are an established professional desiring a base in biblical studies, or a lay volunteer at your local church, this program will give you a healthy footing from which to continue personal study of the Bible. Missionary candidates will also find this program useful, as many mission boards require a minimum of at least one year of biblical/theological studies.

### **Program Objectives: The BC graduate will:**

#### **✓ Knowledge:**

- Demonstrate a deeper understanding of the Word of God in a framework relevant to conveying that great Word to others.
- Be prepared to advance to an A.A or B.A. in Biblical Theological Studies, or to utilize the precepts gained to engage in Christian witness in their chosen field or local ministry setting.
- Discover possible interest or gifting in areas of Christian service, through a curriculum which cultivates lay ministry skills valuable to imparting God's Word.

#### **✓ Character:**

- Evidence a level of Christian maturity where the student is motivated to cultivate the love of Christ and the Fruit of the Holy Spirit in circumstances of life or ministry.
- Advance in levels of Christian commitment and discipleship, strengthening self-control and coming to understand the cost of strong commitment in completing each God-given vision or task.

Many students begin their ministry training by pursuing a Bible Certificate. Once students have experienced the anointing of Bible classes, they often want to go on to an A.A. or B.A. In that case the Bible Certificate credits apply as the foundation for the A.A. or B.A. degree. Some students qualify to apply for Christian Worker's Papers after obtaining the diploma certificate.

## DEGREE CORE REQUIREMENT

The Bible Certificate requires 48 quarter credits of foundational courses applicable to general bible knowledge and application.

Course requirements for the Bible Certificate – 48 credits		
Course No.	Course Title	Credits
BTH-101	New Testament Survey I	3
BTH-103	New Testament Survey II	3
BTH-109	History of Israel I	3
BTH-110	History of Israel II	3
BTH-111	History of Israel III	3
BTH-119	Acts of the Apostles	3
BTH-113	Doctrine	3
BTH-115	Gifts of the Holy Spirit	3
BTH-117	Revelation	3
* BTH-107 OR PS-311	Gospel of John or Spiritual Warfare	3
BTH-106	Gospel of Mark	3
* BTH-217 or BTH-226	Minor Prophets or Proverbs	3
BTH-130	Preparation for Ministry	3
GEM-101	Pentecostal History	3
* BTH-223 or BTH-228 or PS-214	Ezra, Esther, Nehemiah or Daniel or Dynamics of Praise and Worship	3
* BTH-304 or PS-214	Homiletics I or Dynamics of Praise and Worship	3
(48 Total Credits Required)		

### Student Classification

**B.A. Biblical Theological Studies:** Students taking four classes per quarter can graduate with 192 credits in 3 to 3 ½ years (depending on internship).

**A.A. Biblical Theological Studies:** Students taking four classes per quarter can complete the 96 credits in two years.

**Bible Certificate:** Students pursuing the Bible Certificate can easily complete the 48 credits at a rate of 2 classes per quarter through two years. However, students are given the option of working at either a faster or slower pace. *Note: Students can receive a Bible Diploma and request intent to pursue the A.A. or B.A degree.*

A full-time load is considered to be 12 quarter credits per quarter.

# GRADUATION CEREMONY



Graduation ceremonies are held every January for all students who have completed degree or diploma programs by December of the previous year. Graduation is a time of great joy and anticipation about where the Lord would lead.

# **COURSE OFFERINGS**

## **Biblical/Theological Courses**

**Biblical Theological Education Student Learning Outcomes:** As a result of having passed through BTH departmental courses or other assigned learning, the student will have gained:

- ✓ Broad foundational knowledge of the Word of God.
- ✓ Growing thinking skills and hermeneutic technique to rightly divide God's Word and communicate its meaning logically and persuasively as evidenced by written assignments.
- ✓ Ability to incorporate theological knowledge gained into a Biblical world perspective.

- BTH – 101      New Testament Survey I – 3 credits**  
An overview of Gospels to Ephesians. Covers historical background, author, date, text, main themes, and outline of each book.
- BTH – 103      New Testament Survey II – 3 credits**  
Continues the New Testament overview, Colossians through Revelation (historical background, author, date, text, main themes, and outline of each book.)
- BTH- 106      The Gospel of Mark – 3 credits**  
A study on the harmony of the Gospels, concentrating on the Gospel of Mark. Special emphasis will be placed on the passion week of Christ.
- BTH – 107      The Gospel of John – 3 credits**  
This is a study of the life of Jesus, His teachings, parables and passion based on the Gospel of John
- BTH – 109      History of Israel I – 3 credits**  
This course includes the scriptural study of the five books of the Pentateuch (Genesis through Deuteronomy). We explore the beginning of mankind, the covenant between God and his chosen people, and the relationship between God and man as manifested in the lives of such men as Abraham, Noah, and Moses.
- BTH – 110      History of Israel II – 3 credits**  
This course follows the study of the early history of God's chosen nation from the time of Joshua through the life and reign of King Solomon.
- BTH – 111      History of Israel III – 3 credits**  
This is a continuation of the study of the people of Israel from the Divided Monarchy through the exile in Babylon.
- BTH – 113      Doctrine – 3 credits**  
The ten major doctrines of the Bible are studied: God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, Man, Sin, Salvation, Atonement, Church, The Scriptures, Heaven, Hell, Satan, and Angels. Prerequisite for Homiletics, Apologetics, Systematic Theology I & II.
- BTH – 115      Gifts of the Spirit – 3 credits**  
This course is a complete study of the nine gifts of the Spirit: the gift of tongues, interpretation of tongues, prophecy, word of knowledge, word of wisdom, discerning of spirits, the gifts of faith, healing and the gifts of miracles. The class will also include encouragement to come into the gifts and assistance how to develop in the gifts of the spirit.

- BTH – 117      Revelation – 3 credits**  
This course includes an in depth study of the revelation that John was given concerning end-time events. We compare the seven ages of the Church, as well as uncover the mystery of the great symbolism throughout the book.
- BTH – 119      Acts of the Apostles – 3 credits**  
This is a detailed study of the early church, its birth, organization and expansion through the efforts of the apostles Peter and Paul. We study how the Apostles of Christ overcame spiritual and natural resistance through the power of the Holy Spirit, thus providing a scriptural and practical foundation on how to fulfill Christ's commandment of spreading the Gospel to the world.
- BTH – 120      Prayer – 3 credits**  
A systematic study of the types and levels of prayer, praying with the understanding and the world and purposes of tongues.
- BTH – 122      Biblical Principles of Evangelism – 3 credits**  
This course prepares the student to gain skill in techniques of Scripture memorization and its use in witnessing to individuals. Various approaches to evangelism will be studied with opportunities provided to put them into practice (e.g. the four spiritual laws, "Share Jesus Without Fear" etc). Discipleship will be emphasized as the biblical goal of evangelism.
- BTH – 125      Biblical Hermeneutics – 4 credits**  
An introduction to the interpretation of biblical text, including a study of historical, grammatical and cultural methods. Prerequisite for Homiletics, Apologetics, Systematic Theology I & II.
- BTH-130      Preparation for Ministry – 3 credits**  
An overview of how to be prepared for ministry and what is required to be a servant of the Lord doing ministerial work. Teaches how to conduct worship services, altar ministry, crusades, traveling ministries, how to prepare resume and promotional materials, how to manage finances as a minister, etc. Prerequisite for Pastoral Theology and Pastoral Counseling.
- BTH – 201      Systematic Theology I – 3 credits**  
An introduction to Systematic Theology, starting with Bibliology, Basic Theology, and the doctrine of God.
- BTH – 202      Systematic Theology II – 3 credits**  
A continuation of Systematic Theology I, studying Christology and Soteriology.
- BTH – 205      Apologetics – 4 credits**  
The student will study principles of defending the faith, proofs for the existence of God and explanations of the human condition. The course explains how Christianity compares to other world religions and doctrines, and studies doctrine and reasoning with a view to defending the Faith. The course emphasizes the understanding of key scriptures that explain our faith to seekers and skeptics alike.
- BTH – 207      Prison Epistles – 3 credits**  
The study and significance of Paul's letters from prison. These letters are Paul's greatest revelation on the Body and Bride of Christ. Also covers Paul's views on marriage, spiritual warfare, and the doctrine of Christ as taught from Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon.

- BTH – 208      Pastoral Epistles – 3 credits**  
This course includes a detailed scriptural study of the books of I & II Timothy, I & II Thessalonians and Titus. It outlines scriptural support to the worker of the Gospel by providing themes such as Faith, Hope, and Love with discussion on the history and application for today.
- BTH – 209      General Epistles – 3 credits**  
This course consists of an overview of these epistles with emphasis on the major theme brought out by each author. The epistles cover Jude; I & II Peter; I, II, & III John; and James.
- BTH – 210      Survey of the Epistles – 3 credits**  
This is a combination of the General, Pastoral and Prison Epistles. It replaces the course: New Testament Survey in requirements.
- BTH – 212      Life of Christ I – 3 credits**  
This is a study of the Life of Jesus, His pre-existence, incarnation, early life and first 2 years of ministry, based on the four gospels.
- BTH – 213      Life of Christ II – 3 credits**  
This is a continuation of the study of the life of Jesus. It covers the last year of His ministry, the crucifixion, resurrection and ascension, based on the four Gospels.
- BTH – 215      Major Prophets – 4 credits**  
A study of the Major Prophets: Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, and Isaiah. Focuses on the major prophets from Pre-exile (Jeremiah) to the days of the Persian Kings.
- BTH – 217      Minor Prophets – 3 credits**  
We study the twelve Minor Prophetic books, their application to the people and times for which they were written, as well as how they apply to us today: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.
- BTH – 219      I & II Corinthians – 4 credits**  
In this course, special attention is given to the historical context of these scriptures. In this way we are better able to uncover the true meaning of some of the more highly disputed passages in these texts. There is an additional discussion concerning the application of this material to the modern church.
- BTH – 220      Romans – 4 credits**  
A detailed study of the letter written by Paul to the church at Rome. Studies the Greek meaning of doctrinal terms, Paul's use of logic and dialectical argument, and his theological understanding of Jews and Gentiles in the plan of God.
- BTH – 221      Hebrews – 3 credits**  
Verse by verse analysis of the book of Hebrews. Covers the priesthood of Melchizedek, the superiority of the New Covenant, the High Priest Jesus Christ, and the discourse on faith.
- BTH – 223      Esther, Ezra, & Nehemiah – 3 credits**  
A detailed study of each book and how it relates to Israel's history in the post-exilic time of the Jews. Studies the exilic and post-exilic period from the perspective of government, priesthood, and empire.
- BTH – 225      Psalms – 3 credits**  
An in-depth study of the Book of Psalms. Studies the aspects of praise, prayer petition, and consecration as found in the psalms, also studies the messianic psalms.

- BTH – 226      Proverbs – 3 credits**  
A study of the Book of Solomon, looking at the wisdom that God imparted to Solomon. Studies the different authors in the book of Proverbs. Wisdom for life as men, women, children, husbands, wives, business people, etc.
- BTH – 228      Daniel – 3 credits**  
This course begins with the historical background of the book of Daniel, then continues with verse-by-verse exposition. Charts are also used to explain the end-time emphasis of the book of Daniel.
- BTH – 230      Psalms and Proverbs – 3 credits**  
This class offers an overview of two key books in the “Wisdom Literature” portion of the Old Testament. Studied together they provide guidance as to how both Israel and the believer today are to worship before God (Psalms) and are to walk before God (Proverbs).
- BTH – 232      Joshua – 3 Credits**  
Joshua was a prophet, judge, and military leader who led the Israelites after the death of Moses. This course covers the 3 strategic campaigns involved in taking the Promised Land, and the apportioning of the Holy Land God promised to His people the Jews.
- BTH – 233      James – 3 Credits**  
James the brother of Jesus was one of the the most prominent member of the Apostolic Council of Acts Chapter 15. He Was a devout man who spent hours of prayer on His knees. This most “Jewish” of the General Epistles is a study of faith shown by the devout works and character of the true Christian life.
- BTH – 301      The Anointing – 3 credits**  
A study on how to recognize, develop and release God’s resident anointing through the Believer.
- BTH – 303      The Jewish ness of Jesus – 3 credits**  
A look at the life and times surrounding Jesus, the Messiah and how he lived out the Old Testament. This study also looks at the Biblical Feasts and gives an allegorical view of Messiah.
- BTH – 304      Homiletics I – 3 credits**  
Teaches the art of preaching: how to select a scripture text and theme, classification of sermons (expository, topical, textual), organization, preaching style and delivery. The student is expected to present two 15 minute sermons before the student body and will be evaluated by the instructor on sermon content and delivery.
- BTH – 305      Covenants – 4 credits**  
Covers 8 covenants from Edenic to the New Covenant. Shows how the covenants successively bring us to the new covenant with Christ.
- BTH – 306      12 Tribes of Israel – 3 credits**  
Shows how each of Israel’s 12 tribes had its own call and destiny in Israel – with unique characteristics for God’s purposes. Shows how each of us is the spiritual ancestor of one of the Tribes as it intersects with our own personality and purpose.
- BTH – 307      Feasts of the Lord – 3 credits**  
In-depth study of Israel’s 7 Feasts of the Lord and their continuing spiritual and religious significance for today.

- BTH – 308      The Kingdom of God – 4 credits**  
A systematic look at God's Government over Israel, All Nations, and the Souls of Mankind. God's Kingdom lasts from eternity to eternity and covers all the dispensations of God's dealings with man.
- BTH – 315      Blood Covenant – 3 credits**  
A study of the power of the holy and life-giving blood of Jesus Christ as providing all benefits of salvation, healing, protection, abundance and other covenant blessings as set forth in Scripture. Compares and contrasts Old Testament types of blood covenant and blood sacrifice, these types demonstrating that, without the shedding of blood, there is no atonement.
- BTH – 318      Life Of David – 3 credits**  
A study of the life of David in depth from his anointing as king, young manhood, time in the wilderness fleeing from Saul, through his triumphant Kingship and his continuing legacy. Emphasizes Life Principles to be found from studying the life of David
- BTH – 320      Life Of Moses – 3 credits**  
A study of the life of Moses from his birth, upbringing, the days of plagues in Egypt and through the Wilderness to Mt. Sinai and beyond, along with his continuing legacy.
- BTH – 420      Homiletics II – 4 credits**  
Teaches the advanced strategies of preaching placing an emphasis upon expository methodology, homiletical techniques, illustrations, story telling/drama, effective invitations and delivery. The students will gain practical experience by preaching 2-3 messages in class.
- BTH - 425      Senior Thesis – 3 credits**  
Exposition of the main doctrinal topics in Christianity. Student will summarize key concepts and scriptures in the doctrines of scripture, God, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit, Man, Salvation, Atonement, Church, Angels, Demons, Hell and the Last Things. Requirement for the B.A. program.

## GENERAL EDUCATION FOR MINISTERS CLASSES

**Student Learning Outcomes:** As a result of having passed through departmental courses or other assigned learning, the student will have gained:

- ✓ Cultural awareness to begin to analyze critically and objectively the concept of Christian worldview for ministers based on the student's introduction to assignments in this area.
- ✓ Foundational skills necessary to interact as ministers of relevant knowledge pertinent to their field as it interacts in the larger society,

**GEM– 101      Pentecostal History – 3 credits**

General overview of the Pentecostal movement from the late 1890's to today. It is presented in a manner designed to highlight and analyze the impact of many of the major figures of the last 100 years in Pentecost such as: Maria Woodworth Etter, Charles Parham, William Seymour, Evan Roberts, Smith Wigglesworth, John G. Lake, Aimee Semple McPherson, A.A. Allen, Kathryn Kuhlman, Jack Coe, Gordon Lindsey, Oral Roberts, T.L. Osborn, Morris Cerullo, Reinhard Bonnke, Benny Hinn, and more.

**GEM – 116      Biblical Worldview – 4 cr**

The purpose of this course is to increase the student's *global* awareness through the introduction of *global* knowledge leading to a greater understanding of what it means to live in a multicultural world. This is designed to enhance the student's understanding of themselves and their place within the world in relation to others, in relation to their worldview. Contrasts various worldviews.

**GEM – 203      Hebrew Language of the Old Testament – 4 credits**

The study of the Hebrew language of the Old Testament. An overview of Hebrew vocabulary, alphabet, sounds and linguistic perception.

**GEM – 207      American Church History 1 – 4 credits**

A survey of U.S. History as it interacts with the Colonies from initial European contact until present.

**GEM – 208      American Church History II – 4 credits**

An examination of the role of the Church and the US History from late 15<sup>th</sup> century to the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**GEM – 210      Church History I – 4 credits**

This course projects a view of history as a process that will eventually lead to the fulfillment of God's will for all creation. This is a thorough overview of church history from apostolic times to the Reformation (30 -1500 AD). Touches upon the major movements, heresies, personalities, persecutions, and triumphs that carried the church to the point of Reformation.

**GEM – 211      Church History II – 4 credits**

This is a continuation of Church History I from Medieval Church to the Modern Church. Focuses on Studies how God changed the World thorough the lives of Martin Luther, John Calvin, and the great missionaries and movements of Europe and Colonies. Continues though modern developments such as higher criticism, the impact in Darwin and other secular doctrines and technologies, and shows how God acted in the 20<sup>th</sup> century with the Pentecostal movement. Includes modern-day history of the Church in the dawn of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

- GEM – 217      Marriage and Family from God’s Perspective – 4 Credits**  
 Understanding romantic relationships from God’s perspective. God our creator designed us for relationships (with Him, and with others, as the Lord leads). Learn to do marriage relationships the way God intended. Since marriage is a crucial institution both to church and society, these timeless truths are helpful regardless of the student’s current marital status.
- GEM – 219      Ministry and Technology – 4 credits**  
 Introduction to technology used in church services. The use of computer-aided projectors, sound systems, cameras, microphones, speakers, tape recording and duplicating. Sound consoles and mixing will also be covered.
- GEM – 306      World Geography for Missions – 4 credits**  
 This course is a study of global geography as it pertains to the missions.
- GEM – 308      Between the Testaments – 3 credits**  
 A study of the background for the New Testament’s political and cultural settings during the “400 Silent Years” between the Old and New Testaments.
- GEM – 310      World Religions – 4 credits**  
 A basic overview of the major religions of the world. The course starts out with an introduction to world religions. Next the course moves to various Native American religions, African Tribal religion Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, The Nation of Islam (America), Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, Baha’i, Taoism, Confucianism, and Shinto. The course also covers secular religions: Atheism, Agnosticism, Skepticism, Secular Humanism, Marxism, and Existentialism. Finally, the class also profiles religions by countries in the world and religious terms within different world religions.
- GEM – 318      Business Principles in the Church – 4 credits**  
 This course covers the basics of money handling and money management, including the basics of banking, investing, and financial planning for the church.
- GEM – 403      Christian Education Curriculum Writing – 4 credits**  
 Students will practice writing and researching curriculum for bible schools. This class is meant to aid in the critical analysis of books and curriculum for future bible schools in missions or domestically.

## PROFESSIONAL STUDIES CLASSES

**Professional Studies Student Learning Outcomes:** As a result of having passed through PS departmental courses or other assigned learning, the student will have gained:

- ✓ An awakening to, and identification of, the calling and giftings that God has placed in the student's life for ministry.
- ✓ An initiation into the components of ministry including communication of the faith and essential ministerial services.
- ✓ Christ-centered values and biblical servant attitudes.

- PS – 202      Leadership In Ministry – 4 credits**  
A study in ministerial leadership, including the responsibilities and obstacles of leadership, and learning the basic tenets of leadership.
- PS – 203      Building Strong Leaders – 3 credits**  
A study in ministerial leadership, including the responsibilities and obstacles of leadership, and learning the basic tenets of leadership.
- PS – 205      Pastoral Theology – 3 credits**  
This course focuses on the scriptural study of the pastor as a person – integrating their call and pastoral ministry with their personal and spiritual life. Studies how the pastor functions as shepherd of the local church – bringing order, leadership, vision and protection. Delineates aspects of church order (working with deacons and elders, conducting church business meetings etc.) Administration of finances within the pastorate (both personal and church) is also covered.
- PS – 208      Integrity– 3 credits**  
A detailed look at obedience and obedient characters throughout the Bible. Explains the importance and benefits of obedience in the life of a minister.
- PS – 211      Integrity And Obedience– 4 credits**  
A look at integrity and the believer, stressing the facets and characteristics of integrity in the Believer's life.
- PS – 214      Music / Praise and Worship – 3 credits**  
This course defines praise and worship and explores its priority in the life of the believer. Students will focus on the relationship between worship and prayer and public worship. Preparation of a worship service from a musical, spiritual and practical point of view.
- PS – 301      Youth Ministry – 4 credits**  
Overview and study of how to minister to 18-30 year olds in US culture. We will discuss the characteristics of this age group and exercise skills for ministering to them through using examples of bible lessons and other activities for youth.
- PS - 305      Pastoral Ministry - 3 credits**  
This class provides an in depth overview of the theology and practices of the local church including water baptism, the Lord's Supper, infant dedication, marriages, funerals and the installation of church officers etc. The Word of God and historical teachings highlight the doctrines behind the functions of the church.
- PS – 307      Ministry to International Students – 2 credits**  
International students present a mission field of great potential right here at our backdoor in the Twin Cities. Strategies for obtaining opportunities for relationship witnessing will be

studied as well as gaining actual experience in interacting with internationals on local university campuses.

**PS – 309 Church Government – 4 credits**

This is a study of the various types of church governments such as Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Congregational, and Independent. Traces how each form of Church government originated, and the pluses and minuses of these types of governments as used throughout church history and today.

**PS – 310 Cults and the Occult – 4 credits**

This course starts out with an introduction to cults. Then moves on to 4 divisions of study for the class: Christian cults, Meditation/Mystical Cults, Secret Societies and the Occult.

**PS – 311 Spiritual Warfare - 3 credits**

This course outlines the basic scriptural foundation for engaging in Spiritual Warfare. The student is brought to the awareness of an opposing kingdom that is arrayed against God's kingdom; therefore the student learns of this opposing kingdom and how it operates. The student is made aware of the believer's authority and the provisions God has given us for spiritual warfare.

**PS – 312 Divine Healing Today - 3 credits**

Hands on learning and demonstration. In depth teaching of divine healing in the atonement. Come and be healed, and learn how to bring God's healing to others.

**PS – 313 Evangelism Outreach Practicum – 1 credit**

A supervised local ministry outreach practicum designed as hands-on experience of an evangelistic venue such as street/public location ministry, prison or urban outreach ministry, event, crusade, door-to-door or marketplace witnessing.

**PS – 314 Ethics and Excellence In Ministry – 3 credits**

A study of the importance of ethics and excellence in the believer and ministry. Studies different types of moral systems and compares them to the biblical standard of ethics.

**PS – 316 Ministry Administration – 3 credits**

A balanced approach to ministry business administration, using administrative principles of good management for a church.

**PS – 320 Practical Teaching – 3 credits**

This is a specific step by step interactive class on the skills and critical thinking needed to teach adult learners.

**PS – 321 Practical Teaching II – 4 credits**

This is an advanced course in teaching including curriculum writing.

**PS – 325 Practical Counseling – 4 credits**

Introduction to the dynamics of the counseling process in a pastoral setting. This is a Christ centered approach. Particular emphasis is placed on the character, skills and attitudes of the pastoral counselor. In addition, this course will cover such topics as various techniques of counseling, identifying when to refer people to a therapist, the ethics of counseling, the role of a minister in counseling, legal responsibilities and reporting abuse.

**PS - 400 Church Planting and Growth – 4 credit**

This course focuses on the biblical priority of planting churches while investigating church planting strategies and the universal principles that work in diverse ethnic contexts. We

will also study the present day phenomenon of foreign church planting movements and how the church grows in various situations.

- PS – 403      Ministry Practicum – 1-12 credits**  
Students earn credits for ministry experiences at the rate of 1 credit per 30 hours.
- PS - 405      Student Ministry Formation Program – 6 credits**  
A two-quarter or single quarter (intensive format) internship with a mentor in the Twin City or regional area. Student will receive discipleship in the areas of character, devotion, calling and gifting as they work in a community outreach program, a para-church agency, their own church or other qualified venue. Requirement for B.A. program.
- PS – 407      Missions Practicum – 1-12 credits**  
Students earn credits for mission experiences.
- PS – 408      Teaching Practicum – 1-12 credits**  
Students earn credits for teaching experiences.
- PS – 409      Preaching Practicum – 1-12 credits**  
Students earn credits for preaching experiences.
- PS – 410      Crusade Management – 4 credits**  
Tools and strategies for conducting crusades on the foreign field are studied. Course will focus on in-depth mission planning including short-term vs. long-term service, financial considerations, travel and transportation, government issues (visas, customs, permits), disease prevention etc.
- PS - 412      Advanced Evangelistic Preaching Mentorship – 1 credit**  
The student teams up with an evangelist who will mentor them and continue to develop excellent evangelistic preaching skills.
- PS – 414      Setting Up NPO'S on the Mission Field**  
Detailed study of how to set up an NPO as a "tent making" option for livelihood or social outreach in foreign countries. Especially designed for students with a Missions concentration.
- PS – 416      Non-profit Ministry Administration and Business Law– 4 credits**  
An in-depth course which discusses legal issues in church management and growth. Students will learn what is involved in setting up non-profit status and governance boards. Vital information will be given on administering a church in non-profit tax exempt status.
- PS - 420      Conflict Management – 3 credits**  
Experiencing conflict is a normal occurrence in life. Unfortunately, most are not taught how to manage conflicts in a meaningful way. Students will be provided tools to manage conflicts in three major areas, namely: work, church and family, by learning theories of conflict management, examining biblical examples of conflict and problem solving exercises.

Student Applications may be obtained from:

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# COVENANT LIFE MINISTERIAL ORGANIZATION

(See website [www.slcgrace.com](http://www.slcgrace.com) for more details)

## **Licensing and Ordination**

Covenant Life Ministerial Organization does not automatically issue a license or ordination certificate to Spiritual Life Bible College graduates. However, those interested in becoming licensed may make application as follows: *(note: a more detailed description of CLMO is included in the Student Ministry Formation Guide)*

## **Christian Worker's Papers**

1. Proof of commitment toward ministry.
2. Actively involved in ministry (lay capacity or being developed toward full-time call).
3. Application, interview and approval through Covenant Life Ministerial Organization Board.

## **License**

1. Proof of a defined ministry.
2. Recommendation from his/her pastor or church board.
3. Graduate from Spiritual Life Bible College or equivalent Bible School education center.
4. Application, interview and approval through Covenant Life Ministerial Organization Board.

## **Ordination**

1. Minimum of one year as a licensed minister.
2. Application, interview and approval through Covenant Life Ministerial Organization Board.

## NOTICE OF INTENT FOR DEGREE OR DIPLOMA PROGRAM, 2014/15 CATALOG

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☐ I have other credits from another institution that I wish to transfer.

*Note: You are responsible to have transcripts mailed to Spiritual Life Bible College.*

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