

The Encounter Ministry Development School has been formed to make ready for placement in the five-fold ministry, men and women from local churches in New Zealand.

This vision comes at a time of great opportunity for the expansion of the Kingdom of God in New Zealand. Church planting is recognised as the most successful means for reaching a nation with the gospel.

The great need is for men and women prepared with strong biblical fundamentals, carrying a fresh prophetic message and anointing, and rightly connected to their peers and mentors, to be released into our towns and cities.

Encounter's Ministry Development School is neither a discipleship school or a Bible school; rather it is an initiative aimed at completing the preparation of five-fold ministry protégé's. To produce 'Biblical Sons' through quality input and specific mentoring from experienced 'Fathers in the faith'.

We welcome enquiries from men and women who are already displaying the call and gift of God on their lives. Men and women who have imminent potential for placing as church planters, for being placed as ministry in an existing church, for becoming part of the ministry team in their home church or who are already serving in the ministry.



Brent Douglas
Principal
Senior Leader, Encounter Christian Centre



David Collins
Dean
Senior Leader, Elevate Church

The course can be joined at the beginning of any year, and involves two years of part-time participation, following the four terms of the primary school year in New Zealand.

- Primary Session Night – Tuesdays (2 hours duration)
- One weekend per term (Friday night and Saturday)
- One two-week participation in the Living Wisdom School of Life (9am - 3pm Monday - Friday for 2 weeks in August)
- Summer School (one week in January – includes field experience)

The Primary sessions will be live-streamed on the internet to allow participation from people living out of Auckland.

Sessions will be conducted at Encounter Christian Centre, 495 Rosebank Road, Avondale, Auckland, commencing Tuesday 2nd February 2010 at 7.30pm.

Two main streams of study are presented:

1. The first emphasises “life and ministry” comprising eight major subject blocks, and is overseen by Pastor Brent Douglas, Senior Leader of Encounter Christian Centre, Auckland.
2. The second emphasis “doctrine and revelation” comprising eight major subject blocks, and is overseen by Pastor David Collins, Senior Leader of Elevate Church, Auckland.

Throughout each stream, guest ministers will be used to present in certain specialised fields of ministry, giving the course participants a rich and diverse understanding of unique aspects of the ministry.

A high value is placed on self-learning: required as well as recommended reading are part of the course, as well as learning through other media.

Curriculum

LIFE & MINISTRY STREAM

- The Ministry Call
- Spirit and Power
- Local Church Wisdom
- The Great Commission
- Meeting Dynamics
- Working Relationships
- Church Planting
- Effective Structure

DOCTRINE & REVELATION STREAM

- The Plan of God
- The Kingdom of God
- Essential Doctrine
- Doctrinal Priorities
- The Spiritual Disciplines
- Key Old Testament Books
- Major Old Testament Types
- Key New Testament Books

ENROLMENT AND COST

Primary Cost: \$800.00

With payments of \$100.00 to be made at the commencement of each term.

Additional Costs:

- The purchase of eight books for required reading and review (est. \$250.00 over two years)
- Course fees for the Living Wisdom School of Life (\$750.00)
- Personal costs associated with field placement during week of Summer School (e.g. travel and board).

Please register your interest in enrolling in Encounter Ministry Development School, or for further information, write to:

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