

# **Impact International School of Ministry**

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When you choose a school you place your dreams and calling in the hands of the teachers who will influence your thoughts, beliefs, and self-perception. It is essential then, that you understand where that school intends to take you. What will be the outcome of your decision? Your teachers will forge your concepts of God, man, success and even your destiny. They will influence every area of your beliefs and thinking. That is a sacred trust! I want you to know our intentions.

First and foremost, we want to contribute to your relationship with God. Jesus said, “*Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.*” John 17:3, NIV. The most essential thing is for you to know and experience God. That is out top priority!

Through your course of study, you will develop your heart and grow in your relationship with Him beyond anything you could imagine. It is not our intention that you merely grow in your information about God; we want you to grow in your personal experience with Him.

Jesus said to make disciples not students. The students says to the teacher, “I want to know what you know.” The disciple says to the teacher, “I want to live like you live!” We want you to be able to live and minister as Jesus did. All of our courses are designed to take you to the place of personal interaction with God.

All **real** ministry is the overflow of your own walk with God. With a heart full of God’s loving presence, you will be prepared to face the challenge of today’s ministry. Instead of being a codependent minister who uses people to feel secure and successful, you will serve people to help them experience security and success. You will be equipped to make an *impact* on the world with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus!

Second, we want to help equip you to fulfill the call God has placed on your life. Impact International School of Ministry is a school for this generation. We will prepare you to face and meet the unique needs of this generation. The greatest criticism of the church from the world is that it is not relevant. Unfortunately, this criticism has proven to be true. The church tends to be out of touch with the current needs of society. As a whole, we are so consumed with maintaining religious tradition that we have isolated ourselves from the world we desire to reach.

The children of Israel were instructed to build a temple that would be a “*house of prayer for all nations.*” In the end, it became a place from which the world was scorned, criticized and rejected. While the church is a place for ministry and encouragement for the believer, it must also be a place of refuge for the world. It must be a safe place for people to come *and find grace to help in their time of need.*

Rather than criticize the world’s sin, we should have the mercy, love, truth and power to deliver them from darkness and establish them in a meaningful relationship with God, through the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is a new day with new needs. There is a new breed of minister on the horizon. These men and women love, respect and appreciate those who have gone before us, yet do not desire to be caught in the trappings or extremes of the previous generations. We desire to

build on their insight and experience, yet we have no desire to build tabernacles to the men of the past.

There is a cry in the streets for new ministerial integrity that recognizes the value for all mankind, that is able to disciple believers without developing a system of control, evangelize the world with the message of grace, peace and the love of God, that understands and responds to the current needs of society, that recognizes and responds to the need for relevance in the church, and that maintains a commitment to biblical truth without becoming stuck in traditional methods.

For those ministers who are bold enough to break away from the traditional paradigm of church, the need exists for a different type of preparation. All training must be Bible based, but applied through a means that appeals to the current communication styles of the community we serve. We must respond to the Bible admonition to “*make in every way, the teaching our Lord and Savior attractive.*” Titus 2:10.

At Impact International School of Ministry our program is designed to:

- Build a Bible knowledge foundation of truth from which all successful life and ministry will flow.
- Establish every student in a Bible-based sense of self-worth that is the direct result of knowing and believing the love of God.
- Equip every student to fulfill his or her dream and calling.
- Establish every student in the experience of the New Testament realities of grace, peace, faith-righteousness and the love of God.
- Develop a responsible system of theology that properly represents the New Covenant, established by the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus.
- Train every student in innovative, ministerial techniques that are effective in today’s world.
- Mentor every student in a course of personal and ministerial development.
- Develop people skills that result in more meaningful relationships, better communication, effective leadership and successful ministry.

If you want to follow the pack, this is probably not the school for you; however, if you want to be part of a cutting-edge, pioneering ministry, you’re at the right place! I look forward to sending you out to touch the world and fulfill your dreams.

Sincerely,



James B. Richards

## Extension Programs: Why they work

IISOM seeks to bring the highest quality of training, in the most effective manner that meets the needs of society today. In 1 Chronicles 12:32, NLT, when determining the nations resources, it says of the tribe of Issachar, *All these men understood the temper of the times and knew the best course for Israel to take.* Effectiveness requires the courage to be different, to get ahead of the curve and do what works even if its never been done before. Change is the one constant in successful living.

When Impact Ministries began it was the era of the charismatic leader. Ministries were built around one personality with a centralized base of power designed to build that ministry. The Lord spoke to me very specifically not to build from that perspective. My calling is to invest in others. Make other people successful. Multiply ministry through others. Help others become more successful in their field than you will ever be.

That was the specific instruction the Lord gave. Today there are people who have taken this training and become far more effective at what they do than I could ever be. This is true Kingdom ministry. Even Jesus told His disciples they would do greater things than He had ever done. John 14:12.

After twenty-five years of a successful resident program IISOM made a bold move to be more effective in this generation. When we first started our school, the majority of the students were adults who had degrees, and ministry experience. We were able to train at a level that really equipped for a lifetime of effectiveness. But as the years went by, I saw a trend. More and more of the people who were in ministry or called to the ministry, were taking courses by correspondence, which meant more of the resident students were people who just wanted to improve their life, but had no real drive to be in ministry.

While I want to provide an opportunity to train every believer in the Word of God, we are called to train leaders. These students were not able to keep pace with those who had a passion for ministry. Plus, much of our ministry training was not applicable to the person just wanting to know God better. If our definition of success was in the number of students we would have quadrupled our enrollment and lost our vision.

I sought God for a way to be effective in training leaders for this generation. IISOM off campus training was the answer. Online we will facilitate the needs of every individual. For the casual student, he or she can go at a much slower pace. Plus, they don't have to be involved with hands-on ministry training programs. However, the serious ministry-oriented student can stay involved in ministry, continue to support his family and participate at an accelerated pace. And now with the option of ordering CD's or attending online, we can train leaders in America and the hundreds of leaders around the world that are regularly turned away due to finances or immigration issues, not to mention the opportunity online training offers to those already in full-time ministry.

Now you can serve in your home church, or your own ministry while completing your accredited degree. Money you will save in relocation costs could pay for your first year of training. You now have more options than ever before.

## Why Distance Training Works

1. All classes are recorded live. It is just like stepping into the classroom.
2. You can go at your own pace
3. Take the tests when you are ready
4. Modify your study regime to fit your learning style and family responsibilities
5. Be involved in your own ministry
6. Stay connected to your local church
7. It is far more cost effective
8. No waiting on classes, tests or grades
9. No mailing costs for online students
10. You have more options.
  - a. Take the class you want anytime.
  - b. Take tests when you are ready
  - c. Take as many or as few classes as you desire

## DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

1. We believe the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired Word of God and the complete, total and final revelation of His will for the salvation of men and the divine and final authority for all Christian faith and life.
2. We believe in one God, Creator of all good things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in a corporate Godhead composed of three distinct persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe that Jesus Christ was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary and was the only begotten, incarnate Son of God who died on the Cross, in our place. By His resurrection He conquered sin, death and Satan. He entered the heavenly Holy of Holies to make the final offering for sin and all of its effects. Having sat down at the right hand of God, He has completed the work of salvation. There is nothing we can add to His finished work.
4. We believe all people are saved by grace through faith in the finished work of the Lord Jesus.
5. We believe the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus, regenerate the repentant believer, guide the believer into all truth and manifest Himself in all believers to minister as the Lord Jesus would to men. We believe the Holy Spirit empowers all believers to live every promise of the Bible.
6. We believe all New Testament manifestations of the Holy Spirit are available to all present-day believers.
7. We believe righteousness is a free gift given to every believer. Therefore, every believer is qualified for all the promises of God and empowered to live in righteousness.
8. We believe God made peace with the world through the propitiation of the Lord Jesus. We believe that any person can participate in this New Covenant by faith in the Lord

Jesus Christ. Therefore, all believers are delivered from the curse of the law and the wrath of God.

9. We believe the grace of God empowers the believer to live in righteousness and minister in the power of God.

10. We believe the believer and the church have a commission to make disciples of every person on Earth; therefore, we should equip all believers to fulfill their life's calling.

## **INERRANCY**

We believe that all sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God. We believe they are God-breathed according to 2 Timothy 3:16. No other book or group of books is a qualified authority for Christian faith, life and service. No other pattern of ministry, worship or conduct is acceptable for the born-again Christian. We believe the Lordship of Jesus is expressed through the written Word; therefore, deviation from the written Word is a departure from true Christian faith.

We believe the Bible, as spoken in the original language, is without flaw or error; therefore, all doctrine and interpretation must be dedicated to and consistent with the original languages as interpreted in their time.

Because Jesus and His priesthood are unchangeable (Hebrews 13:8, 7:24), we believe the New Covenant to be unchangeable. Therefore, the entire New Covenant as prophesied by the prophets, demonstrated in the ministry of Jesus, practiced by the early church and promised in the epistles, is in effect today.

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Impact International School of Ministry has as its primary purpose the developing and training of men and women to successfully live life and to fulfill their personal destiny. While this is primarily aimed at those who feel called to the ministry, we feel it is excellent training for every believer who desires to live a productive, fruitful, Christian life. The principles that make ministers successful are equally successful in business and life.

Through our unique, interactive approach to training, we seek to inspire students to a healthy relationship with God through:

- A positive commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- A Bible-based sense of self-worth.
- A relevant understanding of the Bible as the inerrant Word of God.
- A relationship with the Holy Spirit as the One who provides the power and grace to effectively live the victorious Christian life.
- Developing strong moral character and personal ethics.
- Modeling the ability and freedom to walk in love and build meaningful relationships.
- Establish believers in a ministry or business that overflows from personal character.
- The fulfillment of their life's dreams.

Our curriculum is designed to give the student insight into the basic meaning of biblical texts without the bias of preferential interpretation. Since the Lordship of Jesus is expressed through the written Word, we must allow the Bible to speak for Itself.

Our approach does not attempt to explain every verse of Scripture; instead, through the development of analytical and prayerful research skills, the student develops the ability to personally and independently research and interpret the Word of God.

All courses are taught from the point of 1) an understanding of the cultural setting in which they were presented, 2) the context in which they were communicated, 3) the original language, 4) and practical application. The result is far more than an exchange of information, it is a transformation of life application!

Through the personal experience of the teacher, the environment of your healthy New Testament church and personal mentoring, the student has an opportunity to experience and apply what is being taught; thus the graduating student has much more than mere information. He has experience that puts him years ahead of the average Bible College graduate.

Since Impact Ministries is an international ministry, we are able to impart a world vision. We are able to involve students in world outreach, implementing proven methods of ministry.

Success in ministry is rare. Too many launch out only to fail at an alarmingly high rate. When one has a good knowledge of the Bible, he still needs personal discipline, highly developed people skills and the ability to walk in the grace of God. At Impact International School of Ministry we give you the opportunity for all this and more! This is preparation that you cannot receive anywhere else in the world. We will train you in the time-honored, biblically based, secrets of success and effectiveness.

A summary of our Statement of Purpose is quite simple: We intend to equip you to live a personal life of peace, victory and success out of which you will fulfill your life's dream.

## **FLEXIBLE PROGRAM**

The flexibility of an off-campus program makes the possibilities unlimited. A student can complete a degree in as little as two years if so desired. However, for the person with a job, a family and other responsibilities it can be extended to meet your personal needs.

The time spent obtaining a degree through traditional programs is often so long the student loses direction and drive. IISOM is set up on a six-week mini-quarter system that omits non-essential material, accelerates the pace and covers four years of material in two years for a full-time student. That's right in as little as two years you could have an accredited Minister of Theology degree.

There is no value in cramming for tests or studying irrelevant information. Statistics show that the conventional way of teaching/learning is actually very inefficient. You are able to work at an accelerated pace because of our unique approach. The student hears the information, takes notes, is able to get online feedback or telephone input, review notes and get study guides before each test. Time is never wasted on non-essential details. What you study is exactly what you will be tested.

As a result of our advanced, interactive approach, our graduating students have traditionally scored 10-20 points above the national average for Master's level seminary graduates, on a Standardized Bible Knowledge Test.

# DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

One of many great values in completing our program is the opportunity to earn a recognized, accredited degree. A degree adds a new dimension of recognition, prestige and acceptance to your ministerial and professional credibility. Many of our students have received employment and obtained raises and promotions in secular business because of a degree from IISOM. Besides receiving quality training and valuable life experience, you can earn a degree that validates the distinction of your accomplishments.

The following is a current list of certificates and degrees offered by IISOM. This catalog and all stated requirements are for the current academic year. All students should keep the catalog under which they enter IISOM. The requirements for degrees are fixed for four years from the time your begin taking your first class. Choosing to complete your course of study over a longer period of time may mean you have to meet the requirements of a new catalog.

## 1. Bible Foundations Certificate

A thorough grounding in vital topics and verse-by-verse analysis of selected books of the Bible is a pre-requisite for personal success, whatever your field of endeavor.

This certificate requires 12 verse-by-verse courses, plus Bible Doctrines (39-quarter hours) and enables the student to lay hold of God's Word and incorporate these realities into effective daily living.

Additionally, this course serves as a basis for entrance into our more advanced programs of study. All successfully completed coursework for this certificate can be applied to the fulfillment of a degree.

## 2. Leadership Certificate

This program is designed for the person seeking to develop his or her leadership skills for ministry or business. It includes the core leadership development curriculum. It is the ideal program for the minister or business leader who is seeking to take his/her ministry/business to the next level of effectiveness. It is especially valuable for those seeking to develop a team around them by multiplying leaders, whether in ministry or business.

These courses are ideal for Continuing Education Units for those ministers or professionals needing them.

### Requirements for the Leadership Certificate:

1. A passing grade on the entire curriculum
2. Counseling 1, 2 & 3
3. Administration 1, 2, & 3
4. Church Growth
5. Relevant Ministry 1, 2 & 3 (Addictions Counseling, Substance Abuse & Detox, Dynamics of Small Groups)

6. Pastoral Epistles
7. Keys to Successful Living
8. A 20 page paper on the principles of New Testament Leadership

### **3. New Testament Leadership Degree**

This undergraduate degree will be awarded to those students who completes the prescribed coursework. The 72 hours (24 courses) necessary to achieve this degree include general education, core curriculum, strong concentrations in Biblical and Theological Studies, Biblical Languages and various electives.

This program is ideal for the person who does not feel a specific call to the ministry yet desires to develop his or her spiritual life, business and relationship skills.

#### **Requirements for Graduation:**

1. Successful completion of 72 hours of courses
2. Passing grades on all tests
3. Minimum numerical cumulative average of 80

### **4. Minister of Theology**

This undergraduate degree is a well rounded program that prepares the student both academically, and spiritually to succeed at business, ministry and life. This is a thorough program that provides an excellent knowledge of the Word of God, practical application of ministry and special emphasis on leadership development. This degree is awarded to those students who successfully complete the prescribed 144 credit hours.

#### **Requirements for Graduation:**

1. Successfully complete 144 credit hours
2. Minimum numerical cumulative average of 80

### **5. Christian Counselor Degree**

This program prepares the student to counsel effectively from a biblical perspective. Evaluation tools, methodology and psychological research that is consistent with Scriptures are combined with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to provide a professional, yet biblical approach to meeting the needs of today's society.

This degree requires successfully completing 144 credit hours plus additional studies. To receive this degree the student must also 1) Complete all course requirements 2) Prove

competence throughout their tenure, and 3) Pass an oral evaluation by the ministerial board. Students who fail to meet these additional requirements for the Christian Counselor degree can receive a Minister of Theology until they are able to meet these additional requirements.

### **Requirements for Graduation:**

1. Minister of Theology curriculum plus additional work with focus on Counseling
  - a. 10 case studies
  - b. 100 hours of Supervised Clinical Training
2. Minimum numerical cumulative average of 86
3. Directed research in Counseling
4. A Thesis on Christian Counseling
5. Passing DISC Profile Knowledge Exam

### **Recommended order of Courses**

JOHN-BS 108  
CHARACTER, MANNERS, ETHICS AND INFLUENCE-CM 508  
CREATION- BS 101  
PRAYER –ST 201

GENESIS-BS 102  
ACTS - BS 109  
BIBLE DOCTRINES-ST 206  
ADMINISTRATION I –PM 305

EXODUS-BS 103  
HEBREWS—BS 113  
COUNSELING I –PM 301  
FAITH-ST 207

LEVITICUS-BS 104  
DYNAMICS OF SMALL GROUPS RM 601  
HOLY SPIRIT –ST 204  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE & DETOX-RM 602

NUMBERS-BS 105  
OT SURVEY-BS 107  
NT REALITIES - BS 112  
GREEK I –BL 701

DEUTERONOMY-BS 106  
FAMILY RELATIONS –ST 202  
WORLD OUTREACH –MI 401  
GREEK II –BL 702

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION/ ENGLISH 1-CM  
501ROMANS/GALATIANS –BS 110  
I CORINTHIANS –BS 111  
PRAISE & WORSHIP –ST 208

KEYS TO SUCCESSFUL LIVING –ST 203  
EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION/ ENGLISH 2- CM 502  
ADDICTIONS COUNSELING I– RM 603  
FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH –ST 209

PASTORAL EPISTLES –BS 115  
II CORINTHIANS –BS 117  
DEMONOLOGY/DELIVERANCE– ST 205  
COUNSELING II –PM 302

SPEECH –CM 503  
GENERAL EPISTLES –BS 114  
COUNSELING III –PM 303  
HOMILETICS I –CM 504

CHURCH GROWTH-RM 604  
CHURCH HISTORY –PM 304  
ADMINISTRATION II –PM 306  
HOMILETICS II –CM 505

ESCHATOLOGY-BS 116  
ADMINISTRATION III –PM 307  
MEDIA MINISTRY –CM507  
HOMILETICS III –CM 506

## **IISOM COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

### **DEPARTMENT OF BIBLICAL STUDIES**

BS 101 **CREATION** (3h) is an in-depth study of the first three chapters of Genesis and an overview up to chapter eleven that correlates the similarities between proven scientific fact and the Biblical account of creation, the dividing of the continents and other crucial scientific data.

BS 102 **GENESIS** (3h) is an essential verse-by-verse study revealing eternal principles of God

and man. This foundational book provides understanding of all the struggles and issues in the human race. Topics discussed include: the fall of man, the flood, and God's faith-covenant dealings with the patriarchs, which introduce the covenant, that enabled Jesus to come into the earth.

BS 103 **EXODUS** (3h) is an exciting verse-by-verse study of God's eternal principles of faith, deliverance and provision. An analysis of the struggles of the people and God's continual effort to deliver them provides examples and insights into the nature of God. A special emphasis is placed on how one man overcomes his limitations and insecurities through personal obedience which leads to an entire nation coming out of bondage.

BS 104 **LEVITICUS** (3h) is a verse-by-verse study that makes this book explode with exciting principles for daily life. This class examines the Old Testament types and shadows seen in the sacrifices, feasts and the priesthood. Special emphasis is placed on how these were fulfilled in Jesus and what that means for the New Testament believer. This class does not leave you longing to live under the Old Covenant; instead, it focuses all your faith and attention on Jesus, the reality and fulfillment of all Old Testament types.

BS 105 **NUMBERS** (3h) is a verse-by-verse study that causes this book to come alive with purpose and value. God's principles of leadership, authority and delegation are clarified. It provides a close look at the reasons for failure and defeat as demonstrated in the individual and corporate people of Israel. Special emphasis is placed on Israel's reaction to personal accountability and what that teaches us for living in victory.

BS 106 **DEUTERONOMY** (3h) is a verse-by-verse study that looks at the practical application of the law and its basis for the New Testament believer's inheritance in Jesus. This book also provides a basis for relating to the promises of God from a New Covenant perspective. There is special attention given to God's intention and effort for man to always have the best! This Old Testament study will not leave you laboring under the law for righteousness. It will reveal Jesus and His qualifications for all the promises, while providing practical insight into the law and its present day applications.

BS 107 **OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY** (3h) is a thorough overview of the history of Israel from the time of the Judges until Esther. This study reveals crucial insights into God's ability to develop and work with leaders. This course will analyze the struggles of Israel and emphasize the continual mercy founded in God's promises. Special attention is given to the character traits of the people of the Old Testament and how God was able to use them despite their weaknesses.

BS 108 **JOHN** (3h) provides a comprehensive, verse-by-verse revelation of the life and ministry of Jesus. Special attention is given to the gifts of the Holy Spirit as they operated in Him as a man and what that means to believers today. Special attention is given to the many aspects this Gospel reveals about the "Zoë" life of God. You will see Jesus as you have never seen Him!

BS 109 **ACTS** (3h) is a verse-by-verse study of the first century church. An honest look at the weaknesses of the church and its leaders removes the idealism and mysticism that has paralyzed

and disqualified potential leaders for centuries. The ministry of the Holy Spirit in early leaders and lay believers, the missionary journeys, their personal experiences and principles of church growth are brought into a modern context. You will have more confidence in God's willingness to use you in a mighty way as you take a new look at this honest portrayal of the early church.

BS 110 **ROMANS/GALATIANS** (3h) reveals the cornerstone of New Testament theology. An in-depth, verse-by-verse study with a detailed analysis of the doctrines of grace, faith righteousness and salvation available exclusively apart from the law, frees the believer from law and empowers them with righteousness. You will overcome all tendencies to minister law and bondage as a result of grasping these incredible truths.

BS 111 **I CORINTHIANS** (3h) exposes that early church problems were not very different than those we face today. This verse-by-verse study reveals some of the problems of the early church and how they were handled. Issues such as super spirituality, misuse of spiritual gifts, apostolic authority, immorality problems, giving and resurrection from the dead are brought to light. You will learn how Paul corrected the problems without destroying the church. You will see that his message of grace was not a license for sin, but an empowerment for righteousness.

BS 112 **NEW TESTAMENT REALITIES** (3h) is a verse-by-verse study of Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians. These books contain revelations concerning the unique position of the church and the believer, in the Lord Jesus. Special attention is given to the reality of the believer's new identity in Jesus. No other books reveal God's eternal plan like these. This was the mystery hidden from all generations and revealed to us.

BS 113 **HEBREWS** (3h) portrays the absolute sufficiency of Christ's sacrifice and proclaims the freedom from the two greatest enemies of faith: legalism and ritualism. This is a verse-by-verse study showing the supremacy of Christ over the law, the priesthood, and every other religious idealism created by man. Jesus is revealed as the fulfillment of all the Levitical, sacrificial types. This course will free you from the need for empty religious ritualism and move you to the realities we have in Jesus.

BS 114 **GENERAL EPISTLES** (3h) is a verse-by-verse study that covers the epistles of I and II Thessalonians, Philemon, James, I and II Peter, I, II and III John, and Jude. Special attention is given to the promises and the New Covenant provisions for the believer. Many hard-to-answer questions are addressed in the books.

BS 115 **PASTORAL EPISTLES** (3h) shows how Paul mentored Timothy to develop him into a man of character and faith. This verse-by-verse study of I and II Timothy and Titus is supplemented with selected pastoral instruction from other New Testament epistles. Learn the principles that Paul used to select and develop leaders. This class will help you avoid some of the most common pitfalls in developing yourself as a leader.

BS 116 **ESCHATOLOGY** (3h) will remove the mysticism of the end times through a comprehensive verse-by-verse study of Daniel and Revelation. Course content will describe the end-times and the events that will usher in the return of Jesus and God's future plans for Planet Earth. Through an open, unbiased presentation of the Word, the major end-time doctrines will

be discussed. You will be freed from the dogmas that blind and separate Christians concerning the end times. You will gain peace and confidence to face the end, regardless of how it happens.

**BS 117 II CORINTHIANS (3H)** is Paul's follow-up letter to the church that had so many problems. Discover many aspects of grace and personal development through this verse-by-verse study with a detailed analysis of the promises of God through the exchange of Jesus Christ on the Cross. Special attention is given to "Paul's thorn." You will gain an insight that few people ever discover about experiencing God's grace.

## **DEPARTMENT OF SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY**

**ST 201 PRAYER (3h)** studies the major concepts of prayer in the Old and New Testaments. Learn how to make prayer a personal, powerful time of transformation. Special instruction is given to affect your heart through prayer and worship, thereby avoiding boredom and vain repetition. This class will give you the tools to write the truth of God's Word on your heart.

**ST 202 FAMILY RELATIONS (3h)** is a study of God's plan, structure and framework for fulfilling the marital relationship. Special attention is devoted to Scriptural principles for dating, marriage and child raising. This class will break the antiquated stereotypes that have destroyed the intimacy and fulfillment of marriage.

**ST 203 KEYS TO SUCCESSFUL LIVING (3h)** is an in-depth study into God's plan for man's success through the operation and application of New Testament principles of faith and grace. This course embodies some of the most world renowned, Bible-based principles of success. Through this course you will de-mystify the faith walk of the believer. You will have the keys for success and the confidence to use them.

**ST 204 HOLY SPIRIT (3h)** draws a clear distinction between the way the Holy Spirit worked in the Old Testament versus the New. This detailed study of the Person and work of the third Member of the Godhead and His relationship to the believer opens the door for transformation and supernatural empowerment for ministry. Walking in the Spirit will take on a new, refreshing meaning as you yield to the work of the Spirit of Grace in your life.

**ST 205 DEMONOLOGY AND DELIVERANCE (3h)** is a confusing doctrine that tends to build fear instead of faith in the heart of the average believer. This is an in-depth study in the origin and activity of the devil and demons in Planet Earth. This class will strip away every fear and every myth you have held about the devil and his power. The goal of the class is to train the student to successfully minister to those oppressed or possessed by spirits and bring them into absolute victory. You will never fear the devil again!

**ST 206 BIBLE DOCTRINES (3h)** provides a proper foundation in the faith as prescribed by the apostle Paul. Failure to build on these foundational doctrines results in all doctrine leading to a departure from the faith. This comprehensive study of the foundational doctrines of the New Covenant forms the basis for all New Testament beliefs. You will never be led into error again.

ST 207 **FAITH** (3h) is an extremely misunderstood topic. What is supposed to be a place of rest and peace has become a den of torment. Faith has been turned to dead works as we have tried to get enough faith to move God. This fundamental, spiritual law is exhaustively researched and analyzed due to its importance as the only basis for taking hold of the promises of God. Special attention is given to the Gospel of Peace as the basis for faith. This class will prevent you from turning faith into a destructive law of “dead works.” You will find the place of rest.

ST 208 **PRAISE & WORSHIP** (3h) this class is designed to provide a theological basis for praise and worship. Additionally, this class will provide an introduction to the practical and spiritual principles that are involved in leading a praise and worship service. Special emphasis will be placed on learning to experience God in praise and worship.

ST 209 **FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH** (3h) these are the doctrines that comprise the foundation for all New Testament theology. Paul identified these as the basic foundations for faith. Apart from this foundation, the New Testament believers find themselves drowning in a sea of conflicting beliefs that mix Old Testament legalism with New Testament promises.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PASTORAL MINISTRIES**

PM 301 **COUNSELING I** (DISC Profile) (3h) is the basis from which all our counseling programs will be understood. This is a comprehensive introduction into motivational behavior. The number one reason for failure in business and ministry is a lack of people skills. This class provides an academic and experiential look into basic behavioral patterns. The model for this study, based on the theory and application of the DISC behavioral profile developed by Dr. John Geir of the University of Minnesota, will provide a foundation for understanding yourself and others. This is key for basic communication, negotiation, counseling and walking in love. You will understand yourself and others better than you ever believed possible.

PM 302 **COUNSELING II** (3h) provides an introduction into the fundamentals of psychology and counseling with special attention devoted to the nine modalities of counseling. The strengths and weaknesses of these approaches will be openly discussed. Special emphasis will be given on using this information in light of biblical principles. From this class the student will begin to form his basic approach to counseling techniques.

PM 303 **COUNSELING III** (3h) is an in-depth look at human behavior and motivational beliefs. This advanced study focuses on the role of beliefs and their effect on subsequent behavior. Special emphasis is placed on various methodologies which are able to influence the deep-seated beliefs of the heart. You will learn how to establishing new behavior that emerges from heartfelt beliefs. You will acquire the tools to change any behavior through modifying beliefs.

PM 304 **CHURCH HISTORY I** (3h) provides an overview of the history of the church from its birth to present day. See how the church has evolved to its present form. Come to

understand the doctrines and practices that continually recycle through the church to make it powerless. Learn to avoid the mistakes of those who have gone before us.

PM 305 **ADMINISTRATION I** (3h) provides an objective and experiential look at the basic elements of administration. Through personal assessment and unique assignments you will learn the first step to corporate administration: taking control of your own life. You will learn the spiritual and practical elements that are essential to success as you are enabled to identify and avoid the most common failures in both ministry and business. You will be able to develop the skills and acquire the tools for personal and corporate time-management.

PM 306 **ADMINISTRATION II (3h) TEAM BUILDING** involves each student in the process of identifying and understanding the necessary personnel essential for building an innovative team. This is an advanced people-skills course implementing that which is essential to developing successful leadership. This course will show how to take an idea from conception to completion and how to build the team that can make it happen. You will learn at what stages a project should be handed off to each team member and to which member it should go next.

PM 307 **ADMINISTRATION III** (3h) provides the tools for establishing and leading a dream team. There will be lectures by the heads of principal departments of Impact of Huntsville and/or other successful ministries. They will give unique insight to problems and solutions of everyday departmental issues they face. This is practical information essential for starting and managing a successful church or ministry. You will discover how to develop synergy and congruence in every department, thereby optimizing your every effort. This is an advanced study in team building.

### **DEPARTMENT OF MISSIONS**

MI 401 **WORLD OUTREACH** (3h) is designed as an introduction to missions. In this class, the student will learn the effective methods for selecting and leading missions projects and outreach teams.

MI 402 **BOOT CAMP** is a supervised trip to a foreign mission field. This is an available elective to all programs except for those called to the mission field, where it is a requirement. You will have the opportunity to learn from seasoned missionaries and nationals. National pastors say that most missionaries are not a blessing. They come to the field knowing nothing about what is involved in real missions work. This gives you real experience before making lifetime decisions.

### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION**

CM 501 **EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION -1 (ENGLISH 1)** (3h) Communication is essential to successful ministry. It doesn't matter what you have to say if you cannot make it understandable to the hearer. This study of the basic parts of speech and syntax of the English sentence is the starting place for learning effective communication.

**CM 502 EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION - 2 (ENGLISH II)** (3h) With the advent of e-mail and computer technology, it is once again essential to know how to communicate through writing. God chose speaking and writing as the two tools used to communicate the Gospel to the world. The effective minister must be skilled at both. In this class you will apply the grammatical principles of CM 501 to composition and writing skills and learn to express yourself effectively.

**NOTE:** Special arrangements for speech and homiletics will be arranged based on the students opportunity to speak. Lectures will be download, speeches must be video recorded and sent in for evaluation. Call registrar for detailed instructions.

**CM 503 SPEECH** (3h) is an introduction to organizing, developing and communicating your thoughts. You will begin to develop your communication skills in a relaxed, non-threatening environment that will greatly enhance your ability to teach, preach and communicate.

**CM 504 HOMILETICS I** (3h) is an introduction to pulpit speaking and preaching skills. This class prepares you to do effective, responsible research. You will learn to use basic translation tools and continue to develop your ability to organize and outline your thoughts. In this class you will develop effective study and research habits and methodology. Jesus prepared many of His messages, how much more should we?

**CM 505 HOMILETICS II** (3h) is a class of practical application. On a regular basis, each student will prepare and deliver messages orally while being reviewed by faculty members and peers. The special emphasis of this course is on developing “pulpit” skills. You will face and overcome your fears of speaking in public. In a safe, positive environment you will become aware of and deal with the small annoyances in your delivery style that would prevent people from hearing and receiving your message. This is the starting place for becoming a master communicator.

**CM 506 HOMILETICS III** (3h) is a refinement of oral communication and presentation skills using topical messages from the book of Proverbs relating to “Ethics and Success” in ministry. While developing your preaching style you will gain awareness of essential ethical traits relating to success. In this class you begin to develop more of your personal style of presentation.

**CM 507 MEDIA MINISTRY** (3h) - is an introduction to the world of drama, television and special effects that can be used to facilitate communication that is more meaningful. This course focuses on using various media tools to make the presentation more effective in a “media driven” world.

**CM 508 CHARACTER, MANNERS, ETHICS AND INFLUENCE** (3hr) This course outlines the practical lifestyle of the believer and minister that gives credibility and influence to all they do. “When your gift exceeds your character, the gift becomes a reproach” (*JBR*). We want your life to be as appealing as your ministry gift. A life of character is the only assurance of a life of ministry success. This is a personal development course that makes your testimony believable.

## DEPARTMENT OF RELEVANT MINISTRY

RM 601 **DYNAMICS OF SMALL GROUPS - RELEVANT MINISTRY I** (3h) looks at the need for small group ministry. All people need personal support groups of some kind. Having overlooked this need, the church has left people without the essential support for victorious living and personal development. The result has been an over emphasis on professional ministers meeting needs that should be met through healthy communication and supportive relations. This is a study in the dynamics of small group ministry and facilitating. Special attention is given to the development of a new believer and the activation of the laity to service. Additional emphasis is placed on the small group as a place of processing and personalizing the message to which it is exposed.

NOTE: Special instructions will be given for the participation aspect of small groups. Call registrar for instructions.

RM 602 **SUBSTANCE ABUSE & DETOX -RELEVANT MINISTRY II** (3h) is a study in the dynamics of detox treatment utilizing methodology that is holistic in nature and more consistent with the biblical model of man as a spirit, soul and body. Special emphasis is placed on the connection between emotions and physiological functions of the body, especially the progression of negative emotions that accompany substance abuse. This class will prepare you to minister to one of the most crucial needs in our society. This class, along with clinical training, will qualify you for national certification as a Detox Specialist.

RM 603 **ADDICTIONS COUNSELING I - RELEVANT MINISTRY IV** (3h) is a course of study designed to provide a general introduction to Substance Abuse Counseling. This course introduces the student to the 12 core functions, 12-Step Program, pharmacology, ethics, rules and regulations, referrals and theory and dynamics of counseling. This course not only prepares the student for certification as an Addictions Counselor, but equips him/her to deal with the real issues of life which have traditionally been avoided or mishandled by mainstream Christian counselors.

RM 604 **CHURCH GROWTH – RELEVANT MINISTRY VI** (3h) gives a practical look into the principles and methods essential for reaching your community. We are called to reach the world. Many have been told to “just preach the Word and people will come,” but, it is not that simple. Even Jesus planned, organized, trained and sent out pre-crusade teams. If we are to reach the world, we must know how to reach them and keep them. We must understand their needs. We must speak their language. Even Jesus applied these simple principles.

This class will review the New Testament principles of church growth as presented in the book of Acts. It will also examine the current trends of church growth including the advantages of multi-sensory imaging. Special attention will be given to involving lay ministry and proper functioning of the house-to-house meeting.

## **DEPARTMENT OF BIBLICAL LANGUAGES**

BL 701 **GREEK I** (3h) is an introduction to orthography, the parts of speech and syntax of the Greek noun (cases, adjectives, definite article, preposition) and the syntax of the Greek verb (person, number, voice, mood, tense, infinitive, participle, adverb, conjunction and particle). Instruction in the use of the Greek Interlinear New Testament and the Analytical Greek Lexicon. This class will give you the skills needed to do biblical research as well as develop your language skills.

BL 702 **GREEK II** (3h) is a continuation of the study of syntax of the Greek sentence structure with emphasis on translation applications. This is a continuation in the refinement of your language skills.

## **ACCREDITATION**

Impact International School of Ministry is fully accredited with the National Private Schools Accreditation Alliance as an outstanding Academic Institution. This Fully Accredited Status demonstrated our commitment to the educational process and assures the public of quality educational programs.

## **ACADEMIC REGULATIONS**

The IISOM student is held to a higher standard of academic accountability in several areas:

1. The grading scale is more demanding than the norm.
2. All failed tests must be retaken. We want to make sure you learn all the information; our goal is to train you not fail, you!

Students should carefully tailor their employment and extracurricular activities to give priority to their responsibility as School of Ministry students.

## **CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

All students, who are not already in ministry positions, are encouraged to find a place to attend and serve in a local church. The local church is the setting where real discipleship is implemented. It is encouraged that you find a church that is seeking to implement a message that is consistent with the material you are learning. If you cannot find a local church you are required to view the cyber-church video each week.

## NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Admission to IISOM is open to qualified applicants regardless of race, sex, or theological orientation. However the vast majority of the student body are in sympathy with the statements of faith and theological positions of this institution. Hostility toward our Statement of Faith and the Word of God is cause for dismissal from all IISOM programs.

## TESTING

Online students will complete all tests on line. Correspondence students will fill out their tests and return them to IISOM for grading. All tests should be taken at the appropriate time in the course, before moving on to the next class.

**In the event that you fail a test or homework assignment:** When a student makes below the acceptable grade for their program, he or she is charged a \$10 testing re-take fee. If the test is not retaken the result is a 0% score. When an acceptable score is accomplished, only the passing score will be recorded for the student's permanent record.

**Receiving your grade:** All reports and assignments must be turned in on time before a final grade can be issued. All additional requirements must be completed within one week of taking the final exam to avoid a failing grade. When a student receives a failing grade for the course the entire course must be repeated.

## GRADING SCALE

All School of Ministry instructors are required to use the following grading scale. A high standard of accountability is required of staff and students alike. At the end of each class, the student has the opportunity to evaluate the instructor and classes. These evaluations are returned to the Registrars Office. Please be fair and honest on your evaluations it helps us manage the quality of our program.

### NUMERICAL AVERAGE QUALITY POINTS

A	=	98-100	4.0
A-	=	95-97	3.7
B+	=	92-94	3.3
B	=	89-91	3.0
B-	=	87-88	2.7
C+	=	84-86	2.3
C	=	80-83	2.0

Numerical scores for individual tests, as well as cumulative course grades below 80, are considered unacceptable work for undergraduate students, in which case the course must be retaken.

The following grades and notations are also used in the grading documentation system of IISOM

**INC - Incomplete Coursework:**

Under exceptional circumstances, a student may be allowed to extend the time limit for completion of all required coursework. The student has one week after the final exam to complete the coursework and the registrar will be free to assess any numerical penalty for the completed-late coursework.

**GRD - Grade Report Delayed:**

This signifies that coursework has been completed and submitted but evaluation is being withheld due to one or more of the following:

1. Failure to meet all class requirements.
2. Exceeding the time limits for the course.
3. Other violations of academic or personal integrity that are out of character with biblical standards of ministerial conduct deemed by the administration to merit disciplinary action.

### **TEACHER EVALUATIONS**

Upon the successful completion of each course, the student evaluates the course. By so doing the student participates in the quality control for all classes and programs.

### **ACADEMIC LOAD**

The equivalent to a full-time course load would be four classes per week, making it possible to complete a full quarter in six weeks. Each student should responsibly structure work obligations and/or extracurricular activities in such a way that will place school responsibilities as a significant priority.

It is essential that you remember why you are taking this course of study and what you hope to accomplish.

### **SPECIAL STUDENT STATUS**

Students who do not meet normal admissions criteria may still be eligible for enrollment as a special student if approved by the Admissions Committee. These students may have a weak or otherwise inadequate background to normally pursue the programs of IISOM.

Continuance in the program of study is contingent on acceptable performance of course objectives and working an academic plan to remove the student's areas of weakness or needed academic credentials.

Students who conduct their lives in a manner deemed inconsistent with the moral and ethical standards of IISOM deemed unbecoming of a ministry student will be placed on special student status and will not receive a degree but receive a certificate of completion.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

IISOM accepts International students based on their ability to access the Internet and complete requirements.

### WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT?

Through IISOM, we offer one of the most unique opportunities for training anywhere in the world. Until now there were only two options: attend a denominational school and have practically no training in issues relating to the Holy Spirit or attend a “charismatic” school and have inadequate training in many of the practical areas of ministry. In either case, the end result was usually baptism in legalism.

Now there is a better way; an opportunity to earn a degree instead of a certificate, to develop a responsible, scholarly approach to the study of the Word, to recognize the place of the Holy Spirit in ministry, to have every course based on the New Testament foundation of grace, peace, faith-righteousness and unconditional love. We are the only school in the world that bases EVERY class on this New Testament foundation.

At IISOM we provide several options from the 12 course Bible Foundations Certificates, to the one year New Testament Leadership Degree, all the way through to advanced degrees in theological studies.

Students who complete our training are ready to begin full-time ministry or enter the business world with confidence and competence. The principles of faith and success that promote victory in ministry are the same as those that work in every area of business and life.

This unique program utilizes a multi-experiential approach that includes nearly every form of training and experience:

**VERSE-BY-VERSE** teaching seems to be missing from many training programs, especially those with a charismatic-faith orientation. Yet, without this solid foundation in the Word of God the believer is inept at developing a consistent theology. At IISOM, twenty-nine books of the Bible are studied verse-by-verse with extensive references to the original languages. This is not a doctrinal study but a teaching format that allows the Bible to speak for itself.

**ORIGINAL LANGUAGE** studies help the believer avoid many of the doctrinal errors that are made clear in the original text. You will form the basic “know how” for serious research. Every course pays close attention to the message in the original language.

**TOPICAL TRAINING** provides a systematic examination of the important topics and doctrines of the Scriptures. The student can acquire an in-depth understanding of Faith, the Holy Spirit, Family Relations, Evangelism, Counseling, Substance Abuse and many other topics essential to effective ministry. In addition to Bible topics, instruction is offered in Communications, Practical Christianity, Successful Living, Administration and many other topics that help prepare you to meet the challenges of life and ministry victoriously.

**MENTORING** is a dying art; yet, it is the only way to actually develop disciples. This is the method Jesus presented in the Scripture and it is the method that produces the most significant results. The person already involved in ministry is able to immediately apply what is being learned to real life ministry application.

The person that chooses to come to Impact for personal mentoring will have a basis for experiencing the Word of God under direct supervision. Jesus did not say that simply knowing the truth would set us free, He said, *“If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”* One translation says, *“if you put them in practice.”*

**RELEVANT MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT** is one of the most significant aspects of preparation, yet is found in few training programs. The twenty-first century leader must be equipped to meet the needs that are predominant in current society. The Department of Relevant Ministry provides a unique, cutting-edge for ministerial preparation. The coursework for Relevant Ministry focuses on areas of ministry particularly relevant to the needs of today’s society. It has a special focus on dealing with emotional and social dysfunction as manifested through trends of extreme codependency, substance abuse and sexual abuse.

The Department of Relevant Ministry provides special training that equips the leader to reach and minister to the needs of the community. It focuses on principles and methods that are currently working. It doesn’t matter what worked 20 years ago, what works today? At IISOM you learn what is working today!

## **REFUNDS**

From time to time, for a variety of reasons, it may be necessary for a student to withdraw from the curriculum. If a student should elect to do so, there will be NO refunds of any amount given.

If the student has passing grades and receives written approval for withdrawal, he or she may be able to extend the deadline for completion of the class. Each situation is determined on a case by case evaluation. As student may transfer from correspondence to IISOM on-line or vice-versa with no penalty.

Since stability and consistency are essential to success in ministry, we feel that students should make prayerful, quality decisions and then follow them through to the end.

There will be NO refund of registration fees, application fees, E.D.P. and correspondence payments, testing fees, or advance annual tuition payments. There are no refunds for students expelled for any reason.

Making good decisions and following them through is a part of being a responsible leader. Once you commit yourself to a decision, follow it through to a successful outcome.

## TUITIONS AND FEES

Application Fee: \$25 (non-refundable)

Test Retake Fee: \$10

Married Students: Married students receive a 25% tuition discount when both husband and wife are taking the same class.

Advance Payments: All students paying the full year's tuition in advance and not receiving a student grant or student loan will receive a 10% discount on tuition costs only. An advance payment would be the amount due for 24 courses. No refunds or transfers are given on advance payments.

BOOKS: Students must purchase the required books for each class unless a special exemption is granted. Many of the text books are not kept in stock at most bookstores. Failure to purchase and read required texts by deadlines could result in loss of grade averages. You may be asked to give a summary of required reading material at the end of each course.

Graduation Fees: After successful completion of the prescribed course study a student may apply to receive the appropriate certificate or degree. To do so:

1. Complete the application for Certificates or Degrees
2. Pay the appropriate fees.
3. Your student files will be reviewed
4. Upon approval you will receive your certificate within four weeks

### Schedule of certificate and degree fees:

Bible Foundations Certificate	\$25
Leadership Certificate	\$25
All other degrees	\$75

All certificates and degrees can be earned whether attending online or taking by correspondence when all requirements are fulfilled.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** This is for the self-motivated individual who wants to advance from the realm of Bible reading to the rewarding activity of Bible study and spiritual development. This program provides the option of acquiring one of several certificates offered by IISOM or random study according to personal preference.

Correspondence students order courses on CD of live classroom recordings and return them when they are completed. All tests are completed at home and courses are completed at one's own pace, within certain time limitations.

All correspondence students are urged to take courses on line when at all possible.

**IISOM ON LINE:** The entire IISOM curriculum is available on line. For the person who wants to move rapidly through the programs and avoid the delays of ordering and mailing courses this is ideal. All classes and testing is done on line. All classes are actual live video or audio class recordings.

Taking classes on line saves an enormous amount of time and money. There are no shipping costs; testing and grading is done on line, and all courses and grades are immediately available.

Correspondence is done through audio recording for the person who does not have access to high speed computer internet.

## **FEES FOR EXTERNAL COURSES**

### **1. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Tuition Per Course:**

1 Student	\$149
Husband and Wife	\$250
2 - 3 Students	\$125 per student
More than 4 students	\$110 per student

\* Plus a \$25 one-time, non-refundable Application Fee, per person.

### **2. EXTERNAL DEGREE**

**New Testament Leadership Degree**

Tuition (only): 24 classes	\$3576
<i>12 month payment period (\$298/month)</i>	
Advance Payment Tuition:	\$3176

**Minister of Theology Degree**

Tuition (only):48 classes	\$7152
<i>24 month payment period (\$298/month)</i>	
Advance Payment Tuition:	\$6752

- Plus a \$25 one-time, non-refundable Application Fee

## STEPS TO ENROLLMENT

### 1. COMPLETE APPLICATION

- a. Leave no portion of the application blank.
- b. Correspondence students should sign and return the CD Loan Agreement and contact IISOM for complete details about those programs.
- c. Enclose a current photo.
- d. Enclose the \$25 non-refundable Application Fee.
- e. Enclose a current resume.
- f. Mail all paperwork.
- g. Online students can complete the application process on line and begin taking courses immediately

### 2. CATALOG

ALL students are personally responsible to know and function by the terms of this catalog and/or any other school policies whether verbal or written. IGNORANCE IS AN UNACCEPTABLE EXCUSE.

The requirements for earning degrees and certificates for this catalog is good for:

- A. Certificates – one year
- B. New testament Leadership degree – two years
- C. All other degrees – four years

Prices for classes is subject to change with no prior notice.

## IISOM ENDORSEMENTS

There is no man of God in this area that I deem a more trusted man to teach this generation the Word of God than Jim Richards and the staff of instructors at **Impact International School of Ministry**.

We have seen the men who have applied their hearts unto the instruction offered at Impact become great vessels of honor who need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of God.

Truly, God has raised up Jim Richards through his compassion and burning desire for the lost to equip men and women for service at **Impact International School of Ministry**. Jim has established what I have seen in no other school of instruction. The students are receiving the most intensive “hands on” experience; this, in itself, sets Impact apart.

Peck and I heartily support Jim in every area of his service to Him. We both believe any man or woman desiring to serve God would do well to invest in his/her future through the schooling at Impact.

*Benji Clark Mallory*

Jim Richards' leadership training is incredible. Dr. Richards' training in establishing the heart of a leader will transform every area of your life and belief system.

*Ron McIntosh, Dean of Students  
Victory Bible Institute*

I have personally been touched, as well as my entire church, by Jim Richards' training. I have learned how to raise up leaders and how to develop people to live their dreams. It's so good you'll need a brain massage.

*Eastman Curtis, Senior Pastor  
Destiny Church, Tulsa, OK*

I am frequently asked to advise people regarding a choice of Bible schools and I always highly recommend **Impact International School of Ministry**. I know Dr. Richards and have seen his life of faith and dedication. This school he has established provides sound, biblical teaching and training for anyone who wants to go into Christian service.

*- Betty Baxter*

I thought I had relevant understanding of the Bible, God, Jesus and Religion. I found I was only existing between "will I ever be good enough" and living in the condemnation and guilt of a shameful past that said "I never would be!" Now through **Impact International School of Ministry** and its teaching of Faith Righteousness in the Gospel of Peace, I have a personal relationship with my Father, Brother and Holy Spirit within. I now have a purpose, to tell everyone I know about the unconditional love of God, and what Jesus has really earned for me.

*- Toni Lonaker*

## **MEET THE PRESIDENT**

*Hi, I'm Jim Richards, President and Founder of Impact Ministries. Over 30 years ago I was a drug using, rock n' roll hippie living "in the scene" in Huntsville. People were afraid to tell me about God. Back in those days the church was scared to death of hippies. I guess they all thought we were "long-haired, Charley Manson-type murderers" or something. I was desperate to find God but I just couldn't get anyone to tell me about Him.*

*I actually went around to some preachers and asked for help. Some of them told me I was going to Hell. (I knew that. That was why I was asking for help.) Others went as far as to tell me not to get all worked up, no one was going to Hell.*

*For me, it was about a lot more than going to Hell. First, I was sick of me. I hated all that my life had become. I was mean, vile, angry and tormented. I wanted freedom from me. I wanted to know God. All of my life I had longed to know God. As a child I once asked a preacher to tell me about God; he told me I was too young. And yes, I wanted to avoid Hell.*

*Several times I overdosed on drugs and contemplated suicide. The one thing that stopped me was the reality that I would spend eternity in Hell. I was too miserable to live and unable to escape through death. So, drugs were my means of escape and relief.*

*I played in bands around Huntsville and the southeast but I was not a "happy camper." I*

*prayed continually for God to help me and to give me the power to change. This was very ironic since most of my friends thought I was an atheist. I guess when you're scum, people just think you don't believe in God.*

*I believed in God, I just didn't know Him. What I did know about Him was way too weird. I lived with various relatives who were Christians. Don't get me wrong, these were good people who were really good to me. But when they started talking about God, you better duck, because they were going to fight! I knew I didn't want what they had, but I still wanted God.*

*One day while driving to Athens to try out a new bass player for a band, Chris Stephens, a former Huntsvillian, who now owns a music store in Chattanooga, began to tell me about his cousin who got "religion." Ernie, Chris' cousin, was a drug dealer in Atlanta. As Chris ranted and raved about how his "blank-blank" cousin had got "blank-blank" religion, he actually quoted Bible verses.*

*In the middle of all the profanity, I got enough truth to find out how to get saved. I let Chris out of the car and began to pray. I gave my life to Jesus and had a supernatural encounter with God. I don't know how to explain it other than to say it was a revelation of God as the Source of pure love. I didn't understand the theology, I just knew that Jesus died for me and that if I would believe on Him, God would give me a new life...and He did!*

*That very day I was set free of drugs and alcohol. My whole life changed! I've never been alone since then. God has been real enough to get me through everything that life can throw at you. I would love to tell you that I've done everything right since then but that would be far from the truth. I've walked with God. I've failed. I've even gotten in sin. But God never gave up on me. He's walked me through my stuff and loved me every step of the way.*

*I've been ministering for almost 30 years. In 1972, I got saved and went almost straight to the streets. I began winning the hippies and druggies to the Lord. I've seen God do great things in the lives of those who wanted Him. There's no one God can't help and there's no one He doesn't love. I've committed my life to helping people experience the love of God. If my life is a model for anything, it is the fact that God never quits on you.*

*No matter what you do. No matter where you've been. At anytime you desire to know God or come back to God, just stop running. Accept His love. Accept the fact that Jesus paid the price to set you free. Like my friend, Don Francisco, says in his song, "I don't care where you've been sleeping. I don't care who's made your bed. I already gave My life to set you free. There's no sin you can imagine that is stronger than My love. It's all yours if you'll come home again to Me."*

~ Jim Richards

Jim Richards currently holds an earned Ph.D., Th.D. an O.M.D. He received an honorary "Doctor of World Evangelism" for outreach and ministry in the Philippines. He has over 30 years of successful ministry experience that includes crusades, and pioneering churches in America and around the world; as a best-selling author he has published dozens of books, booklets, workbooks and ministry development programs that are distributed world wide; He has conducted international leadership conferences and is currently pastoring a successful local church in Huntsville, AL.

He holds certifications in many areas of human development and is a State recognized & certified, addictions counselor. To stay in touch with the needs of the world, he continually seeks training and experience in a wide range of fields including alternative medicine, human behavior and other practical areas, all of which are applied to becoming a more effective believer and minister who is reaching and helping humanity.

## IISOM APPLICATION

Attach Photograph

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out this application completely, using a typewriter or **print** in ink. When filling in your name, please indicate by parenthesis the name you prefer to be called.

Enclose the non-refundable \$25 fee with the application, a current resume and return to Impact International School of Ministry. Please include a current passport photo with your application. Passport: a color photocopy of your current and legitimate passport.

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Nickname)

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M / F Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Drivers License # \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status (circle one): Single / Married / Divorced / Remarried / Separated

How many Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Will your spouse be taking courses thru IISOM? Y / N

How did you hear about IISOM? (Circle One) Friend / Church / Newspaper / Magazine / Other

External Degree / Correspondence (circle one)

What degree do you wish to obtain?

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Y / N If yes, please explain on a separate sheet and attach to this application.

I \_\_\_\_\_ authorize Impact International School of Ministry to do a thorough background check.

**Please check one:**

White, Nonhispanic _____	Black, Nonhispanic _____
Hispanic _____	Asian/Pacific Islander _____
American Indian _____	Alaskan Native _____
Non-Resident Alien _____	

**What is your Citizenship Status?**

U.S. Citizen \_\_\_\_\_  
Immigrant (Permanent ) Resident \_\_\_\_\_  
F1 Visa (Student Visa) \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
City State

Native Language \_\_\_\_\_

**U.S. Citizenship Status (circle one and list ID number if applicable)**

A. Citizen/National      B. Eligible Non-Citizen      Alien ID# \_\_\_\_\_

State Legal Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Since (Month/Year) \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL REFERENCES:** (Your references need to be someone you have known for at least 3 years. Do not use a relative as a reference.)

Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

How do you intend to meet your financial responsibilities to the school? (circle one)

24 courses Paid in Advance (receiving discount), Tuition Paid Each class

Do you intend to work while attending school? YES / NO, Full-time / Part-time / Ministry

Will you receive aid from: (circle one)

Social Security / Work / Church / Family / Grant / Schhol Loan Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently in default on a federal education loan, or do you owe a refund on a federal student grant? Circle one: Yes No

**SPIRITUAL INFORMATION:**

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Denomination:

Address:

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip:

Do you feel a definite call to full-time ministry? YES / NO (circle one)

If yes, to what type of ministry do you feel called?

How many classes do you intend to take at a time? \_\_\_\_\_

Please state any type of Christian service in which you have been involved:

**Please write an autobiographical sketch including:**

- 1) Your Christian experience
- 2) Past or present experiences that have significantly influenced your life
- 3) A statement on why you desire to attend Impact International School of Ministry

Please limit your sketch to 350 words. Thank you.

I understand that by signing this application, I am committing to abide by the rules and guidelines set forth by Impact International School of Ministry.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Remember to include 2 passport photos, a color photocopy of current and legitimate passport, current resume and non-refundable \$25 fee along with this 3-page application, and click send a the bottom of the computer screen or mail to:*

**IMPACT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF MINISTRY**  
3516 South Broad Place, Huntsville, AL 35805

**AUDIO LOAN AGREEMENT**  
*Correspondence Students Only*

The following is a loan agreement between Impact International School of Ministry and Correspondence/External Degree students.

I understand that the course CDs I receive from IISOM are on loan to me for a limited period of time. I realize that I have a maximum of 10 weeks for completion of each course and all CDs must be returned to IISOM before I receive my final grade(s).

In addition, I understand that duplication of the CDs or allowing others to listen to more than one of each class is a violation of the Audio Loan agreement. I may, however, allow a non-student the use of one class per course.

Failure to return CDs in good condition will result in a service charge being added to my school bill and all grades being withheld until full payment is made. All payments must be made and CDs returned in order to receive a grade for coursework.

My signature is my acceptance of the terms of the agreements set forth on this page.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This form must be signed and returned to Impact International School of Ministry at 3516 South Broad Place, Huntsville AL 35805.

Payment for individual courses is payable in advance.