

Ministerial Study Program – MSP

(same or similar courses available in classroom setting through
Pennsylvania Bible Institute - PBI)

Description of Courses

101 – Church Ministry I: The Priestly, Prophetic, and Sacramental Ministries

This course emphasizes worship (the priestly ministry), preaching and teaching (the prophetic ministry), and celebrating the Lord's Supper and baptism, as well as instruction on how to officiate at weddings, funerals, dedications, etc. Along with the study on preaching and teaching is a study in basic hermeneutics. The method of study is "interactive logging" and a written project.

102 – Inductive Bible Study The student will learn to study the Bible using the inductive method through a study of the Gospel of Mark. With a minimum of instruction, the student will learn to observe what Scripture says, interpret what it means, and apply it to his/her life and ministry.

103 – New Testament Survey

Through "interactive logging" of the text *Encountering the New Testament* this course presents a panoramic view of the New Testament. The student will learn how to:

- Conduct effective Bible studies on New Testament passages
- Develop an integrated understanding of New Testament books, doctrines, personalities and problems in the Early Church.

104 – Old Testament Survey

Using the text *Encountering the Old Testament* as a basis, the student will understand the broad themes of the Old Testament, principal characters, different types of Biblical literature, and the history of the people of Israel. This will help the student to:

- Apply lessons from the Old Testament to modern-day life situations
- Understand the roots of New Testament teachings
- Preach and teach from the Old Testament

105 – 4 Chair Discipling Strategy seminar (formerly Growing a Healthy Church I)

This is a three-session seminar, sponsored by the district, which presents an introduction to the five balanced passions that every church needs to be a healthy Great Commission church. This will also help the student to begin to develop a personal and church philosophy of ministry to help his/her church fulfill the Great Commission more effectively.

201 – Church Ministry II: Outreach and Care

Using the “interactive logging” method, this course focuses on evangelism, missions, social involvement, pastoral care, and Christian education. The student will present a written project for evaluation.

202 – Introduction to Theology

The student will explore major doctrinal themes in order to:

- Demonstrate an acquaintance with the basic issues in each major division of theology
- Help people with their problems by pointing them to God’s Word

203 – Alliance Values and Beliefs

By means of “interactive logging” the student will explore the history, mission and vision statements, philosophy of ministry, doctrine, and government of The Christian and Missionary Alliance. The student will present various position papers for evaluation.

204 – Alliance Polity and Missions

This course is designed to help students develop a biblical worldview of missions, an appreciation of the C&MA’s unique contribution to the world-wide mission endeavor, and an understanding of the theological basis and practical implications of pastoral ministry in the local, regional, national, and international ministries of the C&MA. The student will present additional position papers for evaluation.

205 – Romans

Using a study guide, the student will complete an inductive study of epistle to the Romans. The student will:

- Learn the fundamental truths of the Christian life, as presented in Romans
- Write a personal application of those truths for his/her life and ministry

206 – Expository Preaching

Using a study guide, the student will learn an eight-step process for creating expository sermons. Through this course the student will learn to:

- Distinguish between an expository sermon and other basic sermon types
- Explain and utilize the steps in preparing an expository sermon
- Develop and deliver expository sermons

301 – Church Ministry III: Management, Administration and Stewardship

This course assists the student to deal with issues both personal and in family life, the management of time, human resources, and material resources. It also gives instruction on working with a governing board, transitions, and finances. By “interactive logging” and a written project the student demonstrates his/her understanding of church management and administration.

302 – The Life of Christ

This course consists of a guided self-study of the harmony of the Gospels to see how Christ trained his disciples so that they could make other disciples. The student will present a paper on his/her personal strategy for making disciples, as Jesus did.

303 – Raising Leaders for the Harvest

Using a series of audio tapes and a workbook, the student will learn to identify emerging leaders in the church, develop a strategy for training those leaders and generate momentum for a church multiplication movement.

304 – Introduction to Missions

This course will use “interactive logging” to help the student to understand the Bible basis for the missionary movement of which The Christian and Missionary Alliance is a part, and to understand the need for cross-cultural ministry in the pluralistic society in which we live.