


MISSIONAL MASTERS

Next steps

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Year one:
developing leaders in
context



The goals of Year one of the Missional Masters are to

- form community, begin coaching relationships, introduce missional thinking
- orientate missional leadership as action research within a post-graduate framework
- ensure the participant can by the start of Year 2, begin their major Missional Project

Research methods intensive February 7-11 (3 credits)

This topic prepares participants to undertake a research project by exposing them to the basic elements of research methodology, ethics and layout of research reports. In 2011 it will be taught as an intensive, partnering with Tabor and Lutheran College. The intensive format is designed to better suit the needs of participants at distant and inter-state. It will also serve to build collegiality, being one of two face-face offerings in 2011 in the Missional Masters. It is these face-face encounters that will enhance the virtual community essential to this course.

Integrating God, world, church (3 credits)

This is a whole year topic, March-November. The aim is to both introduce missional reading and to develop integrative skills in applying concepts of God, world, church to a local, missional context. It will be taught using on-line technology to explore contemporary key texts (including books, liturgy and pop culture) in the field of mission. Students will be expected to engage both these texts and each other using a conversational model of theology.

Cohort experience (Program Seminars 6 credits)

These occur six times a year. They provide opportunities for reflection, dialogue, encouragement and resourcing in mission and ministry. The hope is to run these using video conference technology. Dates for 2011 are March 7, April

11, May 23, August 1, September 12, November 14, 1:30-4:30 pm. In Semester one the focus will be on an introduction to missional church leadership skills and practices. In Semester two the focus will be on clarifying individual missional tables.

Leadership 360 intensive (6 credits)

Participants will engage in 360 leadership evaluation. This will involve a professionally administered process by which a significant number of people (22-25) including Boards, key leaders, peers, congregants will be invited to respond to a series of questions around your leadership skills and capacities. These will be collated into a comprehensive report which will be workshopped with a coach. Together you will outline a plan by which to develop your leadership. It is expected that this coaching relationship will continue over the duration of the Missional Masters, specifically in the Missional Project. The Leadership 360 intensive will involve a retreat of an evening plus 2 days in the week starting either June 20 or June 27 (*exact dates tbc*)

Missional resourcing (bonus)

During the year an online community will be developed with resources including

- Ministry ideas
- Participant pictures of participant's "ministry table/s"
- 'Day in the life of' missional thinking scenarios