



**General Missionary Baptist
Convention of GA, Inc.
Church Leadership Institute Proposal
Bryant-Harmon Conference Center
Fitzgerald, GA**

Purpose: The GMBC Church Leadership Institute of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of GA seeks to enable people to grow and mature in their Christian walk. The Institute endeavors to use a dynamic and creative approach to nurturing people toward becoming better disciples of Jesus Christ. The Christian education training is designed for pastors, teachers, church ministry leaders, church clerical staff, potential leaders and teachers. The schedule for classes is 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$10.00.

Guiding Scripture: Ephesians 4:12-16

Goal: Ephesians 4:12

"For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

Purpose: Ephesian 4:13

"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

Aim:

For Service - " Perfecting of the body" (GMBC)

For Strengthening - " Edifying of the body"

For Stability - "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and from, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive "

For Sincerity - "Speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ"

There will be a Meet and Greet – Friday, October 18, 2019 in the Bryant-Harmon Conference Center Auditorium from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Curriculum: Courses are outlined in six divisions that may be expanded as additional areas of training needs are identified. Each course is an independent presentation that is designed to enhance the preparedness of individuals for church leadership, worship, or Christian education. Courses will be offered in their entirety in 4-hour blocks on a quarterly basis. Qualified instructors will be provided through the Christian Education Department of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of GA, Inc.

A. Division I: Biblical Studies 100

The Biblical Studies courses provide students with basic Biblical knowledge that can combine with a variety of courses to fit an individual's ministry goals. These courses enable students to construct a course of study suitable to their needs and interests. The aim, however, is to teach General Studies courses from a Biblical viewpoint.

- **101 - *How to Read the Bible Effectively*** – This course will provide an overview of the important role that the Scriptures play in the lives of Christians. It identifies methods to Bible study, spiritual growth, and resources for personal study.
- **102 – *The History of the Bible*** – This course will show how the Bible is a collection of sacred books written by ancient prophets and historians who recorded the relationship between God and His people for over 4,000 years. Students will learn how the Bible is confirmed by historical accuracy and testimony from both Jewish and Roman historians, and archaeological findings.

B. Division II: Sermon Preparation 200

Research in 2012 by Thom S. Rainer showed pastors spend plenty of time in sermon preparation each week: 69 percent of pastors surveyed spend over 8 hours a week preparing their sermons. Only 8 percent spend less than 5 hours a week. The research further showed there is no one best method for preparing sermons, but there are some good steps that can aid the formulating of a biblical sermon. Courses in this division will introduce ministers to proven steps and strategies for effective sermon preparation.

- **201 - *Sermon Preparation*** – This course will provide simple strategies and guidelines for effective sermon preparation, writing tips, and creative resources.
- **202 - *Homiletics and Hermeneutics*** – The course content will compare and contrast the meaning and usage of hermeneutics for interpreting written texts and homiletics for preaching.

C. Division III: Church Leadership 300

Church leadership is defined as the act of influencing others to accomplish God's purposes for and through them. Courses in this division will stress the Biblical characteristics, qualifications and goals of leadership in the local church, as presented by the Word of God. Students will examine leadership practices, models, and concepts in search of more effective leadership skills.

- **301 - *Christian Leadership*** – This course will introduce God's mandate for leadership as found in the Bible. Students will become familiar with various leadership examples in the Bible, as well as leadership styles.
- **302 - *Church Administration*** – The course content will introduce students to the biblical organization and administration of the church. Students will identify the leadership style of Jesus and focus on the operation of the work of the church for carrying out ministry.

D. Division IV. Christian Education 400

This division is designed to provide Christian educators with practical strategies and resources for mission and ministry. The Bible places a high value upon knowledge, both of God and of His works. Christian education is the divinely ordained process by which individuals grow toward Christlikeness, or discipleship, and under girds all areas of the church. Furthermore, Christian education is concerned with growing persons in the process of learning about God and developing a strong spiritual life. It includes training for instructors, supervisors, and Pastors.

- **401 - *The Efficient Superintendent*** – Students will identify the role of the Sunday School Superintendent; determine ways to lead teachers and staff toward a vibrant and exciting learning experience; and develop plans to grow and enhance Sunday School programs for children, youth, and adults.

- **402 - *Effective and Creative Bible Teaching*** – Course content will introduce students to innovative and creative methods for planning effective lessons and activities around Bible-based topics. They will discover new ways of teaching, including a recognition of learning behaviors and strategies. Teachers will also be presented with simple ways to incorporate technology into their God-given assignment of teaching the Bible to children, youth, and adults.

E. Division V. Literacy Action/GED 500

GMBC of Georgia is committed to contributing to the goal of a literate, trained and educated adult workforce in our state. The Literacy Action/GED division offers various levels of reading and writing, mathematics, computer training, and GED preparatory classes to enhance the individual. Adults will be introduced to an overview of technology and the skills needed to navigate simple computer programs that will help lead to self-sufficiency.

- **501 - *Basic English Grammar for Reading and Writing Skills*** – Course content will expose students to the basic steps for improving reading and writing skills through grammar. The course will engage students in simple grammar exercises for reading and writing skills inclusive of topic sentences, paragraphs, and short essays.
- **502 - *Basic Principles of Public Speaking*** – The course will introduce principles for effective verbal and non-verbal communication skills with audiences. Students will have guided practice in developing short speeches and present them to classmates.

F. Division VI. Worship Arts 600

The Music and Worship Arts Ministry serves the church and ushers the congregation into God's presence through praise and worship. It provides insights concerning worship practices and principles in the church. Courses in this division will stress the need to allow the Holy Spirit to lead both musically and spiritually in unity and cooperation with the pastor and worship leaders. Students will examine meaningful styles of worship, such as choirs for all ages, liturgical dance, drama, and praise teams.

- **602 - *Hymn-Raising in the Black Baptist Church*** – This course will introduce students to the history of hymn-lining, often called hymn-raising; and the characteristics of lining, such as the common, long and short meter. Familiar hymns will be shared by the students and lined in their respective tunes.
- **601 - *Overview of Black Church Music*** – The body of African American church music is very broad, inspirational, and touches the hearts of those who participate and engage in it. This course will explore the different genres of music found in the black church, such as hymns, anthems, spirituals, and gospel.

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Rev. Dr. Kenneth B. Martin, President

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION INSTITUTE

Bryant-Harmon Conference Center

Fitzgerald, Georgia

October 19, 2019

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

DELEGATE REGISTRATION

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____ Date: _____

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Statistics:

Minister: _____ Superintendent: _____ Teacher: _____ Other: _____

Church Name: _____ District #: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____
(Street, City, State)

Pastor's Name: _____

Check One Course

COURSE		INSTRUCTOR
101 – Effective Bible Reading	_____	Dr. Ralph Huling
201 - Sermon Preparation	_____	Rev. Todd Rhodes
301 - Christian Leadership	_____	Rev. William Morgan
401 - The Efficient Superintendent	_____	Rev. Benjamin Lett
501 - Basic English Grammar for Reading and Writing	_____	Min. Joice Tinsley
601 - Hymn-Raising in the Baptist Church	_____	Dea. George Hatcher

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