

Great Plains Conference



International Pentecostal Holiness Church

School Of Ministry Welcome & Overview



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Great Plains Conference Superintendent Welcome (Gary Burd):

- First, let me thank you for deciding to advance your knowledge of the Word of God and your efforts in ministry. We must study to 'show ourselves approved' before the Lord. If you understand there is a double judgment on those who stand and share the Word with others, you take seriously the need to be prepared.

Secondly, thanks for choosing the Great Plains Conference's School of Ministry. We believe it can be worked around just about any schedule and will prove valuable to you for personal growth and ministry opportunity. Our desire is to allow people to keep working, keep doing ministry and get a good foundation for their future. We also wanted to make it affordable; you will have a very small investment in your education that will be invaluable to your future.

Finally, it is our desire to produce men and women of faith that can worship in Spirit and Truth for the harvest of our days. The Great Plains Conference is in need of men and women that are equipped to serve the communities in our region in order to turn them back to the Lord.

May God bless you on this journey of education.

Gary Burd, Superintendent

Great Plains Conference Secretary & Treasure Welcome (Craig Lawlis):

Christian Greetings,

- *"At nine o'clock in the morning he was passing through the marketplace and saw some people standing around doing nothing. So he hired them, telling them he would pay them whatever was right at the end of the day. At noon and again around three o'clock he did the same thing. At five o'clock that evening he was in town again and saw some more people standing around. He asked them, 'Why haven't you been working today?' 'They replied, 'Because no one hired us.' Matt 20:3-7 NLT*

Here is a short list of some things I believe I know:

First, I am confident as we re-invigorate the GPC School of Ministry (SOM) we will also address some of our future ministerial needs. With local ministries having access to an active SOM we should see an increase in the number of laborers who are willing to not only enter the harvest, but do so better equipped. In every ministry and church in our conference there are men and women who have already committed to certain responsibilities and except in the case of a SOM type of educational opportunity they would not be able to pursue additional training.

Second, education is no longer something people only do when they are younger. With the constant changing of careers and life's demands people are pursuing

educational opportunities periodically and with different end results than the tradition models. Therefore, a School of Ministry is an excellent continuing education tool and advantage for individuals desiring lasting results.

Third, by taking students who already have established environments the SOM can offer increased awareness of specific topics and subject matter that can be invested almost immediately into the individuals community needs. The laborer becomes a servant evangelist.

Finally, if the end is closer than the beginning and I hope and believe it is – we need to be found out on the “hiring end” of as many as we can. The harvest truly is plentiful and the laborers are ..., well we can do our part to see to it that there is as many as possible.

In His Service,

Rev. Craig Lawlis,
GPC servant

Great Plains Conference SOM Mission Statement:

- To provide the opportunity to be equipped, trained, and sent out into specific areas of ministry, as well as providing the path to obtain a ministerial license with the International Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Focus:

- The focus is on the working adult that is looking to become well equipped and trained to do God’s work in their everyday lives. This may lead into their gaining of a ministerial license, but is not required to participate in this program.
 - Take ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

Advantages:

- Gives one the ability to be more confident in their day-to-day ministry.
- Gives more credibility to one’s ministry among their peers and the general public.
- Allows additional doors to be opened to do ministry.
- Allows one to take their license to other conferences if they were to move.

School of Ministry Overview:

A. The following are the requirements to obtain a ministerial license through the Great Plains Conference.

- 1) Finish 6 required classes & seminars within first 12 months.
 - a. Knowing & Studying the Bible/Teaching
 - b. Effective Outreach
 - c. History (Pentecost/Pentecostal Holiness)
 - d. Pastoral Ministries
 - e. Leadership
 - f. Cross Cultural Ministries
 - Racial
 - Social
 - Economic
- 2) Finish 6 elective courses & seminars within the next 12 months
 - a. Plight of Humanity

- Human Trafficking
 - Poverty
 - Homeless
 - b. Adult Ministries
 - c. Children Ministries
 - d. Teens
 - e. Young Adults
 - f. Biker
 - g. Prison
 - h. Recovery
 - i. Worship
 - j. Veterans
- 3) Each student will be required to attend a workshop given every two months. If you are not able to attend you will be sent a video that you will be able to view and write a brief summary on the material presented.
 - a. At each workshop you will be given an opportunity to give to the instructor.
 - 4) To complete each course the student's overseeing pastor is responsible for giving and ensuring that the student completes a ministerial outreach that is relative to the course taken. Once completed a paper needs to be written on what it was the student did and a signature of completion by the overseeing pastor.
 - 5) Once the student has completed the course work they are to turn it in either electronically or by mail to: Robbie Burd, rsbpburd@sbcglobal.net or Great Plains Conference SOM, P.O. Box 31267, Amarillo, TX, 79120.

B. Pricing

- 1) Each class will vary in price due to the cost of the book/syllabus. The books/syllabus for 5 of the 6 required classes can be found at: <http://www.lifespringsresources.com/products/credentials/ministers-license/>
- 2) A small Great Plains Conference administrative fee will apply to each class of \$10.00.
- 3) The following are the prices and books that will be used for the 6 required classes.
 - a. Knowing & Studying the Bible/Teaching –
 - MCP 1.01 *What the Bible is All About, Henrietta Mears & How to Study Your Bible, Kay Arthur*, \$33.97 (Item No. 4601201)
 - b. Effective Outreach –
 - MCP 1.03 *Becoming a Contagious Christian, Bill Hybels*, \$17.98 (Item No. 4601203)
 - c. History (Pentecost/Pentecostal Holiness) –
 - MCP 1.04 *2000 Years of Charismatic Christianity, Eddie L. Hyatt, & Old-Time Power, Vinson Synan*, \$42.96 (Item No. 4601204)
 - d. Pastoral Ministries –
 - MCP 1.05 *Leadership Handbook of Preaching and Worship, James D. Berkley*, \$36.00 (Item No. 4601205)
 - e. Leadership –

- MCP 1.06 *Developing the Leader within You, John C. Maxwell*, \$19.98 (Item No. 4601206)
- f. Cross Cultural Ministries (Racial, Social, Economic) –
 - Undetermined – topic and text will be offered concurrent with when the class is to be taken.
- 4) The prices and books that will be used for the elective courses will be determined at a later date.

C. Timeline

- 1) On October 1 of each year a new year of courses will begin – fiscal year versus a calendar year.
- 2) Every other month a workshop and new class will begin.
 - a. Six classes per year will be completed.
 - b. Twelve in two years for Ministerial License course completion.
 - c. The second month into the current class the student will need to purchase their book/syllabus for the upcoming class. This will ensure that your material will be at hand when it is time to begin.