

Masterbuilders' Pastor's College

Our Vision

The Masterbuilders' Pastors' College is a concerted effort to pool the resources available in the Masterbuilders' family of churches to come alongside local churches and assist them to train a new generation of pastors and elders for the local church.

We recognize that the task of training pastors and elders lies primarily with each local church. But we also realize that one of the strengths of a New Testament network of churches is its ability to work together with local churches in this important endeavor. Our desire is to do all that we can to assist in raising up local pastors and elders so that each local church has trained leaders who can carry on God's work from generation to generation.

This pertains to both the planting of new churches as well as the care and feeding of existing churches. Any church or network of churches that desires to plant churches must realize that the proper training of pastors and elders is paramount to its ability to plant new churches. Therefore, if planting new churches is part of our vision, the training of local leadership is an important step to accomplishing that. And we also believe that each existing assembly should focus on equipping pastors and elders so that there is always a fresh crop of new leaders who have our vision and values to carry each assembly into the future.

Therefore, by God's grace, Masterbuilders is committed to doing all it can to help each local church in this important endeavor. And we believe the Masterbuilders' Pastors' College is an important step in achieving that goal.

Our Values

We believe that God has placed the fivefold ministry (Ephesians 4:11) in the Church for the equipping of God's people, which includes the equipping and training of leaders. Since each local church does normally have in residence all of these five ministries, we believe that our network should do all that it can to assist in equipping a new generation of leaders through fivefold ministry input.

It is our belief that the accountability of pastoral/elder candidates should be on a local church level. But we see it as both godly and proper for our network to work with local churches in equipping those candidates that local churches have put forward. We will not assist in training any candidate whom their local church has not first carefully analyzed and that the pastor and elders of that church are convinced is called to a pastoral/eldership role.

It is our firm belief that both the local church and MB network should look beyond its own day to see those new leaders on the horizon that the Lord is raising up. We must do all we can in training them so that they have all that they need to stand on their feet and lead the church in the future. We also believe that existing pastors and elders always need further training and we seek to provide that.

It is our firm belief that we must work with the local church in this endeavor so that the accountability of each leader is primarily to their own local church. We view this endeavor as a service to the churches.

It is also our belief that personal mentoring is a major aspect of pastoral/eldership development. We will endeavor to build relationships with individual candidates so that they have an abundance of godly mentors and fivefold ministry examples from which to draw from

Our Vehicle

To accomplish this, we believe that God is leading us to create the Masterbuilders' Pastors' College, a structure that endeavors to come alongside local churches to train leaders for pastoral/eldership roles. This College will be comprised of two aspects: (1) guided biblical/theological training and (2) Practical pastoral training and impartation through weekend Intensives.

The College is not centered around a campus with classes but will work with a small group of candidates culled from the churches through guided study and weekend conferences three times a year called *Intensives*. The MB Pastors' College is a two-year program with no more than 15 students per year. After the first year, we will begin inducting 15 new students to start the program again.

The students who enter the College will be asked to pursue guided theological/biblical studies with their local church leadership holding them accountable to complete the work. This helps each local church that has a candidate to be personally involved in the training of the leaders. The theological and biblical studies each student will pursue will be outlined below.

Each candidate will be asked to attend three Intensives annually held at various local church locations throughout the MB network. These sessions will be carefully planned and will be overseen by a designated person responsible for that Intensive. The Intensives will depend largely on impartation and roundtable discussion along with personal interaction between candidates and leaders.

The MB Pastors' College will maintain an office where student records will be held, accounting and processing will be done and all that pertains to the school. MB will seek to make this school affordable to all valid candidates.