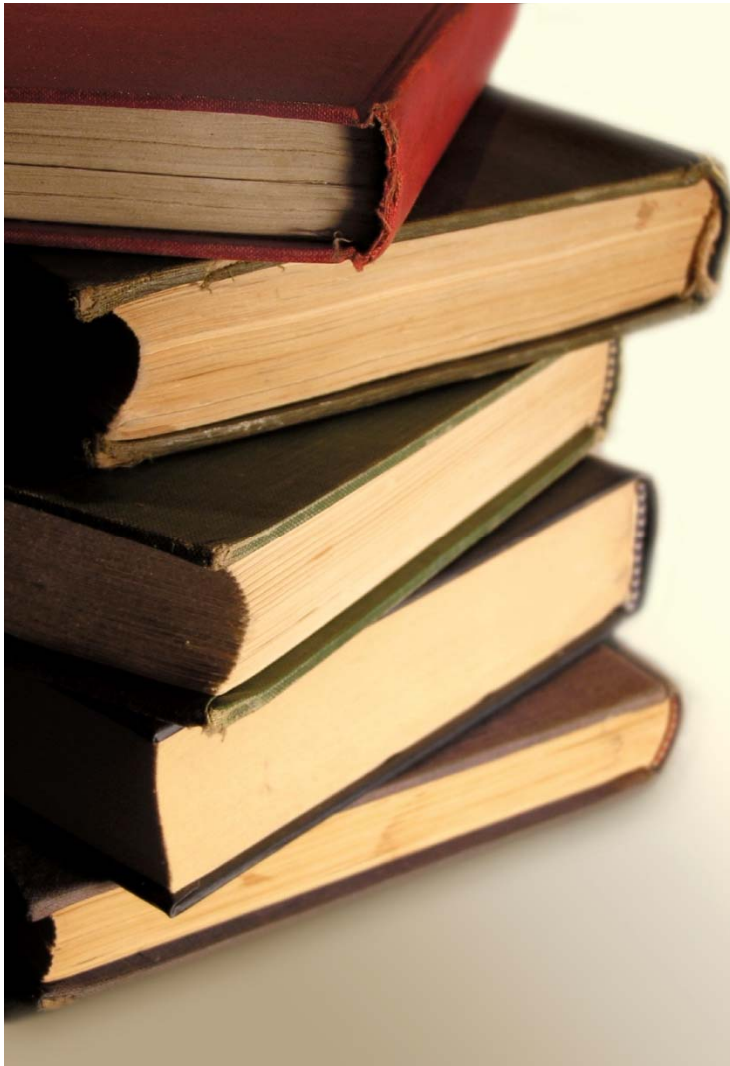


# 7 Venues of Training

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CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



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# Learning Communities

Learning Communities are mid-size co-ed groups that are non-competitive in nature. The Learning Communities foster working together in a safe and stimulating environment.

Course notes and PowerPoint are given to all participants in digital form. The environment is interactive and didactic with the emphasis on convergence of truth which includes the following: the identification of truth, the understanding of truth and highlighting potential forms of personal and public application. Grades and tests are not used, instead each student develops a Learning Contract based upon how he/she learns. The completion of a learning contract satisfies the requirements for each Learning Community.

**Purpose** - To foster an interactive environment while identifying, comprehending and applying the truth.

**Process** - 24 weekends averaging one per month - 3 hrs on Friday night and 8 hrs on Saturday.

**Benefits** - You will learn from each other, in light of your personal learning style without the pressure of grades or tests.

## Biblical Core – 12 weekends

1. Personal Holiness – 3 weekends
2. Inductive Bible Study (Libronix ) – 2
3. God's Love and Redemptive Plan in the OT – 2
4. God's Love and Redemptive Plan in the NT – 2
5. The Study of God – 2
6. Learning From the Saints of Old - Retreat – 1

## Leadership Core – 12 weekends

1. Skills in Helping Others Through the Difficulties and Challenges of Life – 2
2. Exercising Godly Authority While Leading Through Change and Conflict – 2
3. Critical Thinking Skills and The Art of Asking Questions – 2
4. How Men and Women Work Together – 1
5. A Lifestyle of Sharing God's Love – 2
6. Developing a Principle Based Ministry Philosophy – 3



# Spiritual Transformation

Spiritual Transformation Groups are gender specific small groups that meet for three hours twice per month in various settings. These settings may include a local coffee shop, numerous outdoor situations, or the comfort of a home.

Students will have opportunities to develop a Biblical Worldview through critiquing DVDs, movies and books. In addition, each student will participate in a safe and interactive environment which facilitates the use of the student's spiritual gifts while utilizing Discovery Learning.

Assisted by the members of your Spiritual Transformation Group, each student will craft a learning contract for each of the twelve Learning Communities. Upon completion of the learning contract students will share what they have learned with their Spiritual Transformation Group.

Scripture informs us that "sin is deceptive" (Heb. 3:12-14) and that we need each other to continue in the transformational process. Therefore, Spiritual Transformation Groups also include open and honest interaction about our sin and struggles in life while submitting to Group members in a grace-filled setting.

**Purpose** - A gender specific small group with an emphasis on analyzing, synthesizing and evaluating the truth.

**Process** - Two, three hour meetings per month, in various locations.

**Benefits** - Craft a Biblical Worldview and experience a safe environment to share your sin.



# Mentoring

This is a safe relationship that utilizes personal accountability to foster an abiding relationship with Jesus. Issues of sin will be honestly addressed and openly worked upon through avenues of prayer, Bible study, confession, repentance and interactions with the student's spouse and other family members if necessary.

**Purposes** - Cultivate personal holiness and an abiding relationship with Christ. Strengthen student's marriage and/or relationships.

**Process** - Minimum of two hours per month in various locations.

**Benefits** - You develop a close friendship with a godly leader (gender specific) who will help you grow closer to God and others.



# Counseling

Since Christian ministry necessarily involves interaction with people of various emotional, mental and maturity levels equipped leaders need to be both knowledgeable of and living in healthy Biblical relationships. During the first year each student, along with their spouse (if married), will experience both Group and Individual (or Couples) counseling guided by a professional Christian counselor.

All students along with their spouses and members of their Spiritual Transformation Group will meet together in a Group Counseling setting. The focus will be on the identification and application of Biblical principles related to loving relationships. In between each Group Counseling session the Individual or Couple will meet with the counselor to discuss the assignments of the Group Counseling interactions and any relational issues to strengthen the student's marriage and relationships.

**Purpose** - To identify and apply Biblical principles related to loving relationships.

**Process** - First year only.

*Group Counseling* - six, two hour meetings identifying the core aspects of loving relationships.

*Individual or Couples Counseling* - takes place in between each Group counseling meeting.

These one to two hour meetings facilitate further application of the core aspects identified in the Group counseling meetings.

**Benefits** - Further growth in godly, loving relationships.



# Family Gatherings

CLI desires to foster healthy, ongoing family care by creating an interactive community among the spouses and family members of all CLI students. This venue of training is entitled "Family Gatherings" and is a vital element of holistic training.

The students select the location and activities of the Family Gatherings which may include fun, food and worship. The Family Gatherings enable the spouse and family of each student to develop meaningful relationships with the spouses and families of other students. Family Gatherings are typically three to four hours in length and are held at the beginning and end of each semester.

**Purpose** - To foster a family environment between and among the students and their families.

**Process** - Meet at the beginning and end of every semester while the students determine the details of each of these eight Family Gatherings.

**Benefits** - Your family will be a part of your development as a Christian Leader.



# Apprenticeship

## Local Church, Parachurch or Other Approved Setting

The Apprenticeship will provide numerous opportunities for each student to have practical experiences with various leaders. This area of your leadership training may include the following: First, spending time in the office, on the road and in other ministry contexts with an Executive Pastor, Senior Pastor, Youth Pastor, Worship Pastor, Church Administrator or other leaders in the organization deemed beneficial for the student's development. Second, special attention will be given to the student's giftedness and call of God in determining who requires further training within a given ministry arena. Third, participants will be expected to perform numerous ministerial activities *without being financially compensated for these responsibilities*. Competencies will be assessed utilizing pass/fail criteria based upon an apprenticeship learning contract.

**Purpose** - To provide opportunities to experience various leadership situations at a practical level within a church, parachurch or other agreed upon organization.

**Process** - Special attention will be given to students' giftedness and call of God in determining who requires further training within a given ministry arena. Participants will be expected to perform numerous leadership activities without financial compensation.

**Benefits** - You will have practical, on the job, godly training.



# Cross-Cultural Training

Having an opportunity to engage Christian leaders in various scenarios in a cross-cultural setting is an invaluable experience. Therefore, during the second year of training CLI students will participate in a seven-to-ten day cross-cultural trip to an international location or site within the U.S.

**Purpose** - Interact with leaders within a cross-cultural setting based upon your previously developed ministry philosophy.

**Process** - Participate in a seven-to-ten day cross-cultural trip. The cost of this trip is in addition to your tuition fees.

**Benefits** - You will be further equipped to minister on the basis of Biblical principles in a cross-cultural setting.

