

### Level III Senior Course (Denominational Service Leader - DSL)

- Biblical Interpretation \*
- Doctrine of the Holy Spirit \*
- The Ministry of Worship, Ceremonies and Observances \*
- Christian Ethics and Practical Theology \*
- Contemporary Preaching\*
- Group Process and Group Dynamics
- Cross-cultural and diversity awareness
- Workshop: crisis intervention, death notifications, suicide intervention

\* = Courses included in curriculum of the School of Ministry Certificate in Ministerial Studies (CIMS) program.

## REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must be at least an E-4, WO1 or O-2 in military rank unless special conditions prevail (i.e. prior military service, special leadership training & experience in a military setting)
- Formal Application must be made while enrolled in the First phase of the discipleship training.
- Application must be obtained via pastor, chaplain or center director from the MTTM offices in Cleveland
- Letters of reference required from the applicants' pastor/center director, chaplain and military first line supervisor.

## ACCOUNTABILITY

- Monthly Reports to International Offices and to Regional Directors
- Regular review by supervising chaplain, pastor &/or center director.
- Biennial certificate renewal.
- Participation in ongoing enrichment Courses & Seminars to enhance skills and to keep knowledge current.

## INFORMATION

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## PURPOSE

*In the absence of a Church of God Chaplain, to be the certified active duty representative of the Church of God to the military community where he or she is presently serving. In all cases to assist the chaplain to minister to fellow service members.*

## GOAL & PHILOSOPHY

*To equip the Christian military member to more effectively nurture their personal faith while assisting their co-workers to explore and deepen their own faith. Special emphasis is given to helping them to perform this ministry in support of the command religious program.*

Members of the US Military are being deployed more frequently and often with fewer resources. They often find themselves not only taken away from the support of their local church but also away even from the most basic support of a chaplain and chapel program.

The Christian soldier, airman, sailor or marine needs to be able to keep his/her faith active and growing during these times and to also help others do the same. If they are blessed by having a chapel program in their deployment area then they should be equipped to support and augment that chaplain's ministry when requested or given opportunity to do so.

## TEACHING MODEL

Jesus seemed to use four basic elements in His training of the disciples. We are using this model in our training of the Pentecostal Resource Leader.

1. **Formal Training:** The student reads, studies, attends lectures/workshops and completes assignments to familiarize him/herself with the core curriculum.
2. **Informal Training:** The student is assigned a mentor. He/she works with a more mature and experienced leader, minister or chaplain while continuing their studies.
3. **On the Job Training:** The student is given "hands-on" ministry assignments while still under the supervision and tutelage of a mentoring pastor/leader/chaplain.
4. **Commissioned and sent forth** but remaining under the watchcare and support of a coach.

## KEY COMPETENCIES

We seek not to just teach the Pentecostal Resource Leader (PRL) facts and principles but we endeavor to train them to be competent to perform key ministry objectives. Our effectiveness in this training program will be measured by the ability of the PRL to reflect and/or perform the following list of *key competencies*:

- Basic Knowledge of the Bible
- Must know distinctives of Church of God doctrine, government and polity
- Must demonstrate knowledge of MTTM mission/values & loyalty to those issues
- Understanding of key issues related to working in a pluralistic setting.
- An understanding of leadership principles & issues.
- A basic knowledge of teaching &/or communication skills
- Ability to share their faith; A developing theology of worship and some ability to lead a worship service.

## THE CORE CURRICULUM

Basic Discipleship  
Bible Doctrine  
Christian Apologetics  
Leadership Training  
Theology and Practice of Worship  
Military Ministry Skills

The Lay Leader Training Program should occur in *three phases* and for *three levels of certification*. Each level leads to certification for a potentially more complex role as a lay leader:

### Level I Basic Course (Bible Study Leader)

- *Jesus Walk* Discipleship studies (Personal)
- MTTM Mission and Values
- *Church of God Distinctives*
- *Faith Walk* (Doctrine)
- Seminar on Communication
- Seminar: *Sharpening Your People Skills*
- Working in a Pluralistic Environment
- Workshop: Military Ministry Methods

### Level II Advanced Course (Outreach Leader)

- Biblical Theology \*
- Music in Pentecostal Worship \*
- Biblical Discipleship \*
- Prayer in the Public Forum
- Survey of the New Testament \*
- Servant Leadership
- Seminar: *Personal Leadership Development*
- Seminar & Readings in Verbal Communication
- Ministering Cross Culturally