



GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Please describe accomplishments, relative to each of your convention assigned Ministry Assignments, in the past year that create "value added" to the Cooperative Program dollars that Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary receives.

- I. Assist churches by programs of pre -baccalaureate and baccalaureate theological education for ministers.

Golden Gate continues to operate a very successful and effective program of pre-baccalaureate ministry training, the Contextualized Leadership Development (CLD) program. CLD currently operates with over 60 centers delivering training to almost 1000 students in a wide variety of languages. While CLD provides training for those students who cannot access master's level work in English, it also provides a bridge to master's level training for students who experience a call to vocational ministry while involved in CLD course work.

Golden Gate does not operate a baccalaureate program.

- II. Assist churches by programs of master's level theological education for ministers.

In the last year Golden Gate has not expended its degree offerings, but has been focused on the relocation of its main campus to Ontario, CA. In terms of advancing the effectiveness of the academic programs of the Seminary, this move will accomplish several important objectives. It will relocate all of the seminary's masters programs to Southern California, in closer proximity to the largest population centers of the state, and in proximity to the largest churches and largest number of Southern Baptist churches in the western US. The move will allow for the creation of cutting-edge educational spaces and the capacity to add cutting-edge educational technologies allowing the Seminary to serve more students at a distance. Locating our largest campus in the midst of the greatest concentration of churches will also provide GOLDEN GATE students with more internship opportunities benefiting the student's, the academic programs, and the local churches.

- III. Assist churches by programs of professional doctoral education for ministers.

During the last Academic Year, the Doctor of Ministry program launched five new DMin Cohorts, had an enrollment of 217 candidates, 188 of whom are Southern Baptists. Each cohort is managed by a track coordinator with expertise in the specific ministry focus of that cohort. DMin seminars are each delivered by faculty instructors and ministry professionals currently ministering in the area of study. The DMin program has grown in the last year and is approaching a size that will require some reorganization if it is allowed to continue to grow.

- IV. Assist churches by programs of research doctoral education for ministers and theological educators.

Golden Gate has continued to offer PHD degrees in Biblical Studies and Theology. A major transition in leadership occurred with the retirement of Dr. Rick Melick and the appointment of Dr. Paul Wegner as Director of Graduate Studies. PhD graduates continue to experience success both in publishing and in securing teaching positions, mostly in Baptist institutions.

Based on each of Golden Gate's Convention assigned ministry statements, what opportunities or challenges do you see on the horizon from 2016 and beyond that would necessitate changes, or new directions, in how Golden Gate is accomplishing the above Ministry Assignment?

I. Assist churches by programs of pre-baccalaureate and baccalaureate theological education for ministers.

With the retirement of Don Beall, current Director of CLD, Golden Gate is experiencing a leadership transition in its program of pre-baccalaureate education. With the relocation of the Seminary's main campus to Southern California, we also anticipate a greater emphasis will fall on CLD instruction in Spanish. One avenue to address this need is through a close partnership with the Inland Empire Baptist Association. To facilitate this partnership, the Seminary plans to lease office space to the IEBA and allow them to operate a CLD-Spanish program on the Seminary campus. We anticipate that this arrangement will not only facilitate the launch of a strong CLD-Spanish program, but also immediately connect the Seminary to the English and other churches of the IEBA.

Golden Gate does not plan to begin a baccalaureate program.

II. Assist churches by programs of master's level theological education for ministers.

As the only SBC seminary in the western US, Golden Gate continues to seek ways to provide master's-level training to a geographically diverse constituency. To that end, we anticipate that the Seminary's online programs will continue to grow more rapidly than any other component of the Seminary. Also, with the completion of the Ontario facility, the Seminary will create classrooms capable of including distant learners in virtually all of its on-campus courses. In addition, the relocation of the main campus will place all of the Seminary's master's level degree programs within commuting distance of the largest concentration of SBC churches in California.

III. Assist churches by programs of professional doctoral education for ministers.

Golden Gate expects its DMIN program will continue to grow at a manageable rate. Cohorts focused on cutting-edge topics in ministry will be launched. At this point plans include seven such cohorts admitting about 85 candidates. The Seminary will also explore the feasibility of a DMIN offered fully online to meet the needs of distant learners who are not able to commute to its on-campus offerings.

IV. Assist churches by programs of research doctoral education for ministers and theological educators.

Golden Gate will continue offering PHD studies in NT, OT and Theology. Faculty additions in NT and Theology should bring new expertise and fresh ideas to the program even as the Seminary relocates the program to newer facilities in Ontario, CA. The capacity of its Ontario classrooms to support distance education at the highest level may also result in the Seminary exploring synchronous participation in selected PHD seminars by students at a distance.