



GATEWAY SEMINARY

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2019 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 Gateway Seminary receives.

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

Gateway does not offer baccalaureate programs, however the pre-baccalaureate program, Advance, continues to be significant part of the Seminary's ministry to the convention. The Advance Hispanic/English center launched last year by the Inland Empire Baptist Association (and which meets classes in our Ontario Campus) has doubled in size and is proving to be an excellent point of contact with the large Hispanic community of churches in Southern California.

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

Over the last year the Gateway faculty have re-imaged the MDIV to include a statement of the Ministry Competencies which serve as focal points for students in the degree. A similar list of competencies is being prepared relative to all of the master's degrees offered at Gateway.

The Seminary received ATS and WASC authorization to offer the Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies online and has launched that program. The Online program at Gateway continues to be one of its fastest growing components.

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

Gateway continues to offer a DMIN program focused on personal and professional formation, culminating in the execution and presentation of a major ministry project (rather than a more abstract ministry dissertation). The degree admits participants in cohorts as a mechanism for building peer relationships. One of the best-received cohorts being offered in the current year is an Executive Leadership Track.

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

Gateway continues to offer the PHD in New Testament, in Old Testament and in Theology. The launch of the west-coast Jonathan Edwards Center at Gateway (in collaboration with Yale University) has been accomplished and is contributing to the academic reputation of the school. The first annual JEC conference, bringing scholars from across the country to Gateway, is scheduled for January of 2019.

Based on each of Gateway's Convention assigned ministry statements, what opportunities or challenges do you see on the horizon from 2019 and beyond that would necessitate changes, or new directions, in how Gateway is accomplishing the listed Ministry Assignments?

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

In the coming year Gateway will continue to promote Advance as a valuable and effective form of leadership training. We will also be evaluating the effectiveness of the revised Advance structure and its capacity to provide training focused on local ministry needs.

The Seminary continues to receive expressions of interest in Advance from entities outside the US and is engaged in exploring ways to deliver the program internationally in an educationally and fiscally responsible fashion.

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

Using the MDIV competency structure as a framework, the faculty are in the process of expressing unique competency sets for each of its master's degrees. These should all be included in the Fall 2019 Academic Catalog. Gateway also has submitted petitions to ATS to deliver its Master of Arts in Christian Counseling and its Master of Missiology degrees fully online. Both have already been approved by WASC. When ATS authorization is received, the Seminary will be approved to offer all of its master's degrees in fully-online, hybrid, and face-to-face delivery modes.

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

In the coming year Gateway will be experimenting with making its DMIN degree available both in international contexts and by means of fully-online delivery. As a result of the launch of its Chinese-English Bilingual program at the master's level, two educational institutions in Asia have proposed joint efforts to deliver the DMIN in the same format. The Seminary will be exploring these options in the coming year. The successful expansion of the Seminary's online offerings has also led the DMIN leadership to propose the development of a fully-online DMIN. The petitions requesting this option are being processed through ATS and WASC at the current time. If approved, we hope to launch these in the Fall of 2019.

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

Gateway continues to offer an innovative PHD program utilizing intensive seminars to promote accessibility and utilizing Affiliated Faculty to enhance educational effectiveness. The successful launch of the west-coast Jonathan Edwards Center at Gateway will be highlighted at its upcoming first annual JEC Conference in January of 2019.

Following the retirement of two PHD faculty, Gateway is currently engaged in a search for a New Testament and a Theology professor who are prepared to teach and supervise students at the PHD level.