



# GATEWAY SEMINARY

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## 2018 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 prebaccalaureate and baccalaureate theological education for ministers.**

Gateway Seminary does not offer baccalaureate degrees, but continues to offer a robust program of prebaccalaureate training – The Contextualized Leadership Training Program. In the last year, under the leadership of Dr. Warren Haynes, the CLD program of Gateway has rebranded itself as "CLD - Advance" and has restructured its certificates and degrees to broaden their scope of training and make movement from acquiring a CLD certificate to acquiring a CLD diploma more enticing and more intuitive.

Following the relocation of Gateway to Ontario, California new CLD centers have been established in Southern California. The Inland Empire Southern Baptist Association has launched a CLD Center with classes meeting at the Seminary's Ontario campus (where the IESBA also has its offices). Truth Seminary has also shifted its program from offering non-accredited masters degrees to offering Gateway CLD degrees. Both of these initiatives should result in a significant expansion of the Seminary's program of prebaccalaureate training.

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

As the result of a careful examination of our MDIV curriculum, several modifications designed primarily to enhance preparation for pastoral leadership have been implemented as of Fall 2017. Modifications particularly stressed preparation to manage personal and ministry finances as well as preparation to manage personal and ministry relationships.

Secondly, the Seminary has leveraged several educational technologies to allow students at a distance to participate in live class sessions remotely. In the Fall 2017 semester twenty-seven classes have at least one student participating in each class by means of educational video conferencing.

The Seminary has also launched Chinese-English Bilingual (CEB) program. The Director has been hired and active recruiting is in process. A limited amount of coursework is already on the schedule, but the recruiting push is targeting Fall 2018 enrollment.

Finally, application and enrollment headcounts are up from last year. The enrollment trend is positive, even though a larger percentage of the Seminary's students are part-time, commuters. The increased headcount combined with the lower number of hours per student has resulted in a 3.3% increase in credit hour enrollment.

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

The DMIN program at Gateway continues to be healthy. Given the nature of the program, the relocation to Ontario has had no negative effect, but has provided improved and more attractive facilities for DMIN students commuting to the Ontario campus for seminars. As an outgrowth of the Seminary's launch of its CEB program, combined with existing MOUs with international schools, the Seminary has launched partnerships with BTS, Singapore and with Taiwan Baptist Christian Seminary to offer DMIN tracks at both institutions over the next two years.

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

The Gateway PHD program is under new leadership. Dr. Paul Wegner resigned as director to devote more time to writing, and the Seminary has appointed Dr. John Taylor to serve as the new Director of the PHD program. The Gateway PHD program continues to offer degrees in Biblical Studies (New Testament and Old Testament) and in Theology. The program is taught by a combination of regular Gateway faculty and "Affiliated Faculty" who are primarily under contract at other institutions, but also serve under multi-year contracts with Gateway to support doctoral students.

**Based on each of Gateway's Convention assigned ministry statements, what opportunities or challenges do you see on the horizon from 2018 and beyond that would necessitate changes, or new directions, in how Gateway is accomplishing the listed Ministry Assignments?**

**I. Assist churches by programs of prebaccalaureate and baccalaureate theological education for ministers.**

By Spring of 2018 Gateway will have a clearer picture of the effectiveness of the recently launched Hispanic CLD center operated by IESBA and the Mandarin CLD center operated by Truth Seminary. We will begin to receive feedback regarding the restructuring of CLD-Advance certificates and diplomas. During the remainder of 2018 the Seminary will evaluate all of these programs and make adjustments as needed.

In addition to managing existing centers in the US, in 2018 Gateway will explore the feasibility of delivering CLD centers in international locations. Numerous Southern Baptist related entities have inquired about this possibility. With the restructuring of the program, and the streamlining of some of its management elements, the Seminary may be able to extend the reach of this ministry outside the U.S.

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

Gateway continues to expand its online offerings, and by March of 2018 expects to have received authorization from ATS to deliver the Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies online. WASC approval has already been received. As a degree focused on preparing individuals for ministry in cross-cultural and missions settings, we expect the MAIS will serve well those individuals around the world engaged in international ministries.

Following a lengthy process, Gateway has received governmental authorization to host F-1 students on its Ontario campus. While no concerns were raised at any point regarding Gateway or its programs, the approval process itself was much slower than anticipated prior to the Seminary's move to Ontario. As a result of this approval, the Seminary anticipates an increase in its enrollment of international students in all programs.

Finally, the Seminary has engaged its faculty in reflection on its existing programs from the perspective of the current move in higher education to define its degrees in terms of competencies. These are not in lieu of educational objectives, but are a restatement/revisioning of the educational program from the perspective of the ministry vocations anticipated by the school and its students. Completion of this process will enable the Seminary to evaluate with more precision the option of offering degrees that are competency based rather than simply "classroom-time" based.

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

The DMIN program is not anticipating significant revisions in 2018. However, the establishment of the Chinese-English Bilingual program has enabled the expansion of the program to include a US-based CEB DMIN that should launch in October of 2018. At the same time recruiting for CEB DMIN tracks in Taiwan and Singapore will also be accomplished in 2018.

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

The PHD program is not anticipating significant revisions in 2018. However, we anticipate new leadership will result in a review of the program with possible adjustments to program or personnel. The PHD program as it is currently configured and staffed has the capacity to serve a larger student body, and efforts to strengthen recruiting and enrollment are ongoing.

The Seminary has entered into a joint effort with the Jonathan Edwards Center of Yale University to launch a west-coast Jonathan Edwards Center at Ontario, California campus. This joint effort will begin in 2018 and will generate broader awareness of Gateway as a center for advanced theological education in the area of Historical Theology. As such it will both strengthen the theology component of the Seminary's PHD program, further promote an environment of scholarship at Gateway, and bolster the ongoing recruiting efforts for the PHD program.