



GATEWAY SEMINARY

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2017 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.

The Seminary does not offer baccalaureate degrees, but does offer a pre-baccalaureate program, Contextualized Leadership Development (CLD). In the last year CLD operated 65 centers across the US providing training for 905 students. By the end of the academic 2015-16 year Gateway had graduated 103 CLD students earning one of three diplomas; The Diploma in Christian Ministry, Diploma in Church Planting or the Diploma in Theology.

During the year Gateway also completed a transition in CLD leadership, with the retirement of Mr. Don Beall as CLD Director and the hiring and training of Dr. Warren Haynes. As with the Seminary overall, CLD also moved its administrative office from Mill Valley to Ontario, CA.

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

In 2015-16 the Seminary's efforts related to its master's programs focused on the transition of the Mill Valley campus to Ontario, CA and the creation of a campus in Fremont, CA. This transition required securing approvals from WASC and ATS related to the teaching out of the Mill Valley campus and the creation of the Ontario and Fremont campuses. The transition also required the merging of the new Ontario operation with the existing Southern California Campus operation, while providing all students in all locations a clear and achievable path to degree completion. The seminary was able to achieve this transition with no significant disruption of the students or the churches served.

Also as part of the transition the seminary added five faculty members teaching in the master's level programs, and has begun the process of establishing a program of Women's Ministry that will offer a master's level MDIV concentration as well as other training opportunities for women in the churches of the West.

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

The candidates in the DMin program serve as pastors, missionaries, chaplains, staff members of churches and administrators in institutions of higher education or the SBC denomination. During the 2015-16 Academic Year, the Doctor of Ministry program launched five new DMin Cohorts, had an enrollment of 208 candidates, 182 of whom are Southern Baptists. The DMin staff included four faculty members who oversaw DMin cohorts, 34 faculty members who taught in the program and 59 ministry professionals who mentored our candidates. Following consultation with WASC and ATS, the DMin program leadership also expanded the program's delivery options in ways that allow remote access to seminar content.

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

The PhD program of Gateway continues to deliver the highest quality doctoral education as training for future educators and highly trained pastors. In 2015-16 two new PhD instructors were added to the PhD faculty, one teaching in the area of New Testament and the other in the area of Theology. This last year the seminary had three ThM and four PhD graduates. Of these graduates one works at a Seminary; one will be teaching on the mission field, and one will continue teaching in his church. We currently have 42 students enrolled in the PhD or ThM degrees and of those 17 are employed in a church, 11 are working in higher education, and 2 teach in high schools. These students are changing the churches and educational institutions by gaining biblical knowledge and expertise to do their jobs better. Over half of our students are focused on being trained to bring to their churches – not the academy - a higher level of understanding God's Word.

Based on each of Gateway's Convention assigned ministry statements, what opportunities or challenges do you see on the horizon from 2017 and beyond that would necessitate changes, or new directions, in how Gateway Seminary is accomplishing the listed Ministry Assignments?

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

Under the leadership of Dr. Warren Haynes the CLD program of Gateway has transitioned its offices to Ontario, CA and it is operating smoothly. The new location and new leadership are resulting in an increased focus on the creation of new CLD centers in Southern California and among the largest ethnic populations in the area, especially focused on the Hispanic and Chinese churches of the region. Two significant partnerships in this regard which will result in new centers are the relationships Gateway has established with the Inland Empire Southern Baptist Association (IESBA) and with Truth Seminary. IESBA will partner with Gateway and several large Hispanic churches to launch a Hispanic CLD center which will meet in the Seminary's Ontario facility beginning in the fall of 2017. Also, plans are in the works which will result in Truth Seminary (an unaccredited Chinese seminary) operating as a CLD center serving the Chinese churches of Southern California. Both of these initiatives should result in a significant expansion of the Seminary's program of pre-baccalaureate training. The CLD program is also undergoing a revision of its curriculum structure (simplifying and streamlining) and rebranding. Those changes will be announced later in 2017.

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

The seminary is expanding and improving its programs in several ways. First, as the result of a year-long examination of our MDIV curriculum, several modifications particularly oriented to enhanced pastoral leadership have been scheduled for implementation beginning the fall of 2017.

Secondly, the new facilities in Ontario, CA includes cutting-edge educational technologies that will both enhance the face-to-face classroom experience and allow students at a distance to participate in live class sessions remotely.

Third, as the result of a generous donation, the Seminary is in the process of creating a Chinese-English Bilingual (CEB) program (similar to our existing Korean-English Bilingual program) which should launch in the fall of 2017.

Finally, as a natural and expected result of the relocation, the Seminary saw a small reduction in master's-level head-count, and a somewhat larger reduction in credit hours taken in 2015-16. The Seminary anticipates a reversal of this situation as early as spring of 2017. Applications and approved admissions are up significantly over previous years and we anticipate a strong entering class in the fall of 2017 which will bring the Seminary back to its normal enrollment level and set the stage for growth in the years to come.

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

Gateway's relocation has greatly enhanced both the educational facilities and the ease of access for DMin students, most of whom are non-residential students. The DMin leadership has also implemented a new scheduling strategy that maximizes the Seminary's desire to achieve enhanced efficiency in delivering the degree. Finally, in addition to the CEB program offering master's level work in Mandarin, a similar bilingual program in Mandarin is being designed to serve DMin students.

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

The Gateway PhD program is in the process of expanding its use of educational technologies available at the new Ontario campus. The PhD leadership is focused on using new forms of communication to teach our students and hopes to use them increasingly in the up-coming years. Remote access, video chat-lines, enhanced student-teacher interactions and Skyping guest scholars into seminars are only a few of the ways they hope to use this technology.

The close proximity of the Ontario Airport makes commuting for students much easier and the new on-campus café will make it easier for our students to study longer when they are on campus. The library in the new facility has also expanded the number of study carrels available to PhD students. The PhD leadership is also addressing the challenge of finding ways to use technology to its fullness and yet keep the personal, one-on-one contact students need in doctoral studies.