CHURCH PLANTING & RENEWAL
“Global Church Advancement Conference”
Steve Childers & Other Veteran Trainers
July 19-21, 2011 (including evenings)
Retreat Center, Columbia, SC

RTS Orlando Doctor of Ministry Elective 2DM853
or Core 2DM804 with request to the Registrar.
Dual Registration required with RTS & GCA

Course Description

The Church Planting Conference is designed to equip church planters (before and after first public worship), coaches and supervisors with the principles and strategies needed for starting and developing healthy, growing, reproducing churches. In this intensive and comprehensive learning experience, planters and coaches will learn, in hands-on ways, how to develop a biblical vision for ministry, philosophy of ministry and church development. Lectures, discussion, and workshop activities will allow participants to formulate vision, values, mission, and strategy that can find immediate application in the field. Some topics to be covered:

- Determining the ministry focus group
- Designing a church planting action plan
- Creating a church planting proposal
- Establishing a core group and launch team
- Developing gospel-centered ministries (Worship, Prayer, Discipleship, etc.)
- Mentoring church ministry leaders
- Leading the church to healthy growth
- Ordering the church planter’s private world
- Establishing a church multiplication movement
- Coaching church planters & leaders
- Raising up leaders from the harvest for the harvest

Great for Pastors Too: Many Christian leaders in the U.S.A. and abroad have taken this training, not primarily to learn how to do church planting themselves but to learn gospel-centered principles and strategies for church growth and renewal that will lead their churches to renewal and multiplication in church planting.

The Seminar Instructors

- **Steve Childers**, Professor of Practical Theology at RTS Orlando, author of the *Church Planter Training Manual* and President of Global Church Advancement (GCA).

- **Rev. Bob Cargo**, Director of Church Planting for Perimeter Church.

- **Dr. Bob Orner**, Director of Training for Global Church Advancement, Guest Lecturer of Practical Theology at RTS Orlando.
• **Dr. Ken Priddy**, President of the Ken Priddy Group, author of *High M-Pact Revitalization: Spiritual Renewal with Strategic Initiative.*

• **Rev. Tim Rice**, Senior Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Lakeland, FL, veteran church planter and movement leader.

**Church Planter Training Manual**

The *Church Planting and Renewal Training Manual: Foundations* (seminar notes) by Dr. Childers will be made available at the registration table when you arrive. There is a GCA Conference fee of $99 for students which includes the manual and other seminar expenses. Although this manual is listed in the *Required Reading* section of the syllabus, it is **not** to be considered as a required reading text. Note: This manual is not available for purchase apart from the seminar.

**Debriefing With Professor**

All D.Min. credit students are required to meet with the professor of record (Dr. Childers) on the afternoon immediately following the seminar (Jul 21, 2011) for interaction regarding the application of the seminar training to their lives and ministries and for clarification regarding the course assignments. The time and location of this meeting will be announced the first day of the seminar.

**Integration Paper**

Students will complete a 20-25 page *Church Planting Proposal* (including appendices, models, etc.) that is due October 28, 2011. Please send your Word document via email to jsisler@rts.edu. Save your file as YourLastName.ChurchPlanting.IP (for integration paper). This paper is the heart of the student’s work outside class and will determine the major portion of the final grade. The integration paper will be a real or hypothetical "Church Planting Proposal" showing the application of the principles taught in the course. The proposal should include the new church’s values, vision, philosophy, strategy, timeline, resources, etc. Models of Church Planting Proposals will be made available at the conference. (Alternative integration papers must be approved by Dr. Childers before the end of the seminar.)

**Required Reading**

D.Min. credit students are required to read approximately 2000 pages of reading (not previously read) from the following reading lists. The Reading Report is due October 28, 2011. This report should be saved as a Word document which includes a summary sheet and a one-page review of each book. Please follow the formatting guidelines at the end of the reading list. Save you’re Word file as: Lastname.ChurchPlanting.RR (for reading reports) and email with your Integration Paper to jsisler@rts.edu by October 28.
Childers, Steven L. *Church Planter Training Manual*. Orlando, FL: Global Church Advancement, Inc. 2007 (Not to be considered as a required reading text—see above.)


**Very Highly Recommended:**


**Supplemental Reading List**

In the event that you have already read some of the books on the “Reading List”, you may choose additional books from this supplemental list to fulfill your 2000-page reading quota.

**Highly Recommended Reading**

Biehl, Bobb and Glen Urquhart  
1990 *Mentoring: How to Find a Mentor. How to Become One*. Masterplanning Group

Bosch, David J.  

Church Multiplication Training Center  
2002 *Get Ready! Get Set! Go! Bootcamp & Restart Training Manuals*, IN: CMTC.

Clowney, Edmund.  

Conn, Harvie M. (ed.)  
Cordeiro, Wayne  
2005 Doing Church as a Team: The Miracle of Teamwork and How It Transforms. Ventura, CA: Regal

Covey, Stephen R., (A. Roger Merrill)  
2004 Seven Habits of Highly Effective People. Free Press.  

Erickson, Millard J.  

Finzel, Hans  

Gibbs, Eddie  
2000 Church Next: Quantum Changes in How We Do Ministry. InterVarsity

Greenway, Roger S.  

Guder, Darrell L., et. al. (eds.)  

Hesselgrave, David J.  

Hiebert, Paul G.  

Hunter, George  

Hughes, Kent and Barbara  

Logan, Robert E. (Steven L. Ogne) (Neil Cole)  
1989 Beyond Church Growth. Old Tappan, NJ: Revell  
1995 Church Planter's Toolkit. ChurchSmart Resources (www.churchsmart.com)  
1995 Churches Planting Churches. ChurchSmart Resources (www.churchsmart.com)  
1995 Raising Leaders for the Harvest. ChurchSmart Resources (www.churchsmart.com)
Macchia, Stephan A.  

McLaren, Brian D.  

Miller, Darrow  

Moore, Ralph  

Nebel, Tom  
2002  *Big Dreams in Small Places: Church Planting in Smaller Communities*. St. Charles, IL: ChurchSmart Resources.

Newbigin, Lesslie  

Pope, Randy  

Sande, Ken  

Schaller, Lyle E.  

Shenk, David W. and Ervin R. Stutzman  

Walling, Terry B. and Rick Tansey  
2003  *Maximum Health: Navigating Your Church to Greater Health*. ChurchSmart Resources (www.churchsmart.com)

Walling, Terry B.  
1999  *Focused Living Resource Kit*. (www.churchsmart.com)

Wagner, C. Peter  

Winter, Ralph D. and Steven C. Hawthrone.  
RECOMMENDED READING

Allen, Roland
1962 Missionary Methods, St. Paul’s or Ours? Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans

Amberson, Talmadge R. (ed.)

Anderson, Leith

Becker, Paul

Brock, Charles

Bunch, David T. and Barbara L. Oden

Chaney, Charles L.
1991 Church Planting at the End of the Twentieth Century. Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House

Cheyney, Tom J., David Putman and Van Sanders, (eds.)
2003 Seven Steps for Planting Churches. Alpharetta, GA: North American Mission Board, SBC.

Dayton, E.R. and D.A. Fraser

Faircloth, Samuel D.

Francis, Hozell C.
2000 Church Planting in the African American Context. Zondervan

Galloway, Dale and Warren Bird
# Reading Report for Church Planting & Church Renewal, 2DM853 (or 2DM804) for Dr Steve Childers

**Summer 2011**

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**Critique**—Offer a brief critique of the book, including elements of strength and weakness.

**Application**—Offer some specific application to your own ministry—demonstrating the value and relevance of the material in this book.

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