

# PRO SPECT TUS

# INTRODUCTION

Purpose Institute is a ministry training institution that partners with local Apostolic trainers anywhere in the world. PI enables trainers to develop leader's ministry skills and to clarify their individual purpose. Purpose Institute supports the local mission by providing curriculum and systems that are adaptable and accessible ministry training resources.

APOSTOLIC MINISTRY  
APOSTOLIC METHODS  
APOSTOLIC DOCTRINE

AIM WITH  
**VISION**  
RELEASE WITH  
**PURPOSE**



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## LEADERS ARE LEARNERS

**E**very great leader is a lifelong learner. Foundational preparation prior to ultimate effectiveness is a leadership reality. Systematic training speeds development. The fact that you are curious about training is a sure sign that you understand qualifying for leadership is an absolute. Through Purpose Institute, students can now be trained by local mentors and achieve a high level of Biblical understanding and spiritual expertise. We are honored that you are exploring your options for training with Purpose Institute.

Training is a serious matter. The Lord's worldwide harvest depends on qualified workers. If the harvest at home or abroad is slowed down, it is for the lack of trained leaders. Purpose Institute can help. Purpose Institute is a highly effective tool providing ministry education for local leaders while allowing them to remain faithful to their local church, their work, and their families. The evidence since Purpose Institute's beginning is overwhelming. Those who are utilizing this training option are meeting the need in their local churches for qualified workers.

## A SHORTAGE OF QUALIFIED LEADERS

**T**he problem: it seems that there is always a shortage of qualified leaders. Not only does the efficiency of the worldwide harvest depend on qualified leaders, the local church depends on it too! Even though that is true, churches with a systematic approach to preparing leaders are the exception and not the rule. Pastors already have their schedules full with many operational responsibilities. Finding the time and resources necessary to train leaders continues to be a great challenge.

**O**ften, the local church's progress is slowed down when leaders are forced to develop on the slow track. There are so many jobs to do, so many ministries that need to be started, so many departments that suffer under inexperienced leaders. The problem isn't that we don't have enough ideas, room for others in our ministries, or even enough people, the problem is that we don't have enough qualified people.

## **OUR SOLUTION**

**P**urpose Institute is a tool in the hands of local church pastors and regional leaders wanting to raise up leaders for the harvest. When potential leaders have the benefit and rigors of systematic training offered by a local group of proven leaders, it speeds their preparation and ultimate effectiveness. They can continue in their local church ministries and tend to the demands of living without relocating. They can now be trained by their natural local mentors in a very effective way. The curriculum leads them through comprehensive Biblical leadership and spiritual instruction.





## START A LOCAL CAMPUS:

**A** campus can be started anywhere in the world with minimal effort and be housed in the local church. Many times, multiple churches in a city, section, or region share a campus. The dean has responsibility for the success of the campus. Some districts sponsor multiple campuses organized within their area.

Overseas campuses are funded by North American tuition. A campus requires a dean, a capable administrator, and qualified instructors (3-4 per semester are recommended). The required initial startup for a new campus, trained by the Purpose Institute Global Team, includes local staff orientation and instructor training. There are expenses associated with the start of a campus in North America, most of which will be reimbursed from the ongoing funding that comes from student tuition. The various categories of information in the following pages should answer most of your beginning questions. Please see the website or contact the Purpose Institute business office and speak to the team to explore your options.



[www.purposeinstitute.com](http://www.purposeinstitute.com)



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# OUR HISTORY

**W**ith less than 20 students, the ministry of Purpose Institute (formerly Canton College of Ministries) began in February of 1994 in Canton, Ohio, USA. Its founder, Bishop F. Joe Ellis simply wanted to make Apostolic ministry training available to those in his local church who were unable to relocate to be trained in a traditional setting.

In 1998, after a three month missions trip to Eastern Europe, Bishop Ellis saw first hand the overwhelming need for Apostolic ministry training at the local level world-wide. When he returned home he was determined to see this become a reality. The ministry continued to grow in vision, staff and campuses.

On Friday, May 25, 2001, in a team meeting in Lancaster, Ohio, an expanded sense of calling and responsibility was realized by all present, (Gary Keller, Richard Collins, Oval Eller, Paul Cook, Shaun Eller, Tom Ellis, F. Joe Ellis). By a unanimous decision, Purpose Institute International became the new corporate name of the ministry. Since that time PI has truly become a global ministry. PI remains resolute in its vision to make Apostolic training available in every nation of the world.







# OUR VISION

**T**he burden of Purpose Institute is to make Apostolic training available anywhere in the world, enabling workers to develop ministry skills and discover individual purpose.

The training is designed to raise the quality of ministry coming from every level of leadership—not just those entering full-time ministry. It is training that can happen locally without interrupting other duties (i.e. family, work, local church ministry obligations). Every believer has a God-given purpose that emerges as they apply themselves to ministry and study to show themselves approved of God. Purpose Institute helps leaders discover and prepare for their purpose—their place in the harvest. Purpose Institute exists as a service to local churches and organizations both in North America and internationally. Its goal is to create better access to training by providing a substantial tool for local pastors to offer a person the kind of training necessary to advance him or her as a local church minister, worker, or leader.



**M**any pastors can also receive the ministry education they missed at a younger age. Most church workers do not have the privilege of leaving their local area to get ministry training. If they do leave, they usually remove themselves from the fields of labor that may be producing substantial results. They also distance themselves from the day-to-day influence of natural mentors. Purpose Institute is geared toward training people who need to stay in their local churches and fields of labor. Purpose Institute is a way to sharpen the sickle without leaving the field.

Purpose Institute shares tuition revenues with the local campus. The local campus can use those funds for instructor expenses and/or grants and operation expenses. The remaining funds that come to the global ministry help plant international campuses on the foreign field; and those monies also serve to continually improve Purpose Institute so that it can be an excellent tool in the hands of local churches and organizations. The current financial overhead is associated with maintaining a quality website which acts as an administrative hub, building the operational tools to serve students and leaders, translating curriculum into different languages, and opening and maintaining the integrity of quality training in local campuses. There are no buildings to maintain, since Purpose Institute uses existing church buildings for its campuses. The funds from registration become a blessing to local churches and organizations which could not create such a substantial training tool on their own; as well as missionaries and international workers who need help setting up campuses.







# OUR MISSION

## OUR TARGET IS THE HARVEST



### THE ARCHER

We support LOCAL TRAINERS by developing curriculum and systems that provide adaptable ministry training resources. We provide start-up and ongoing support with setup, faculty orientation, administration, and core campus functions. We develop multi-lingual curriculum and operating systems that serve local leaders in their training of ministry.



### THE BOW

PURPOSE INSTITUTE sees itself as the Bow. We are a tool that trainers can use to launch their students into Apostolic Ministry. We are consistently working to improve our operations, curriculum and systems to be as effective as possible at providing Apostolic Training at the local level.



### THE ARROW

We provide STUDENTS with a simple process to enroll, an adaptable schedule and an engaging curriculum, so they can maximize their potential and remain in their field of ministry while they are trained by local trainers.





# GUIDING PRINCIPLES

## **WE VALUE THE APOSTOLIC MODEL:**

- Fulfilling the twin command to love God and neighbors as self.
- Depending on the work of the Holy Spirit and Biblical authority.
- Living a life of worshipful service in the Kingdom.
- Promoting Apostolic doctrine, practice, power, and structure.

## **WE VALUE GLOBAL VISION WITH LOCAL ADAPTABILITY:**

- Promoting a global, multicultural perspective.
- Assisting the local trainer to equip students to attain their greatest Kingdom potential.

## **WE VALUE THE LEARNER:**

- Training students in order to promote confidence, self-worth, and core competencies.
- Honoring students' time, work, church involvement, and families.
- Responding to students who are hungry to discover their individual gifts & God-given purpose.
- Pointing students toward their future.



## **WE VALUE THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE TRAINER:**

- Acknowledging the gifts and life-experience of the instructor and the burden they bring to the training.
- Relying on anointed teaching energized by a life of prayer, fasting and spiritual sensitivity.
- Facilitating a mentoring relationship between trainers and learners.

## **WE VALUE STEWARDSHIP:**

- Making financial decisions based on what is just and necessary.
- Encouraging the use of existing facilities and streamlined administration.
- Investing resources prayerfully and strategically.
- Acting on the Lord's timing and pace for expansion opportunities.



# **PI ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

**P**urpose Institute facilitates a global vision through an organizational structure that allows for input and involvement from the entire PI community. PI enables individuals to work on teams that maximize their strengths and abilities. Some teams and opportunities are creative in nature and allow for the development and improvement of PI. While other teams and opportunities exist to facilitate the ongoing systems and management of PI. Those who are interested in being a part of the improvement and implementation of PI are welcomed around the PI table.

## **GLOBAL DIRECTORS**

**P**urpose Institute is lead by a team of dedicated leaders who are focused on key areas of the organization. These areas include the vision, operations, academics, campuses and marketing. The leaders who oversee these areas are dedicated to seeing PI succeed at the local level, and are passionate about ministry training. The Global Directors provide weekly input into the direction and management of PI.

## GLOBAL DIRECTORS



**F.J. ELLIS**  
Founder/President



**STEVE SCHOBERT**  
Director of Operations



**TOM ELLIS**  
Director of Marketing



**JAMES LITTLES**  
Director of Academics



**BRIAN MICHAEL**  
Director of Campuses



## PI SUMMIT

In the spring of each year, Purpose Institute conducts its annual "PI Summit". At this meeting, key leaders who serve as the Executive Board, Global Directors and the Global Team come together to thoroughly examine the health of the organization as well as map out future improvements. It is a time of intense assessment, introspection, and focused prayer for the Lord's direction and blessing for the ministry. Each PI Summit is unique and is a great opportunity for those currently involved in PI or looking to start a PI Campus to connect with the Purpose Institute.





## EXECUTIVE BOARD

**A**ccountability is vital and necessary to the success of any organized ministry or effort. The Executive Board's role is to review finances, explore opportunities and guide decisions that affect the future of the organization. The Executive Board weighs potential decisions against our vision, guiding principles, wisdom about timing, and the reputation we strive to maintain for the glory of the Lord. The Executive Board is made up of ministers from all around the world who have a passion for Ministry Training.



## GLOBAL TEAM

**P**urpose Institute began and still largely remains a volunteer organization. The Global Team members have specific tasks and functions that facilitate different aspects of the organization. These team members help develop new initiatives as well as serve in ongoing organizational management. The Global Team members live in different places around the world and participate in PI campuses on the local level.

Please visit [www.PurposeInstitute.com](http://www.PurposeInstitute.com) for the most current listing of the Global Directors, Global Team and Executive Board members.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD



NORMAN PASLAY



ERIC FOSTER



JAMES LASHLEY



TIMOTHY LEE



DIANA REED



TIM GADDY



GEORGE SZABOLCSI



## GLOBAL TEAM

SHANA CHICKERING

LIANE GRANT

MITCH SAYERS

SCOTT GRANT

OVAL ELLER

KIRT DENNEY

JOE ELLIS

LES CLEVINGER

DARREN SHELTON

NICK STRANGE

NATE ROEMER

CHARLES TIANG

KATIE WHITE



# COURSE OVERVIEW

The curriculum has been designed to cycle in eight semesters. A student can begin at any point in the cycle and follow the curriculum through to completion. Each semester is designed to be a good mix of courses that include a focus on Biblical, leadership, and spiritual training. The curriculum is currently available in multiple languages. For all available languages, please visit [www.PurposeInstitute.com](http://www.PurposeInstitute.com).

## 1st SEMESTER CREDITS COURSE

1101	(3)	Introduction to the Word / Pentateuch
1305	(3)	The Importance of the Apostolic Doctrine
1401	(3)	Apostolic Patterns and Methods I
1602	(4)	Leadership I

## 2nd SEMESTER CREDITS COURSE

2202	(3)	The Life and Ministry of Christ
2402	(3)	Apostolic Patterns and Methods II
2501	(3)	Ministry of the Apostles I
2701	(4)	Guest Instructor (Pastoral Studies)

## 3rd SEMESTER CREDITS COURSE

3102	(3)	The Tabernacle
3301	(3)	The Oneness of God
3502	(3)	Ministry of the Apostles II
3702	(4)	Pastoral Studies I



**4th SEMESTER    CREDITS    COURSE**

4204	(3)	The Epistles
4302	(3)	The New Birth
4503	(3)	Equipping the Apostolic Minister I
4603	(4)	Leadership II

**5th SEMESTER    CREDITS    COURSE**

5103	(3)	Historical Books / Poetical Books
5206	(3)	The Book of Revelation
5504	(3)	Equipping the Apostolic Minister II
5601	(4)	Guest Instructor (Leadership)

**6th SEMESTER    CREDITS    COURSE**

6104	(3)	Major Prophets
6201	(3)	The Four Gospels / Harmony of the Gospels
6505	(3)	Equipping the Apostolic Minister III
6703	(4)	Pastoral Studies II

**7th SEMESTER    CREDITS    COURSE**

7105	(3)	Minor Prophets
7203	(3)	The Twelve Apostles
7306	(3)	Water Baptism / The Name
7601	(4)	Guest Instructor (Leadership)

**8th SEMESTER    CREDITS    COURSE**

8205	(3)	Church History
8304	(3)	Perfecting Holiness in the Fear of God
8403	(3)	The Dynamics of Soul Winning
8701	(4)	Guest Instructor (Pastoral Studies)



# COURSES

**Apostolic Patterns and Methods I:** The phenomenal results of the 1st century Church cannot be questioned. They established a pattern that we are to follow, but what was it and what were the methods of evangelism they used? You will be inspired to discover just how simple their methods were.

**Apostolic Patterns and Methods II:** This class teaches how to transfer a 1st century pattern into a 21st century application. It is a practical look at the principles behind the Apostolic methods of the 1st century, and will help you put them into immediate practice.

**Church History:** As you trace the Pentecostal message from its birth to the 21st century, you will gain a greater appreciation for Biblical truth, and for the courageous people who sacrificed to preserve it for our generation.

**The Dynamics of Soul Winning:** This course promotes a burden for souls and inspires the student to reach out to the people around them with the Gospel through simple, effective methods.

**The Epistles:** Epistles are “letters,” and letters have always been an effective way to communicate. God chose letters to effectively communicate HIS will and purpose to HIS church. This course is designed to give a summary of each epistle.

**Equipping the Apostolic Minister I:** There are many preachers, but not many ministers. The primary focus of the Equipping the Apostolic Minister series is to bring balance to both the spiritual and the practical aspects of ministry. Level I primarily deals with the call to ministry, and exactly what that means.

**Equipping the Apostolic Minister II:** Equipping the Apostolic Minister II teaches how to effectively bring balance to the ministry of the Word and Spirit. Both must be ministered.

**Equipping the Apostolic Minister III:** Equipping the Apostolic Minister III teaches the importance of prayer, intercession, spiritual warfare, and the ministry of angels.

**The Four Gospels / Harmony of the Gospels:** In a chronological study of the Gospels, you will compare and contrast the overlapping and consistent accounts of our wonderful Savior and Redeemer.

**Guest Instructor (Pastoral Studies):** Pastoral topics are covered by experienced, anointed instructors chosen by the local campus Dean. They will challenge all present to dig deeper, reach higher and let God use their lives for His glory.



**Guest Instructor (Leadership):** A variety of leadership topics are covered by experienced, anointed instructors chosen by the local campus Dean. They will challenge all present to dig deeper, reach higher and let God use their lives for His glory.

**Historical Books / Poetical Books:** The history of Israel, God's chosen people, was written for our example, so that we can learn from both their mistakes and successes. The poetical books are considered some of the greatest literature ever written; nothing the world has to offer matches the value of these books.

**The Importance of Apostolic Doctrine:** Apostolic Doctrine... what is it? It is the foundation of the Church and all true Apostolic ministry. This class teaches its importance and why it must not be compromised or minimized.

**Introduction to the Word / Pentateuch:** The study of the five books written by Moses will give you a historical, legislative, and spiritual look at just how much God loves and desires a relationship with His people.

**Leadership I:** This is a cutting-edge study teaching the foundational principles of leadership. You will discover that there are five very important keys to effective church leadership. A violation of any one of the five will greatly hinder the leader's ability to be effective.

**Leadership II:** This course strives to stretch the leader to a high level of understanding and ability as a leader. Because of the uniqueness of our times, you will be challenged to accept nothing less than a standard of excellence.

**The Life and Ministry of Christ:** This course studies the earthly life and ministry of Jesus Christ. You will soon understand and appreciate how He lived and ministered on the earth as both perfect man and perfect God.

**Major Prophets:** These great men of God wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. Learn how incredible the writers and their books are, both in volume and in content.

### **Ministry of the Apostles I:**

A careful study of the Apostles' ministry in the first 7 chapters of the book of Acts will reveal how their doctrine and authority distinguished them from others. You will recognize the relevance for the Church today and will be motivated to become an extension of true Apostolic ministry.

**Ministry of the Apostles II:** The zeal and passion for evangelism as exemplified by the Apostles of the 1st century Church is, without question, where the Church of today must return. This is an up-close and personal look at true Apostolic ministry as recorded in the last 21 chapters of the book of Acts.



**Minor Prophets:** From the lives of these Old Testament prophets, you will see how God can use anyone from any background. They demonstrate how depth of obedience to God measures true success.

**The New Birth:** Jesus said you must be born again. This class teaches the essentiality of the new birth as recorded in John 3:5 and exactly what is required to be born again.

**The Oneness of God:** Is God one or three? This class is in an in-depth study of the Oneness of God and clearly proves from the Holy Scriptures that God is one.

**Pastoral Studies I:** The Church is living in unprecedented times. Today's pastors have challenges totally unique to their generation. This class is designed to equip those whom God has called to be pastors and those who assist pastors.

**Pastoral Studies II:** Today's pastors must be able to shift with the times without compromising truth. This course is designed to assist pastors and leaders to understand the timeless principles of financial stewardship.

**Perfecting Holiness in the Fear of God:** This course will fill you with fresh respect and revelation for the Holiness of God. It correctly teaches holiness as a divine principle that must be perfected in everyone who calls himself or herself a disciple of Christ. You will learn that holiness first must begin in the heart, before it can effectively shine out to others.

**The Book of Revelation:** Are we really living in the last days? Though not an exhaustive study of prophecy, this class attempts to bring a correct understanding of the Book of Revelation.

#### **The Tabernacle:**

Discover the many types and shadows found in the Tabernacle plan that God gave to Moses, and how it is a picture of God's New Testament plan.

**The Twelve Apostles:** Through a close look at the strengths and weaknesses of Jesus' closest followers, you will learn how God used each Apostle's unique personality in an effective ministry.

**Water Baptism/The Name:** The doctrine of Jesus' name baptism sets us apart, and through this course you will understand from the Scriptures how vital and powerful the name of Jesus is in your life.



CURRICULUM IS CURRENTLY  
AVAILABLE IN THESE LANGUAGES:

ENGLISH  
FRENCH  
SPANISH  
CHINESE  
JAPANESE  
RUSSIAN  
BENGALI  
BAHASA  
MALAYSIA

ACADEMIC



# FIELD EXPERIENCE CREDITS

**F**ield Experience provides an opportunity for students to put into practice what they have learned in the classroom. Combining classroom learning with personal ministry experience creates a foundation for a lifetime of ministry service. Engagement in Field Experience provides benefits for PI students and their churches.

## BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS

- Explore various ministry opportunities
- Develop ministry skills over time
- Relate classroom learning to practical application
- Increase awareness of the relationship between Spiritual gifting and various areas of ministry
- Engage in ministry reflection
- Benefit from scheduled mentoring processes with ministry leaders

## BENEFITS FOR CHURCH

- Student workers/ministry
- Clarify objectives and tasks for student workers
- Identify mentoring times and processes



**P**urpose Institute prepares Apostolic men and women for ministry in the church and in the world as a means of fulfilling God's mission. PI students will have Field Experience placements in both places. Students receive mentoring in both church and community settings of service. During Field Experience ministry supervisors assist students in completing their Field Experience ministry plan (called a Placement Covenant), mentor them in the area of service, discuss their spiritual and ministerial growth during the experience, and identify areas for growth and service in the next Field Experience placement. Each Field Experience Credit represents a minimum of 5 hours of ministry involvement.

## STUDENTS EARN CREDIT IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

### MISSIONS

Personal ministry efforts outside the local church.

### PERSONAL EVANGELISM

Personal efforts to reach the unsaved.

### LOCAL CHURCH INVOLVEMENT

Personal involvement in the local church.

**S**tudents must earn 6 Field Experience Credits (2 in each category) in order to obtain a four-semester Foundational Diploma. Therefore, PI recommends that students complete 2 credits (a total of 10 hours) in each of their 1st, 2nd and 3rd semesters in order to meet the deadline for graduation. Students must earn an additional 6 Field Experience Credits (2 in each category) in order to obtain an eight-semester Advanced Diploma. PI recommends that students complete 2 credits in each of their 5th, 6th and 7th semesters in order to meet the deadline for graduation.



# DIPLOMAS OFFERED

**P**urpose Institute offers two diplomas. The Foundational Diploma in Ministerial Studies is awarded after the successful completion of four semesters of classroom training and work. The Advanced Diploma in Ministerial Studies is awarded after the successful completion of eight semesters of classroom training and work. Listed below are the credits required for each diploma.

## FOUNDATIONAL DIPLOMA

CORE CURRICULUM CREDITS:	52
FIELD EXPERIENCE CREDITS:	6
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TOTAL CREDITS:	58

## ADVANCED DIPLOMA

CORE CURRICULUM CREDITS:	104
FIELD EXPERIENCE CREDITS:	12
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TOTAL CREDITS:	116







# ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

**A**fter successfully completing the PI curriculum on a local campus, some graduates may need to continue their formal education at the college level. Fortunately PI graduates have the option of transferring their credits from PI into Ohio Christian University's AA in Christian Ministries or any of Urshan College's degree programs. Both colleges offer their transfer agreement to students on campus or through their online delivery program. At time of publication, UC's online program is available to students in 29 US states, 4 Canadian provinces, and a wide range of other countries. PI graduates must meet all of the standard admissions requirements for the respective schools. See the colleges' websites for admissions information ([www.ohiochristian.edu](http://www.ohiochristian.edu) or [www.urshancollege.org](http://www.urshancollege.org))







# A MINISTRY TRAINING PROGRAM, NOT A COLLEGE. AS SUCH...

- PI is available to learners at all levels. PI learners range from those who did not complete high school all the way through to those who have obtained a graduate degree. (Several PI campuses have students who have never graduated from high school as well as doctors and attorneys.)
- PI stand-alone campuses as well as those under the PI District Model are able to select their own instructors based on Apostolic ministry criteria. Since PI does not adopt a college identity, campus faculty does not have to meet certain academic qualifications required by state and national education boards to teach the courses. For example, faculty at a state-recognized four-year college would need at least a master's degree in their discipline.
- PI campuses are not subject to the same regulations at the state, federal (US or Canada), or foreign government levels as their college counterparts. Some states and provinces in North America as well as countries outside of North America would exclude PI from operating within their borders if PI made the claim to be a college.
- PI does not attempt to compete with colleges at any level. Many PI students are actually enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree while pursuing their ministry training education through PI.
- PI does not need to expend energy defending its position from within the framework of colleges and universities.







# EDUCATIONAL DISTINCTIVES

- PI provides a proven ministry tool (systems and curriculum) where training is done at the local level.

- PI instructors and students most often know each other outside of the classroom and frequently have existing relationships. Mentoring and training takes place within the needs of the local congregation and/or the district.

- PI students do not need to leave their home church, move their families, or change jobs. Studying at home helps students of all ages take advantage of the many PI opportunities made available through the local campus.

- PI students and instructors maximize classroom time in a very adaptable and flexible way. Because of that flexibility, many more people are able to make a place for training in their normal schedule who otherwise could not.

- PI's systematic approach to learning also enables the student to sustain the necessary momentum needed to earn the two diplomas offered. PI students completing their first four semesters will be eligible to earn a Foundational Diploma in Ministerial Studies. PI students completing all eight semesters will be eligible to earn an Advanced Diploma in Ministerial Studies.

- All PI instructors are men and women of Apostolic faith and ministry experience. Students get to hear from multiple Apostolic leaders. Local campuses or districts prayerfully select their faculty based on local needs as well as ministerial experience.



- PI curriculum provides the unique opportunity for students to enroll at the beginning of any semester currently being taught. Campuses do not need to maintain multiple levels of study at one time, since courses will have both Foundational and Advanced level students studying together.
- PI students develop their giftings, understand their personal calling, and engage in ministry placement within the local church as directed by their local leadership.
- PI students gain exposure to a wide range of reading resources in a safe context of Apostolic instructors.
- Churches and districts that take advantage of PI's local adaptability can develop leaders from within as they fulfill Jesus' call for workers in the field. By doing so, they reduce the potential for conflict that frequently occurs when leaders are imported from other places and need an adjustment period to grasp the heart, mission, and values of the local church. Pastors and leaders are trained and equipped to begin new preaching points, daughter works, and church plants.
- PI students learn reflective practices where they evaluate their own development, in light of the lessons learned and various ministry services through the field experience credits required. Learning is not separated from doing.
- PI is extremely cost effective and makes it affordable for anyone who desires training.
- PI graduates have the opportunity to transfer their work to a variety of degree programs, where such study opportunities will assist them in meeting their long range goals.
- PI instructors continue in their current ministries while training others to become field-ready by teaching PI courses. PI instructors faithfully transmit their years of experience to another generation of leaders. (1 Timothy 2:2)





## ENDORSEMENT

In 2004, Purpose Institute became an official training arm of the Division of Education of the United Pentecostal Church International. In 2008, Purpose Institute received the official endorsement of The United Pentecostal Church International as one of its ministry training programs.

It is the desire of Purpose Institute to also work with other like-minded Apostolic Organizations while continuing to honor its doctrinal roots and relationships in the UPCI.



## MINISTERIAL LICENSE

Many Purpose Institute students plan to use their training in a more formal position that requires a ministerial license. Licensing boards vary in their requirements for candidates but all require some level of training. Purpose Institute diplomas may serve as proof of training for some ministerial licensing boards. For the benefit of those ministering within the United Pentecostal Church International, Purpose Institute notes the UPCI licensing requirements in the curriculum to assist those seeking license. The majority of requirements would be fulfilled by the time of graduation. Please be advised that licensing boards generally require more than proof of training to award license (i.e., financial responsibility, references, preaching experience, etc.).





# REQUIREMENTS

## Time Requirements:

**M**ost Purpose Institute campuses use a one-weekend per month format which allows students with busy schedules including work, family, and church the opportunity to invest in ministry training. In addition to the 44 hours of classroom training per semester, students must devote time between sessions to read required books, answer review questions, write essays, and to participate in field experience. Semesters end with testing in each of the subjects.

## Minimum Age:

**P**urpose Institute requires that a student be at least 16 years of age.

## Pastoral Approval:

Students must certify they have their pastor's approval to enroll in Purpose Institute.

## SAMPLE NORTH AMERICAN CLASS SCHEDULE:

### FRIDAY

#### Class Session: (2:45)

7:00 PM - 8:15 PM

(15 minute break)

8:30 PM - 10:00 PM

### SATURDAY

#### Class Session 1: (2:20)

8:00 AM - 9:10 AM

(10 minute break)

9:20 AM - 10:30 AM

(10 minute break)

#### Class Session 2: (2:20)

10:40 AM - 11:50 AM

(40 minute break - lunch)

12:30 PM - 1:40 PM

(10 minute break)

#### Class Session 3: (2:20)

1:50 PM - 3:00 PM

(10 minute break)

3:10 PM - 4:20 PM



# STUDENTS





# COST OF ATTENDANCE

## **Tuition & Fees:**

**C**urrent tuition rates can be viewed online at [www.PurposeInstitute.com](http://www.PurposeInstitute.com). In addition to course tuition, all new students pay a one-time, non-refundable registration fee before enrolling for the first time. Graduation fees are assessed when students apply for a diploma.

Most courses require an associated book that needs to be purchased or borrowed to read for homework. However, Purpose Institute suggests a book purchase in order for the student to build his or her own library for later use.

## **Spouse:**

**T**he spouse of a full-tuition student qualifies for a significant discount, amounting roughly to a 90% reduction in tuition costs. After paying the one-time, non-refundable registration fee, students pay only a nominal fee for each class in which their spouse is also enrolled. Couples can also share course books. Thus, a four-year program would cost less than a single semester of regular tuition (including the registration and graduation fees). Purpose Institute feels that this low-cost feature honors the necessary ministry partnership of a spouse, and honors our own commitment to make training more accessible to those on the front lines of the Lord's work.

# STUDENTS







# STEPS TO ENROLLING



## Visit PurposeInstitute.com

PurposeInstitute.com is the the hub for all information and interaction concerning registration and enrollment at PI. Here you can find out information about courses offered, campus details, and more.



## Register

The first step to enrolling in courses at Purpose Institute is to register. There is a one-time registration fee and process to enroll in classes at Purpose Institute. During the registration process students will enter their personal information, username, password, select their campus and pay a one-time registration fee. Students will be able to enroll in all remaining courses and semesters after they have completed their one-time registration.



## Enroll in Courses

Once a student has registered with Purpose Institute, they will be able to enroll in courses.\* They will select the courses they would like to enroll in, pay for their courses and download their course overviews and curriculum. Students will want to read their course overviews to understand the requirements for the course.

*\* A student's local campus Dean must have the semester set up online before a student can enroll in courses for that semester. Check with the local Administrator or Dean if no courses are available to enroll in.*



## Purchase Books

Students will need to purchase the required books before attending their first class. Books can be purchased at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) or [PurposeInstitute.com/BookStore](https://www.PurposeInstitute.com/BookStore).



## Attend Class

Once students have completed registration, enrollment and the purchasing of their books, they are ready to attend their first class. Campuses hold a New Student Orientation 15 minutes before the start of the first class of the new semester to help provide additional information to help new students have a great experience. Students are encouraged to read their course curriculum before the start of each class.



# **LOCAL CAMPUS OPPORTUNITIES**

## **Opportunities:**

**L**ocal campus faculty is made up of pastors, organizational leaders, and local instructors. These are seasoned leaders who have a gift for teaching and mentoring. The instructors are selected by the local campus dean. Instructors prepare material beyond the student's notes and are responsible for grading homework, testing students, and posting grades at the end of the semester. The local campus may provide a nominal honorarium to its instructors. The instructors primarily serve as volunteers out of their passion. For campuses with a full course load, it is recommended that you have four instructors for each semester.

## **What are the costs to the local church?**

**L**ocal campuses are responsible for administrative costs, instructor honorariums, campus operation expenses and tuition grants. Up to 40% of paid tuition may be requisitioned by the local campus for reimbursement from Purpose Institute to assist with offsetting these costs.





# **LOCAL CAMPUS OPPORTUNITIES**

## **What staff is required?**

**L**ocal campuses are often the combined effort of several area churches. A campus generally requires 3-5 staff members. These include:

- **DEAN**
- **INSTRUCTORS**
- **ADMINISTRATOR**
- **STUDENTS**

## **How to get started?**

**T**hose wanting to start a campus must submit an online application through [www.PurposelInstitute.com](http://www.PurposelInstitute.com) for approval. Once a new campus has been approved for startup, PI will provide onsite training for the local staff. All campuses are required to have a full orientation before they can launch. Expenses associated with campus starts can be discussed by contacting the PI business office at (800) 735-9756. Expenses associated with the orientation may be recouped from the 40% expense allowance available to the campus from paid tuition.

## DEAN

**T**he Dean carries the authority of the local campus and selects the instructors for the local campus. The local campus faculty is made up of pastors, organizational leaders, and local instructors. These are well-seasoned leaders who have a God-given gift to teach and a passion to mentor students.

## ADMINISTRATORS

**T**he Administrator is extremely vital to the success of the local campus. They are trained by the Purpose Institute Global Team and maintain accountability to the Global Team. Their role is to give oversight to the details of the students' function; as well as to the needs of the Dean and instructors. The Administrator will watch over the campus funds, ensure that records are current, attendance is posted, grades are posted in a timely manner, and that the campus is operating according to global standards. Their work is critical to a smooth-running campus. They have the benefit of discounted tuition for their role in the campus.

## INSTRUCTORS

**I**nstructors may teach a single course, be a guest lecturer for a single class, or be part of the ongoing staff providing the education of the students in a particular campus. Instructors provide ministry experience beyond the student's notes and are responsible for grading homework, testing students and posting grades at the end of the semester based on student performance. Local instructors are paid a nominal honorarium from campus tuition funds to offset their expenses, but their role is one of passion, and they serve primarily out of burden and desire. Some instructors choose not to receive any funds for their service. All instructors are given special access to a section of the website that is reserved for instructors at the campus orientation or by the campus Administrator.





# DISTRICTS & ORGANIZATIONS

## District & Organizational Opportunities:

Some church organizations and districts use Purpose Institute as one of their formal training arms to prepare ministers for licensing and to qualify local church workers. Purpose Institute has put the structure in place to serve this need. Several key points of that relationship are shared below.

## What does it take to run a Purpose Institute District?

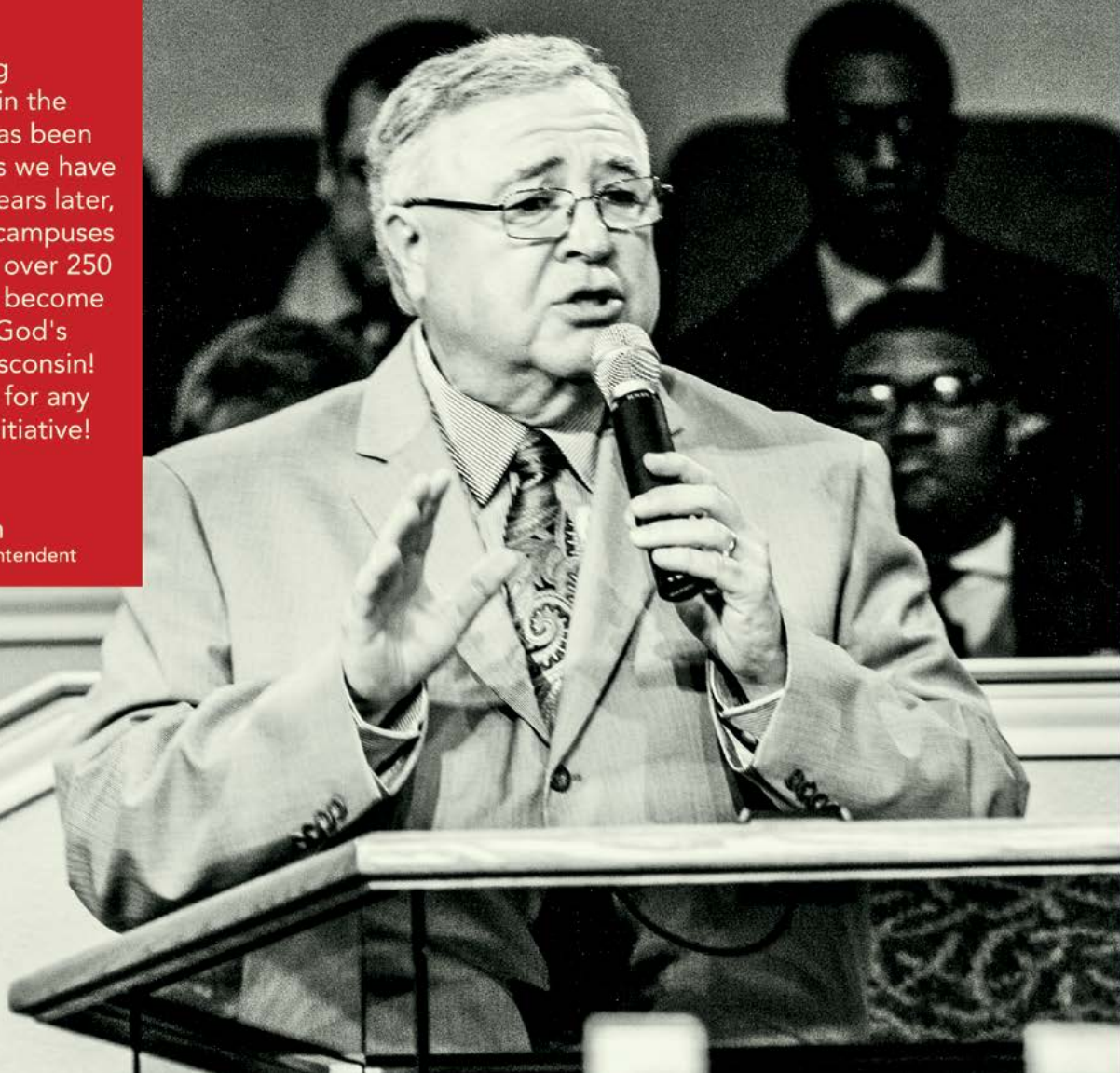
Potential PI Districts must first meet with their organization's governing body to formally adopt Purpose Institute as a training arm. Some organizations and districts choose to require Purpose Institute training for various levels of licensing. The PI District also appoints a District Administrator to give oversight to all of their campuses and to serve as a liaison with the governing body. Generally, a PI District will endeavor to plant campuses in such a way as to make training widely available. Some may also choose to plant foreign language campuses in order to serve their constituency. The governing body maintains oversight of the campuses participating in the PI District.

"As the Ohio District superintendent since 1995, I have developed the utmost respect for Purpose Institute and all the personnel associated with it. No pastor or church, no minister or student has ever registered one complaint about the school. All reports coming from the clientele of PI have been positive and enthusiastic. PI has earned a reputation of integrity, cooperation and honor among us."

J. Mark Jordan  
Ohio District Superintendent

Implementing Purpose Institute in the Wisconsin District has been one of the best moves we have ever made. Now 12 years later, five district sectional campuses strong, we have seen over 250 graduates, that have become active workers in God's Kingdom here in Wisconsin! P. I. is a wise choice for any "district training" initiative!

John Putnam  
Wisconsin District Superintendent



**DISTRICTS & ORGANIZATIONS**





# DISTRICTS & ORGANIZATIONS

## Who chooses the Deans/Administrators/Instructors?

**T**hese selections are all made on the district or organizational level (i.e. by the governing Boards, District Administrator or Deans as determined). Purpose Institute provides the initial training and then depends on the district or organization to select staff. The Global Team participates in orienting new campuses and their growing staff of instructors and administrators.

## How does a District or Organization promote Purpose Institute?

**P**urpose Institute has a number of promotional materials available to districts and organizations including different print, digital, and video resources. Purpose Institute can also courier the components of a promotional booth for a presence at a conference or special meeting. Banners and logo gear are also available for use in promotion at the PI Store ([www.purposeinstitute.com](http://www.purposeinstitute.com)).

## What is the financial structure?

**T**he local campus receives up to 40% of student tuition to fund instructor honorariums and administrative costs. In addition, the District or Organization receives 5-10% of student tuition for the use in oversight and promotion, based on student enrollment.



## How does the District/Organization benefit?

The administration of the campus is entirely web-based (i.e. attendance, grading, tuition payments, grants, curriculum, and resources). Purpose Institute provides the administrative training for local staff. Districts and organizations have the benefit of continual improvements to the curriculum and systems. Local campus staff has the Global Team available to coach them through any difficulties. As such, organizational and district leaders can concentrate primarily on training and mentoring.

## How is the District responsible to Purpose Institute?

Purpose Institute is a tool in the hands of organizational and district leaders and exists to serve the cause of ministry training. While Purpose Institute supports the work of the Organization/District, the Organization/District is responsible to operate campuses in a way consistent with PI policy. Campus accountability should be enforced when campuses stray from the pursuit of excellence as outlined in the policy.



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