

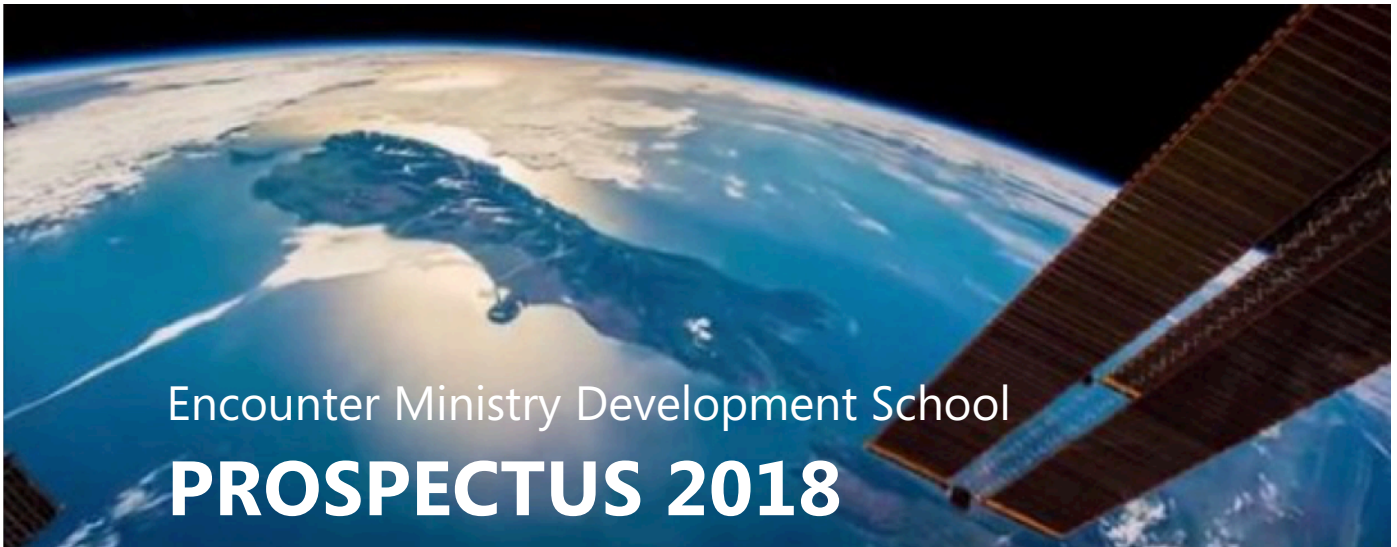


ENCOUNTER MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL

A New Zealand based ministry and leadership training school combining online study with local church mentoring and unique gatherings of the student community.

PROSPECTUS 2018

- **Certificate of Empowered Life & Ministry** – One year training in supernatural ministry and pastoral leadership.
- **Certificate in Biblical Studies** – One year training in New Covenant theology and kingdom life.
- **Certificate of Ministry** – One year training in new creation truth and Holy Spirit power, blended to increase both knowledge and competence for ministry.
- **Diploma of Ministry** – Guided reading and self-study offered to graduates of any MDS Certificate course.



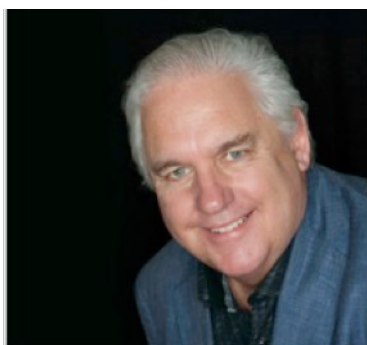
The Encounter Ministry Development School was established in 2010 and since then, over 120 men and women have completed the course and many graduates have taken up roles as pastors, church planters, youth and assistant ministry roles throughout the nation.

Beginning in 2016, The Encounter Ministry Development School added a new range of one year study options so that every believer, whether called to pastoral ministry or not, could learn and develop in serving Christ in their communities.

We believe this is a time of great opportunity for the expansion of the Kingdom of God in New Zealand. Our response to this opportunity is to co-labour with pastors from churches across the country to prepare men and women to lead and serve with faithfulness and effectiveness.

We see a new generation with strong biblical fundamentals, carrying a fresh prophetic message and anointing, and rightly connected to their local churches, their peers and mentors. They will be brilliant members of local leadership teams; they will be pastors; they will be church planters; and they will be men and women confident in Christ wherever they live and work in the world.

We welcome enquiries from any individuals, and from local church pastors who would like to discuss with us how we might serve their desires to train and equip.



Pastor Brent Douglas
Principal



Pastor David Collins
Dean of Students

12th September 2017

Dear Friends

Since 2013, our church has offered the Encounter Ministry Development School courses every year to it's members, especially it's developing leaders and ministries.

I can testify that the Ministry Development School has a transforming power that we have seen released again and again in students doing the course. It is a journey that brings true change in people's lives and prepares them to be effective in all areas of life.

This course shifts people's thinking, attitudes and understanding of the Bible and ministry. Leadership Seminars often talk on the importance of changing the culture of church. MDS has not only changed the culture of our church but has continued to develop a new culture of passion for Jesus and for His church.

If you want passionate, committed disciples of Christ in your church, then MDS will definitely build that. I can highly recommend MDS to any prospective student, or to any Church Pastor, as a vital tool in shifting church culture and positioning your church to have well-equipped workers.

MDS will impact any person or church that runs with it. We are enjoying the journey and we hope you will too.

Kind Regards

David Cooper
Senior Pastor

Three Courses + an enhancement opportunity

Students may choose a course designed to qualify them for **The Encounter** ...

1. **Certificate of Empowered Life and Ministry** – a one year course that emphasises the practice of Spirit-anointed ministry
2. **Certificate in Biblical Studies** – a one year course to understanding new covenant theology and kingdom truth
3. **Certificate of Ministry** – a one year course for ministry development, combining ministry best practice, the supernatural and liberating truth
4. **Diploma of Ministry** – Guided reading and self-study offered to graduates of any MDS Certificate course



The courses commence on the 5th March 2018, although if necessary, a course may be joined at the beginning of any school term. Each course requires the following participation:

- Every week of a term the student is asked to view a course subject presentation consisting of two 50 minute (approx) online video sessions.*
- With each subject presentation completed, the student will email a short "session response" to the Dean of Students.*
- One Friday evening, near the end of each term, the student community will come together with the course presenters for a unique gathering - in Auckland (for North Island students) and in Christchurch (for South Island students).*
- Engaging with your own pastor/mentor – to review your progress and the outworking of your training in church life.*

Two times each school term (follows Primary School Terms in New Zealand) the student will be sent the outlines for the sessions of their chosen course, plus the links with password to access the videos for a set of sessions. Included in this email will be "response" questions for the student to complete and return to the Dean of Students once they have viewed the session.



10th August 2013

Dear Brent and David

For about 2 years I had been searching for a suitable Bible College Course for our Interns, Pastors Jerome and Nerene Falken; a course of study that would help them prepare for full time pastoral ministry that was ahead of them.

To be honest, I had become a bit despondent in my search for a suitable study journey for our Intern pastors. There were many theological courses available from various Bible Colleges in New Zealand and overseas that I considered, but what I was looking for was a course of study that was theologically strong but with a solid practical application, suitable for our intern pastors who worked full time and were totally committed and involved with local church ministry full time.

I had recently heard about the MDS training and sat down with pastors Brent Douglas and David Collins at a regional pastors meeting in Rotorua and shared with them my thoughts for our Interns. The outcome being, we connected with the Encounter Ministry Development School.

The fruit of the MDS has been remarkable in the further preparation of Jerome and Nerene for pastoral ministry and the local church here at BCC, so much so that two years later Jerome and Nerene were commissioned as the senior pastors of Bay Christian Centre.

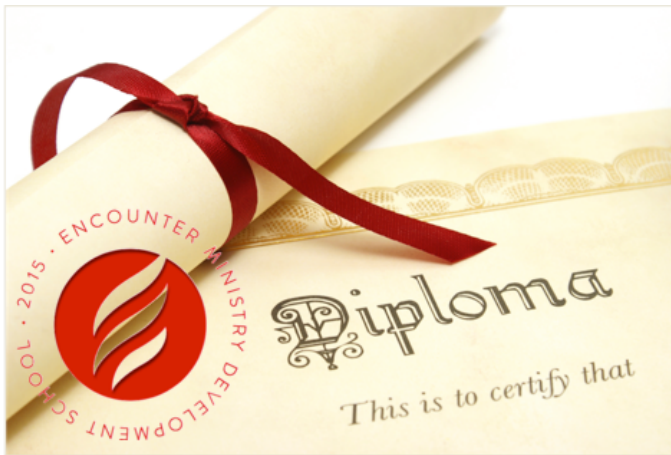
I consider MDS to have played a very significant and timely role in the preparation of our intern pastors and the transition of ministry .

My blessings and endorsement of the Encounter MDS and it's leadership.

Paul Thomson.
Pastor (Retired)
Bay Christian Centre

The Subject Grid

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3	COLUMN 4
<p>THE MINISTRY CALL (BD1)</p> <p>Including: The call of God to the ministry. Resourcing your ministry. How to prepare a message. Maintaining passion.</p>	<p>THE PLAN OF GOD (DC1)</p> <p>Including: God has a plan. The Divine Calendar. The Meaning of Life. Climate and Crops. To Enjoy Him Forever.</p>	<p>THE PASTOR AND THE CHURCH (BD5)</p> <p>Including: You the Leader/Pastor. A Cohesive Community. Understanding the Church.</p>	<p>ESSENTIAL DOCTRINE (DC5)</p> <p>Including: The New Creation. The Original Christian Gospel. The Vicarious Man. God and Man.</p>
<p>SPIRIT AND POWER (BD2)</p> <p>Including: Moving in Anointing and Power. The Prophetic Ministry. Activating the Gifts of the Spirit.</p>	<p>THE KINGDOM OF GOD (DC2)</p> <p>Including: The Parables of the Kingdom. Matthew – the Gospel of the King.</p>	<p>MEETING DYNAMICS (BD6)</p> <p>Including: Sunday Services. Weddings and Funerals. How to Run a Cell Group.</p>	<p>DOCTRINAL PRIORITIES (DC6)</p> <p>Including: The Latter Rain Revival. The Feast of Tabernacles. Healing Theology.</p>
<p>SETTING CAPTIVES FREE (BD3)</p> <p>Including: Deliverance The Religious Spirit The Spirit of Witchcraft and Control</p>	<p>THE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES (DC3)</p> <p>Including: The Disciple. Disciple-makers and Stewards. The Grace of Vulnerability. Intimacy with God.</p>	<p>WORKING RELATIONSHIPS (BD7)</p> <p>Including: Your church teams Hosting a Visiting Ministry Ministerial Ethics and Good Practice</p>	<p>THE OLD TESTAMENT (DC7)</p> <p>Including: Our Amazing Bible. Our Awkward Bible. Our Robust Bible. Israel. Jesus Christ the Key.</p>
<p>THE GREAT COMMISSION (BD4)</p> <p>Including: Maintaining a Move of the Spirit. The Work of an Evangelist. Missions. Building Leadership in the Church.</p>	<p>MAJOR OLD TESTAMENT TYPES (DC4)</p> <p>Including: Types and Symbols. Types from Old Testament history. The Tabernacle. The Land and the Mountain.</p>	<p>MATURING IN MINISTRY (BD8)</p> <p>Including: Kings or Fathers. Personal Reflections and Development. Leadership Reflections.</p>	<p>THE NEW TESTAMENT (DC8)</p> <p>Including: The Bible's Prophetic Bridge The History of the New Testament Church and Books. Revelation and Beyond.</p>



1. **Certificate of Empowered Living** – a one year course that emphasises the practice of Spirit-anointed ministry
ALL SUBJECTS FROM COLUMNS 1 and 3
2. **Certificate in Biblical Studies** – a one year course to understanding good theology and kingdom truth
ALL SUBJECTS FROM COLUMNS 2 and 4
3. **Certificate of Ministry** – a one year course for ministry development, combining the supernatural and liberating truth
 - The Ministry Call (BD1)
 - The Kingdom of God (DC2)
 - Spirit and Power (BD2)
 - The Spiritual Disciplines (DC3)
 - Setting Captives Free (BD3)
 - Essential Doctrine (DC5)
 - The Great Commission (BD4)
 - The New Testament (DC8)
4. **Diploma of Ministry** – Guided reading and self-study offered to graduates of any MDS Certificate course. The student will work with the Dean to choose five books for reading and review that fit the students area of interest and ministry direction.



Enrolment and Costs

Primary Cost: \$100.00 per term (to be made at the commencement of each term)

Married couple cost \$150.00 per term per couple. (Diploma year - \$250.00).

Generous group discount for churches who would like to administer an MDS group in their church. Please enquire.

Please apply for enrolment in the Encounter Ministry Development School by writing to:

Ministry Development School
 Encounter Christian Centre
 P.O. Box 19360
 Avondale
 AUCKLAND 1746

OR BY EMAIL: mds@encounter.org.nz

PLEASE INCLUDE ...

1. Your full name
2. The name and address of your church
3. The name, email address and phone number of your pastor
4. The MDS Course for which you wish to enrol
5. Your email address and mobile phone number

Please answer the following:

- i. Have you asked your pastor if he/she (or another suitable mentor) will meet with you during the year to review your progress in the course?
- ii. Do you have internet access suitable for viewing videos online?
- iii. Do you have a printer suitable for printing session outlines?
- iv. Will you pay your MDS fees by online payment or by cheque?
- v. Do you have good English language comprehension and communication skills?

ENQUIRIES: If you would like to speak to someone about the Encounter Ministry Development School please phone the Dean of Students, David Collins 027 486 3351

