



Advance Leading: Long-Term Missions

Preparing to be a missionary is an exciting process and journey. This “pipeline” serves to equip those who feel called to long-term missions. Those who join this pipeline may feel called to support a missions partner or an international Celebration campus.

The pipeline process will include Biblical teaching, missionary training, and other practical ministry experiences to prepare individuals for the missions field. Our hope is for this to be a highly-relational process in which each applicant is equipped and personally mentored. The following steps are the components involved in the Long Term Missions Pipeline. Many will be accomplished simultaneously, and further steps may be involved according to each individual’s long-term missions goals.

1. Pursue and Experience Leading

Due to the reality that many places in the developing world have countless disadvantages because of poor leadership, a missionary’s role is to search for, develop, and then coach leaders. Those wanting to support a missions partner or a Celebration campus will inevitably serve in a leadership capacity. It is, therefore, essential for each applicant to go through leadership training and become a missions leader before becoming a missionary.

Steps to become a missions leader include a leadership application, attend the Careforce Experience, complete Missions Leader Readiness Workshops, and lead a short term missions team. More information is available on www.celebration.org/leadership.

2. Start the application process

Complete Part 1 of the Long Term Missions application at impact.celebration.org/long-term-missions-pipeline. Upon review, you will be notified to complete Part 2 of the application and an interview with missions staff.

3. Attend foundational Biblical classes.

We want to ensure those called for long-term missions or church-planting are equipped with the foundational aspects of God’s Word.



Class Information:

Classes will be taken in conjunction with Celebration Leadership College through Logos Educators Network or other accredited institution. Doctorate level professors along with Celebration Church staff will teach these weekly courses.

Courses	Base Competencies
Courses to Include: Apologetics Old Testament Survey New Testament Survey Principles of Bible Study	Prepare a solid biblical foundation

Application/Fees:

Each person entering the pipeline must fill out a Logos application if the courses above are to be completed through Logos. Go to <http://logoseducators.net/len-get-started-students.html> to fill out an application* and pay the following fees.

- One-time application fee: \$40
- Audit fee per course (includes books): \$75
- Total for 1st semester: **\$190****
- Total for following semester: **\$150**

*Note that non-degreed students only need to fill out the application. The other requirements (photo, resume, etc) are not required.

4. Participate in Missionary Preparedness Seminars

Seminar Information:

There will be several Missionary Preparedness Seminars held in 2010 to prepare those who feel called to long term missions. Anyone is welcome to join these seminars and it is **mandatory** for those wanting to join a church planting team or to become a missionary through Celebration Church. They will be taught by Celebration staff and



volunteers, and there is a nominal fee to help cover training materials. These seminars are currently offered once per year and attendance is required.

Seminar topics will include raising financial support, culture shock, adapting yourself and the Gospel to culture, and more.

5. Practical Ministry Training and Mentoring

Further training may be required depending on desired missionary involvement, especially if desiring to join a Celebration international campus. This will be discussed in the initial interview. In addition to practical ministry training, each applicant will be placed with an appropriate mentor to help in their preparation for becoming a missionary/church planter.

6. Team Building

Team building will commence after the applicants have had initial interviews and begin ministry training/mentoring. Teams going to plant a church will commit to meeting together to pray, get to know each other, and discuss different topics (such as vision, roles, conflict management, personalities).

7. Raise Full Support (topic to be covered in seminars)

8. Final Interview and Approval