

# Fellowship of Reconciling Pentecostals International

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## RPI Bible College Catalog

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### The Ministry of Reconciliation

**21st Century apostolic ministry** requires dedication, fortitude, perseverance, strong ethics and deep conviction. We have been called to the Kingdom for such a time as this! Are you the kind of person that longs for solid leadership, guidance and direction? Are you ready to use your God gifted talents for the glory of the Lord?

RPI strives to be a home for all disenfranchised Pentecostals no matter what got you there! Our goal is to assist those who are struggling or confused in understanding where they really stand with God. We all know that the traditional Pentecostal church has misunderstood and often been quite offensive with their approach to GLBT people and the subject of homosexuality. Though we vehemently disagree with that position, we realize most of us came from that same mindset, but now understand that God does have gay children. Unless God is allowed to reveal the Truth on this matter to our pastors or our family, we are better off and more productive moving on – taking a positive stand – and then assisting those who are ready to hear the “really good news!”

In order for this to happen, we welcome ministers, pastors, elders, SS teachers and our wonderfully gifted singers, musicians and ministers of music to find RPI to be a place where they can continue their ministry. Many ministers, after coming out, have thought there would never again be a place for them to use their call and gifting. But, that is just not true. We are not a surprise to God – He is our Creator! RPI affirms that God did not make a mistake when He called you. There is a harvest field that awaits our message of hope.

RPI presently offers an expanding training program for those who feel a call of God on their life, but perhaps never answered that call because of feelings of inferiority or unworthiness relating to their orientation or gender. Our fellowship is open to those individuals who are now ready to go forward in their calling. Our educational training and mentoring system is in place to assist those who need further knowledge and grooming in Biblical studies, doctrine and experience. Please take a moment to pray about RPI. We are anxious to hear from you.

# *Reconciling Pentecostals International*

RPI Bible College is an outreach ministry of Reconciling Pentecostals International, a Christian organization of several churches, ministers and ministries, both nationally and internationally. As an outreach ministry of RPI, RPI Bible College adheres to RPI's Statement of Faith.

## **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

**We believe in...**

**One True God** who manifested Himself as the Father in creation, Son in redemption, and the Holy Ghost in regeneration. The Father is the fullness of God invisible. The Son is the embodiment of God's fullness in flesh. The Holy Ghost is the fullness of God in the church by emanation. Deut. 6:4; Isaiah 43:10-11; Hosea 13:4; Mark 12:29 & 32; I Cor. 8:4-6; I Tim. 2:5; James 2:19.

**Christ's Absolute Deity** as the One True, Almighty God manifest in the flesh. Jesus Christ was fully human and fully divine. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miraculous ministry, substitutionary death and bodily resurrection. II Cor. 5:18; Isaiah 7:14; Matt. 1:23; Heb. 4:15; Acts 10:38; II Cor. 5:21; Acts 2:31-32; John 1:1 & 14; John 10:30; Colossians 1:9; 2:9; Col. 1:19; II Cor. 4:6; I Tim. 4:10; Titus 2:13; Jude 25.

**The Bible** is utterly trustworthy and reliable as the final authority for faith and practice. It is the divinely inspired, infallible Word of God and as such must be understood and interpreted correctly, maintaining its original historical and cultural context. We make no contention for a perfect translation but believe that the Bible as we know it today is trustworthy and reliable as the final authority for faith and practice. II Timothy 3:16; Matthew 24:35.

**A Sinful Nature** has been inherited by every person who has also sinned of their own volition, making them sinners in need of a Savior. Psalm 51:5; Romans 3:23.

The **Salvation** experience is received by grace, through faith in the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Salvation is initiated by God and calls for our surrender and acceptance. It is available to all who receive it. God's grace is appropriated through faith, which we demonstrate by obeying the New Testament plan of salvation as preached by the early church. Today, as then, a person is saved (born again) by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, which is evidenced by obediently identifying with His death, burial and resurrection, accomplished by the Blood of Jesus through:

- the death of our "old man" in **repentance**.
- the burial of our sinful nature in **baptism** by total immersion in water, into the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. This act is the New Testament circumcision of the heart that is a sign of God's covenant with those who are called by His Name.

- our resurrection to newness of life through the infilling/**baptism of the Holy Ghost** with the initial evidence of speaking with other tongues. This birth of the Spirit is for us today and was the expected experience of every New Testament believer.
- These serve as conduits of our faith toward God and His grace toward us.
- References include: John 3:3-5; Mark 16:16 & 17; Acts 2:4,38-39; Acts 8:16; Acts 10:46-48; Acts 19: 5-6; Acts 22:16; I Cor. 14:5,18; Romans 8:9,11,15 & 16, I John 5:8; I Corinthians 15:1-4; Hebrews 9:22; Romans 6:4-6; Titus 3:5.

**Holiness** unto the Lord and separation from evil and all addictions of the flesh is essential and should characterize everyone who has been spiritually regenerated. We are to flee worldliness and carnality in pursuit of the righteousness of God in our lives. I Peter 1:15-16; I Thess. 5:22; II Cor. 6:17; I John 2:15.

**Our Mission** is to make disciples, relieve suffering and minister to those in need. Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; Acts 1:8; Matt. 25:35-46; James 1:27; I Cor. 11:23-30.

**Healing and Deliverance** has been provided by God in the atonement and can be manifested in response to the prayer of faith. Luke 10:9; Mark 16:18; James 5:14-16; I Peter 2:24.

**Jesus Christ's Impending Return** for His church will happen at the appointed time, and someday all will stand before Him to receive eternal reward or face eternal punishment. There will be a literal seven-year tribulation during which time the anti-Christ will be revealed. Following the Tribulation, the Battle of Armageddon will be fought and will culminate in Christ's victory and His one-thousand-year reign of peace. There will be a final judgment where the souls of men and women will be assigned eternal reward or punishment in a literal Heaven or Hell. Matt. 24; I Cor. 15:15, 52; I Thess. 4:13-17; Rev. 7:14; Rev. 16:16; I John 2:18; II Thess. 2:3-4; Revelation 7 & 19:1-22.

**Intimate Relations, Marriage and Divorce.** Since we have been baptized into Christ and have put on Christ according to Galatians 3:27-28, there is no longer a distinction between Jew and Greek, bond and free, male and female since we are all one in Christ. And whereas God is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34), we believe same-sex relationships are held to exactly the same Biblical standard as heterosexual relationships in the sight of God. Marriage is a sacred, lifelong covenant between two people and their God, in which sexual fidelity is maintained. We call upon human governments to recognize the equality and dignity of same-sex unions, providing all the same benefits afforded their heterosexual counterparts. Until such time as this equality is realized, we encourage those entering into same-sex unions to acknowledge their sacred marriage vows before God in a specific ceremony witnessed by others.

With regards to sexual conduct, we strongly admonish our ministers and members to conduct themselves according to the Bible standard of intimate relations. We acknowledge one standard for all individuals, regardless of sexual orientation. We believe the only acceptable form of sexual expression between two people is that which takes place within the context of total commitment and marriage. Hebrews 13:4

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## A Message from the Chief Presiding Presbyter of RPI

Dear RPI Bible College Candidates,

As ministers of the gospel, we are instructed to "Work hard (study) so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15 NLT

Reconciling Pentecostals International wishes to raise the bar of academia among those called to ministry by our Lord Jesus Christ. For those who are already involved with ministry and have time limitations, pursuing a higher level of education can be problematic and prohibitive which can easily lead to procrastination. In our desire to prepare ministers for their unique ministry needed in our affirming and inclusive ranks today, it would be unfair and detrimental to the preacher for us to not provide and require sufficient training. Further, to prevent the called one from giving up in despair for lack of preparation, it is RPI's conviction that a well rounded academic and spiritual foundation is necessary in the preparation process. As God continues to bless RPI with qualified ministers and those willing to contribute from their knowledge and wisdom, we will do our best to improve our educational process offerings.

We are pleased to present our newest version of training and structuring for our ministerial candidates. They are offered on different levels in relation to our licensing and ordination process. We also feel it is very important for our ordained ministers to maintain their status by participation in our Leadership Continuing Education program developed specifically according to our desired standards. One day we hope to have online training with live teachers and immediate scoring of exams. In the meantime, dig in and enjoy what is offered. Be a good steward of your time as a diligent student should be. God will bless you in your efforts to be a "good worker" in the field of labor the Lord God Himself has called you to.

May the Lord bless you in your calling!

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**RPI Educational Director, Rev. Debbie Cummins**

WELCOME! We're so glad you're here. We are excited about your decision to go through the RPI Bible College (RPIBC) program. It is the will of God that we all excel in the things we do for the Kingdom of God. Whether you are here to work toward a minister's license, or if you simply want to increase your knowledge about the things of God, we are here to help you on that journey. In 2 Timothy 2:15, the Apostle Paul tells Timothy to "STUDY to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." It is impossible to share or teach things you do not know.

RPI Bible College is designed to give you instruction in the Word of God, as well as other areas relating to ministry. It is our desire to help you be better prepared to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. On-campus and on-line Bible college is ideal for some people who have the financial means and the time required to attend. For others, it is an impossibility. RPIBC is designed for individuals who need to study at home, or at their own pace. It will equip you with the education you need as a minister, while allowing you to continue with your regular responsibilities at home. It also meets the educational requirements for anyone applying to RPI for a minister's license.

As Director of Education, I look forward to working with you as you complete your ministry training. Please contact me with your questions concerning the RPI Bible College program.

May the LORD Jesus bless you on your educational journey,  
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## **Mission Statement**

The mission of RPI Bible College is to equip Christ-centered men and women, with sound Christian faith and character, for leadership service in life, work, ministry and missions through Christian education that encourages godly conduct, personal growth, readiness for service and spiritual development through professional and academic excellence.

## **Rationale Statement**

RPI welcomes all inquiries into our Bible College. Candidates who seek fellowship with our family of ministers, churches and ministries, are received based on the criteria set forth in this catalog. We prayerfully review each application to ensure that RPI maintains its spiritual integrity. We realize that the doctrinal foundation on which we stand and the mission that God gave us many years ago, must not be sacrificed at the altar of accommodation. It is imperative that each candidate understand who we are, and what we believe, the goal and mission of RPI, as well as the doctrinal beliefs, Statement of Faith, Constitution and By-laws in order to produce an enduring and harmonious covenant relationship. RPI is equipped to mentor and help train new ministers answering the call of God. We feel it is very important to be accountable to those in authority that God places in your life. *RPI* is conscientious of our duties and responsibilities and therefore caution those seeking credentialing, of their accountability to the leadership of *RPI*, and their respective churches or ministries. Ministry is our life, not just something we enjoy doing. It is therefore our desire to encourage and assist committed men and women who are ready to enlist in this great army of the Lord.

All students who have completed RPI College coursework may seek credentialing through RPI. Any student who has subsequently applied for and received the appropriate credentialing with RPI, and remain in good standing, shall be authorized to perform weddings, bless unions, bury the deceased and perform other such duties as are commonly required of the ministry. Upon reaching the level of General License, ministers are eligible to vote on any item that comes before the body of ministers. All ministers' standing in the fellowship shall be reviewed by the RPI board annually. To maintain a license, a minister is absolutely required to remain: involved in a regular, tangible ministry, accountable, godly, supportive of the fellowship financially, cooperative and submissive in the Spirit of Christ, a harmonious worker with other RPI ministers and in compliance with all scriptural requirements as set forth in I Timothy, chapter 3 and Titus, chapter 1. An ordination or any license may be revoked by the RPI board at any time there is proven to be just cause.

## **Leading Principles**

“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses; the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.” (II Timothy 2:2, KJV).

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (II Timothy 2:15 KJV)



## **Independent Study Courses**

RPI Bible College offers Independent Study Courses, which may be completed at the student's own pace over a 24-month period from the start date. This program is ideal for individuals who feel the call to ministry who are also balancing the demands of family, church, and work. RPI College Courses are carefully designed to let everyone set their own pace, with deadlines to complete their assignments within a 24-month period from the start date. Internet, UPS and postal delivery give students the option to access any study materials they may need and to submit completed work for examination by the education committee.

## **Method of Evaluation**

The evaluation of each course of study at RPI Bible College will be done using a variety of formats such as, but not limited to: written responses to questions, book critiques, research papers, public presentation and internships.

## **Student Dismissal**

RPI Bible College reserves the right at any time, to place on probation or dismiss any student whose academic standing or progress, financial obligations, or public or private behavior is deemed not satisfactory by the Educational Committee, RPI Bible College or RPI Board.

## **Skill/Learning Objectives/Outcomes:**

1. Students of RPI Bible College will develop basic skills of examination, understanding, and application, in their study of the Bible.
2. Students will identify and explain the significance of themes, events, historical importance, cultural meaning, and personalities found in the Old and New Testaments.
3. Students will identify and describe pertinent background, interpretive questions and relevant information pertaining to books found in the Old and New Testaments.
4. Students will apply appropriately to life and service the biblical teachings and principles learned in their course of study.
5. Students will develop the ability to adapt their studies to practical application.
6. Students will acquire necessary ministerial, biblical, counseling and ethical skills to advance in church leadership.
7. Students will develop critical evaluative skills in interpreting Christian literature as well as an ability to communicate these skills to others.

## **Personal Spiritual Development Objectives:**

1. To develop a personal/spiritual appreciation for the Christian/apostolic heritage.
2. To instill a desire for lifelong commitment to personal spiritual growth through daily Bible study and prayer.
3. To develop attitudes of service and commitment to the local church.
4. To equip individuals with a Christian worldview that enables them to manifest a biblically separated lifestyle.
5. To foster Christian culture, developing refinement, appreciation, social attitudes, and skills.

The student who completes these series of programs will be able to demonstrate a general knowledge of the Bible, biblical teachings, ministry skills, Christian ethics and morals, with an emphasis on the practical application of these in ministry situations.

These biblical-based studies will serve as a foundation for building a spiritually sound ministry, and will provide students with practical ministry understanding and experiences upon which to build a ministry that is God-centered and operates in Biblical excellence.

## **Standards of Writing**

Students pursuing any study should also work toward developing a clear and understandable means of communicating their ideas through writing. Developing one's talent for writing requires diligent observance of thought and analysis.

The most important element of communicating your ideas to another, whether writing or speaking, is to formulate your thoughts in a consistent and orderly manner.

## **Writing skills are important to educational success and should follow these concepts:**

- Is narrow in focus; presenting one's point clearly and precisely
- Presents information or argument based on sound critical thinking;
- Draws upon and properly acknowledges the work of others;
- Presents one's perspective in an organized fashion.
- Stays on topic

Students enrolled in RPI Bible College (especially those who will later seek ordination) who do not meet these basic skills in presenting their course requirement, may be asked to take additional courses in remedial presentation, acceptable to RPI's Board of Presbyters.

# Reconciling Pentecostals International

## Education for Eternity

### Bible College Program

RPI Bible College and RPI's goal is to assist all individuals who are Spirit-filled, living a holy life and are in the process of answering his/her call to ministry in different capacities within their church, ministry, community, mission, etc., and others who have joined with RPI with a background in ministry. These candidates will be recommended by their pastor or other RPI Ministers who have had opportunity to observe the candidate's life and obvious call to ministry.

The candidate must be in good standing in their own local church and be living an exemplary life. The candidate accepted into this program will be expected to complete a course of study outlined by the RPI Educational Coordinator. The candidate will be accountable to a ministerial coach or mentor to be assigned by the educational committee.

### **Qualifications:**

- Be baptized in water by full immersion
- Possess affirmation of a call to ministry, or desire to grow in Christian experience
- Have pastor's approval to enter the program
- Complete an application with supporting documents
- Be approved by the Educational Committee
- If this person is a minor, have parent's written permission to enter the Bible College if application is accepted
- Pay a non-refundable processing fee for application and course evaluation

### **Fees**

Students entering Level I are required to complete an application for the RPI Bible College, and submit the application with a \$50 fee to RPI Headquarters. Upon approval, they may begin Level I coursework. Each level should be completed within a two-year period, and fees are \$100 per year, payable quarterly. Additionally, all students who do not wish to seek licensure with RPI, but would like to complete ministry education through the RPI Bible College, will continue to pay \$100 per year for each of the 4 levels. However, there are no additional fees for the RPI Bible College courses for those who receive licensure through RPI and whose annual dues are kept up to date.

## **Life Experience Credit**

### What is Life Experience Credit or Credit for Life Experience?

Life Experience Credit has been loosely defined by some as; “The philosophy that Academic Credit is given for what you know, without regard to how, when or where the learning was acquired.”

### Life Experience Credit

RPI Bible College Students, who are enrolled in RPI Bible College, may apply for Life Experience Credit. Life Credit may be earned for verifiable experience in your given area of study. Credit may be earned for learning experiences as outlined in this category of learning.

Generally speaking, you can earn three (3 credit hrs.) credit hours for every documented category of experience. Example: Please be aware that conducting one Workshop will not constitute a three (3 credit hrs.) hour credit. Conducting workshops, seminars, trainings, would be a category and would be given credit to the extent of the material in the workshops, etc, the time given to preparing and presenting the workshops, etc. and the audience/place. Again, for example, preparing and presenting a workshop at your own local church would not earn as much credit as one prepared and presented to another church or a group of churches or in another venue.

### Evaluation, Review and Processing

Any student desiring Life Credit must have an evaluation completed on the Life Experience material submitted. An evaluation examines your credits from other institutions, other documented life experiences you have had and verifiable experience in your chosen category of learning. An evaluation will determine exactly how many credits can be given for study at another learning facility and how many credits, if any, can be earned through life experience and other venues of learning/experiences.

### Qualifier

The student learner must be at least 25 years of age and have been in ministry for a minimum of three to five years. This ministry could be in the form of pastor, assistant pastor, youth pastor, outreach, teacher, missions, written work(s), trainings, credit from ministry at other institutions, such as prison or street ministry, youth ministry, etc. as a leader or lay person. Exceptions to these qualifiers will be dealt with on an individual basis if deemed applicable.

### Limitations

Regardless of the amount of life experience, be it experiential learning or written works, a student must receive some credit, determined by the educational committee and the Board of Presbyters, toward their educational requirements via RPI Bible College. This will be based on quality and quantity of previous work.

## Applying for Life Experience

Along with the *Application for Enrollment* in RPI's Bible College, upon request, there will be an Application Form for Life Experience. This form can be presented to RPI Bible College any time during the training process. Once all requested documentation has been obtained, the Education Committee will inform you of their findings within 60 days from receipt of application and documentation. The Educational Committee will inform you as to the number of credits that will be applied for Life Experience documentation. The Educational Committee of RPI reserves the right to reject any request for credit from Life Experience not properly documented, and the limit of credit applied from all documented Life Experience.

Accepted Life Experience Work (All work must be documented)

1. Trainings (as the trainer or learner)
2. Teacher (Sunday school, Bible Study, Seminars, Workshops, etc.)
3. Mission Work under leadership of a church or Christian Group
4. Ministry (as stated above)
5. Written/Published Work (Books, Articles, etc.)
6. Attendance at another college (documented courses that correspond to RPI courses)
7. Other (as approved by the RPI Educational Committee)

## Cost

There will be an application fee for Life Experience credit to cover the review, evaluation and processing of documentation. This fee will be based on the amount of material submitted for review *and* the student's ability to pay, as determined by the Educational Committee, in cooperation with RPI Board of Presbyters. At no time, will the fee, in addition to other cost, exceed the total cost of completion of the Bible College curriculum for their particular program.

## Provisional or Probationary Status

It is the desire of RPI to recognize the life work and dedication of all Christian Workers in God's Kingdom. Therefore, RPI will provisionally recognize all credentials from other churches or organizations.

It is generally understood that there are many different denominations and beliefs within the Christian Churches. It is not the aspiration of RPI to in any way negate the life work and labor of any Christian Minister, however, the integrity of the doctrine and foundation of RPI must be secured.

Therefore, any fully ordained minister who enters into a covenant with RPI from a similar background shall be recognized as a provisionally ordained minister of RPI, and given a probationary period of one (1) year at RPI. Following this one (1) year probationary period, the work and contribution of that individual to the RPI organization shall be reviewed. If this work and contribution is satisfactory, they shall then be fully ordained and licensed with RPI, subject to all RPI ministerial continuing educational requirements.

## **RPI Bible College Disclaimer**

Reconciling Pentecostals International was founded on the basic principle of full inclusivity, including sexual orientation. We believe God calls those whom He will to preach the gospel, and minister in other areas as ‘laborers in God’s vineyard’. To this purpose, we have set forth a process to assist in preparing those who are ‘the called according to his purpose’. Each step in this process of learning and serving within your church and community will help the student to develop the servant’s heart. However, **RPI Bible College, on the completion of all course work, does not guarantee any credentialing for ministry.** RPI, as a religious organization, reserves the right to review each candidate for credentialing (Associate Minister, General Minister or Ordination) independently of the completion of RPI Bible College Courses. Once a student has completed the coursework, they will file an application with RPI for credentialing in their level of qualification, based on area of course completion. Their Christian character and work will be evaluated by their church, pastor and RPI, as needed. A minister’s license will be presented following the completion of the relevant courses AND evidence of the student’s standard of good Christian conduct, pursuant to the doctrine and teachings of RPI.

## **Non-Discrimination Statement**

RPI Bible College is a Christian educational ministry that is dedicated to the cause of equal and fair treatment of all people. Therefore, we have set forth the following, as a guide for our pursuit for full inclusion and non-discrimination:

### Discrimination

*Reconciling Pentecostals International does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, gender identity, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or age in its education programs, and provides equal access to all persons seeking to expand their learning through RPI Bible College.*

### Disability Accommodation Statement:

*RPI will attempt to provide accommodations to any student with a disability. A student with a “disability” may be an individual with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities such as learning, seeing or hearing. Additionally, pregnancy or a related medical condition that causes a similar substantial limitation may also be considered a disability under the ADA.*

## Ministry Training involves four (4) Levels

Please note, that the RPI Bible College offers Certificates of Completion for each level of study, which are separate from licensure by the RPI Board of Presbyters.

Licensure is handled by the RPI Board of Presbyters. Students who have completed Level I courses may apply for a Minister-In-Training license from the RPI Board of Presbyters.

When a student has completed Level I Courses, they will receive a Christian Workers Certificate from the RPI Bible College and may then apply to the RPI Board of Presbyters for a Minister-In-Training License, if they wish to do so. After completion of Level II Courses, a student will receive a Certificate for Practical Ministry from the RPI Bible College and may subsequently apply to the RPI Board of Presbyters for an Associate License. For completion of Level III Courses, a student will receive a Certificate for Pastoral and Church Leadership from RPI Bible College, and they may apply to RPI Board of Presbyters for a General License. Students who have completed Level IV Courses will receive a Certificate in Advanced Leadership from RPI Bible College and will then be eligible for Full Ordination from the RPI Board.

Level I Courses – learning basic foundational principles of Christian living, personal growth, church doctrine and biblical history. (**Christian Worker**)

Level II Courses – expands on level one learning and additional church history, doctrinal studies, preparing for ministry and missions and spiritual development through prayer, fasting, studying. (**Practical Ministry**)

Level III Courses – Students broaden their knowledge in doctrine, biblical understanding, ministry, pastoral discipline, Christian education and leadership principles. (**Pastoral & Church Leadership**)

Level IV Courses – study at this level prepares the minister for higher levels of leadership within the organization, church, and mission field. (**Advanced Leadership**)

Additionally, students are required to read through the bible for each level of licensure.

Please remember that all fully ordained ministers are expected to submit documentation of continuing education through book reviews of their personal choice of study and/or submitting notes/handouts from classes taught at conferences, etc.

## Categories in RPI Course Studies

Students are expected to complete assigned courses from the following categories of study:

<b>CL</b>	Christian Life
<b>CM</b>	Conflict Management
<b>AP</b>	Apologetics
<b>CHS</b>	Church History & Christian Development
<b>DS</b>	Doctrinal Studies
<b>GM</b>	Gospel Ministry
<b>LP</b>	Leadership Principles
<b>MM</b>	Missions
<b>DV</b>	Diversity

Students **MAY NOT** by-pass any level without **PRIOR** written permission from the RPI Board of Presbyters. All students are expected to progress through each level, beginning with Level I.

Students are expected to satisfy the requirements for their specific level of study from each category.

A description of each assigned course along with the book requirement is outlined in the back of this manual. Please be sure that you have matched the assigned course with the specific description and book requirement.

Students may utilize the blocks conveniently provided beside each course listed in their category of study to place a check mark and keep a record of the work they have completed.

Students will be given a progress report following the completion of each category of study within their program. Example: If you are studying for Level I, when you have completed CL100 and CL102, you will be given a report. If you complete CL 100 and AP 102, you will receive acknowledgment for progress through Apologetics, but not Christian Life, until you also complete CL102.



## **Level I – Christian Workers Certificate**

Those seeking a Level I training will be required to complete the nine (9) courses listed below:

### **Christian Life**

CL 100

CL 102

### **Apologetics**

AP 102

### **Church History and Development**

CHS 102

CHS 111

### **Doctrinal Studies**

DS 101

### **Gospel Ministry**

GM 112

### **Missions**

MM 100

### **Diversity**

DV 111

## **Level II – Practical Ministry**

Those seeking Level II training will be required to complete the ten (10) courses listed below:

### **Christian Life**

CL 201

CL 202

### **Church History and Development**

CHS 200

CHS 201

CHS 204

### **General Ministry**

GM 200

GM 203

### **Missions**

MM -211

MM - 212

### **Diversity**

DV 201

## **Level III – Pastoral & Church Leadership**

Those seeking Level III Training will be required to complete the fourteen (14) courses listed below:

### **Christian Life**

- CL 301
- CL 302
- CL 311

### **Conflict Management**

- CM 300
- CM 301

### **Apologetics**

- AP 302
- AP 311  OR AP 312  (select only one)

### **Church History and Christian Development**

- CHS 302
- CHS 312

### **General Ministry**

- GM 301  OR GM 311  (select only one)
- GM 302

### **Missions**

- MM 301

### **Leadership Principles**

- LP 300

### **Diversity**

- DV 301

## **Level IV - Advanced Leadership**

Churches can flourish under the direction of quality leadership, or fall for the lack thereof. Leadership characteristics may be a part of someone's natural personality; however, leadership skills must be learned. A charismatic personality may draw people, but it is leadership skills that assist a group of people in learning to work together as a team. In business, it is leadership skills that separate managers from administrators. Leadership is the highest quality of teamwork, emanating plans, and creating attainable goals.

Those seeking a position of leadership within any church or ministry should evaluate their ability to lead, and consider taking the following courses.

However, those seeking any leadership within the Fellowship of Reconciling Pentecostals International in any capacity will be required to complete the ten (10) courses listed below:

### **Conflict Management**

CM 402

### **Church History and Christian Development**

CHS 401

### **Apologetics**

AP 401

### **Doctrinal Studies**

DS 401

DS 402

### **Leadership Principles**

LP 402

LP 411

LP 412

LP 414

### **Diversity**

DV 401

## Course Descriptions

### CL CHRISTIAN LIFE

**CL 100 BECOMING A FOLLOWER OF JESUS CHRIST (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** Students will broaden their understanding of what it truly means to follow Jesus Christ. This book calls the reader into active discipleship, rather than being a passive admirer of Christ.

**Book:** *Not a Fan.* by Kyle Idleman ISBN # 978-0-310-33193-3

**CL 102 PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** This course will teach what prayer is, why God needs us to pray, how to pray effectively, and how to intercede for others, through prayer, with perseverance.

**Book:** *Intercessory Prayer: How God can use your prayers to move Heaven and Earth* by Dutch Sheets ISBN # 0830719008

**CL 201 THE ATTRIBUTE OF GRACE (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** The student will come to understand the practical application of Grace in the life of the Christian, as an extension of God's Grace toward them.

**Book:** *What's So Amazing about Grace?* by Philip Yancey ISBN # 0310245656

**CL 202 UNLOCKING THE POWER OF FASTING (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** The principles and power of fasting will be explored. Students will become familiar with both ancient and modern examples of what can happen when we fast.

**Book:** *When Ye Fast* by Joy Haney ISBN # 1880969106

**CL 301 TEACH US TO PRAY (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** Students will identify prayerlessness as a serious condition with serious consequences. The student will learn the importance of prayer and why Jesus' disciples said; 'teach us to pray', and the blessings and power that come through prayer.

**Book:** *Living a Prayerful Life* by Andrew Murray ISBN # 0764227157

**CL 302 PRAYER: CHANGE CHRISTIANS, CHANGING THE WORLD (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** Students will learn how passionate, persistent prayer transforms individuals, revives churches and revitalizes communities. Drawing on the teaching of scripture and the collected wisdom of the great revivalists. This course will provide the student with the opportunity to learn how to listen to God's voice and prayerfully depend upon God!

**Book:** *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire* by Jim Cymbala ISBN 9780310251538

□ **CL 311 CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** This course will guide learners in Christian outreach through an understanding of scriptures and practices necessary for discipleship and developing a perspective of the Christian's responsibility for reaching the world with the message of hope.

**Book:** *The Hole in our Gospel* by Richard Stearns ISBN # 0785229183

## CM CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

□ **CM 300 MANAGING CONFLICT & STRESS IN CHURCH RELATIONSHIP (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** To survey the field of managing conflicts that arise in church relationships from a Christian perspective by examining Scripture current literature and scholarly research, and by applying knowledge gained to specific areas of congregational discord.

**Book:** *The Emotionally Healthy Church* by Peter Scazzero ISBN # 1591454522

□ **CM 301 PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINE (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** To develop in learners the ability to synthesize the concept of self discipline through prayer and fasting.

**Book:** *Teach Us to Fast and Pray* by Kim Johnson ISBN # 1567725608

□ **CM 402 BECOMING A PEACEMAKER (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** This course presents practical biblical guidance for conflict resolution that takes you beyond resolving conflicts to true, life-changing reconciliation with family, co-workers, and fellow believers.

**Book:** *The Peacemaker* by Ken Sande ISBN# 0801064856

## AP APOLOGETICS

□ **AP 102 CHRISTIAN FOUNDATIONS (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** Students will learn, and be equipped to lead others in the foundation of confession, repentance, salvation, and justification. They will gain thorough knowledge in the analogy of grace and faith, the new birth doctrine and the concept of obedience.

**Book:** *The New Birth* by David Bernard ISBN # 0912315776

□ **AP 302 DEFENDING THE FAITH: CONCEPTS OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** To set the defense of the faith in a historical context so that learners will benefit from the work of the great Apologists in Christian history.

**Book:** *Our God is One* by Talmadge French ISBN # 1888251204

□ **AP 311 CONTEMPORARY APOLOGETICS (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** To introduce and expose learners to foundational issues in the study of apologetics; to enable learners to identify key terms and describe essential issues of apologetics and to apply apologetic to contemporary challenge.

**Book:** *When Skeptics Ask: A handbook on Christian evidences* by Norman L. Geisler ISBN-10 # 0801014980

□ **AP 312 ONENESS APOLOGETICS (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** This course is a compilation of three apologetic books: 1) One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism: Defending the gospel against polytheism, 2) A True Foundation: Defending the gospel against cults, and 3) The Seven Revelations of God: The multifaceted One. The student will learn to apologetically defend the faith in relation to who Jesus is and how to minister people outside our doctrine of faith.

**Book:** *Oneness Pentecostal Theology: Jewels of the Christian faith Vol. 1* by Rev. Dr. Steve Joel Moffett, Sr. ISBN-10 # 1484945670

□ **AP 401 UNDERSTANDING THE FULLNESS OF GOD (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** This course offers the student a better understanding of the concept of the one God, the supporting scriptures and the controversy that has impacted the church for centuries

**Book:** *The Trinitarian Controversy* by David Bernard ISBN# 1567220096

## CHS CHURCH HISTORY AND CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT

☐ **CHS 102 AMERICAN REVIVAL: THE STORY OF AZUSA (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** Students will explore the events that led to the great American Revival of Azusa Street and its effects on the church and American culture. You will learn of faith, love, healing, conquering fear, and the importance of a solid prayer life.

**Book:** *Azusa Street* by Frank Bartelman ISBN # 0883686384

☐ **CHS 111 THE APOSTOLIC PENTECOST (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** The history of the current apostolic movement, its Pentecostal roots and how it is experienced in the life of the believer. The student will become familiarized with the apostolic beliefs and its impact on America.

**Book:** *Phenomenon of Pentecost* by Frank Ewert ISBN # 0932581919

☐ **CHS 200 CHURCH HISTORY: INFANCY OF PENTECOST (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** Covering the early 20th century Pentecostal movement (1901-1914) in the life of Howard A. Goss, "The Winds of God" affords the reader insight into many of the issues and situations that were instrumental in molding the Pentecostal movement.

**Book:** *The Winds of God* by Ethel Goss ISBN # 0912315261

☐ **CHS 201 HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** Students will survey the history of Christian doctrine from A.D. 1900 to 2000. This book identifies the more significant events in church history and tracing doctrinal developments and controversies.

**Book:** *History of Christian Doctrine: The 20<sup>th</sup> Century A.D. 1900-2000* by David K. Bernard  
ISBN# 1567222218

☐ **CHS 204 SURVEY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** A study of the Old Testament will guide the student into a clearer understanding of God's redemptive plan. Students will be exposed to a very different language and culture from our own, including the literary, historical, and theological issues behind the Old Testament and addresses background information, purpose, message, structure, and major themes, covering issues of interpretation, geography, archaeology, and history

**Book:** *Historical Survey of the Old Testament* by Eugene Merrill ISBN # 0801062837



**CHS 302 SURVEY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT (3 Credit hrs.)**

This study of the New Testament will allow the student to learn the principle Jesus taught as part of the New Covenant to the church, and its connection to our relationship with one another as part of the 'body of Christ'. Students will learn the historical context in which Jesus taught and its impact on the teachings of Jesus.

**Book:** *New Testament Survey* by Merrill Tenney ISBN # 0802836119

**CHS 312 INTRODUCTION TO WISDOM LITERATURE (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** This course will expose learners to the study of biblical wisdom of Psalms to enable learners to recognize and interpret essential themes, historical context, and culture. Learner will determine essential characteristics of biblical wisdom, and to apply that knowledge in the learners' ministry.

**Book:** *Praying the Psalms* by Elmer Townes ISBN # 0768421950

**CHS 401 THE PENTECOSTAL EXPERIENCE (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** This course will provide a comprehensive study of the Pentecostal experience, providing explanation, instruction, inspiration, and admonition.

**Book:** *Pentecost – What's That?* by T. F. Tenney ISBN# 0932581838

## **DS DOCTRINAL STUDIES**

**DS 101 THE TRUE WORSHIPER (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** This course delineates the concept of worship along with the purpose and plan for worship among God's people. Through this study, you will learn the process of how to become an effective leader of worship and draw others into this blessed experience.

**Book:** *Pentecostal Worship: A Biblical and Practical Approach* by Gary Erickson  
ISBN # 0932581528

**DS 401 DOCTRINE FOR CHURCH ORDER (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** This thorough, verse-by-verse study of I and II Timothy and Titus with a complete outline for teaching is an inspiring study for both ministers and laymen.

**Book:** *The Pastoral Epistles* by J.R. Ensey ISBN #0932581692

**DS 402 THE DOCTRINE OF TITHING (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** This biblical study of tithing will answer questions and confirm the purpose, need, and plan for tithing, and will equip the minister to be a good steward of church finances.

**Book:** *The Lord's Portion: A scriptural study of tithing* by Roy L. Moss ISBN# 1567221912

## **GM GOSPEL MINISTRY**

**GM 112 VOICES OF WOMEN IN MINISTRY (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** This book builds confidence for women in the pulpit by looking at issues of psychology and communication. It teaches women how to find their voice and their personal integrity as professional servants of God. This book is a resource for spiritual/psychological self-discipline and will most definitely help women ministers clarify their identities and their calling.

**Book:** *Wrestling with the Patriarchs: Retrieving women's voices in preaching* by Lee McGee ISBN # 068700621X

**GM 200 A PASSAGE TO TRUTH (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** This course allows the student an opportunity to take a journey along with the subject of this story, from uncertainty and heartache, to understanding the truth of their own life and the love of God for his creation.

**Book:** *The Truth Shall Set You Free* by Sally Whitehead ISBN # 0664258182

**GM 203 THE LIFE HISTORY OF JESUS (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** This course traces the events of Jesus' life from his birth to his ascension. The student will follow an expanded outline of the life of Christ, historical and geographical background studies. The student will gain new understanding of why Jesus came, and what he accomplished

**Book:** *The Words and Works of Jesus Christ* by J.D. Pentecost ISBN# 0310309409

**GM 301 SCRIPTURES AND SERMONS (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** The learner will become skilled at how to formulate and deliver a sermon. This course will help the student to not only organize, but also how to formulate sermons, and how to biblically preach to a congregation and remain faithful to God's word.

**Book:** *Biblical Preaching* by Haddon Robinson ISBN# 0801022622

**GM 302 THE IMPORTANCE OF BAPTISM (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** Students will become familiar with the doctrine of baptism, and its importance in God's plan of salvation.

**Book:** *Baptism in God's Plan* by O.F. Fauss ISBN # 1567220282

**GM 311 THE HUMILITY OF SERVANTHOOD (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** The learner will become acquainted, through the experiences of the author, the importance of acquiring a servant's heart. The author, from her experiences, shows us how important it is to serve, for it is impossible to live for God without being a servant!

**Book:** *May I Wash Your Feet* by Joy Haney ISBN# 0932581807

## **LP LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLES**

**LP 300 Leaders in the Bible (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** This best-selling tale is based on the biblical figures of David, Saul, and Absalom. For the many Christians who have experienced pain, loss, and heartache at the hands of other believers or leaders, this compelling story offers comfort, healing, and hope. Christian leaders and directors of religious movements throughout the world have recommended this simple, powerful, and beautiful story to their members and staff. You will want to join the thousands who have been profoundly touched by this incomparable study in brokenness, submission and biblical authority.

**Book:** *The Tale of Three Kings* by Gene Edwards ISBN # 0842369082

**LP 402 PRINCIPLES FOR CHURCH GROWTH (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** The course will guide the student through seven biblical principles as a guide to evangelism and discipleship, for the purpose of church growth for churches of every size.

**Book:** *Growing a Church: Seven Apostolic Principles* by David Bernard ISBN# 1567225586

**LP 411 PRINCIPLES OF LEADERSHIP (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** As a student, you will learn the importance of leadership, and how a leader can always become a better leader. You will learn the most important truth; Leadership is leadership, no matter where you go or what you do.

**Book:** *21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership* by John Maxwell ISBN# 0785288376

□ **LP 412 ETHICS IN MINISTRY (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** This course will review the renewed interest in ministerial ethics, and the disillusion of some Christians caused by the rapid changes in our society and the number of moral failures in the ministry in recent years. It addresses the unique moral role of ministers and provides both new and established ministers with clear definitions of their moral obligations.

**Book:** *Ministerial Ethics: Being a Good Minister in a not-so-good World*  
by Joe Trull & James Carter ISBN # 0805410562

□ **LP 414 BUILDING SPIRITUAL MEMBERS BUILDS A SPIRITUAL CHURCH  
(3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** The goal of this course is for the student to get a vision of what a true church is all about – people and their spiritual health. This study will show that healthy, consistent growth is the result of balancing the five biblical purposes of the church." These five purposes are to "Love the Lord with all your heart," "Love your neighbor as yourself," "Go and make disciples," "[Baptize] them," and "[Teach] them to obey." And those purposes can only be accomplished, when church leaders stop thinking about church-building programs and shift their focus to a "people-building process" involving fellowship, discipleship, worship, and evangelism.

**Book:** *The Purpose Driven Church* by Rick Warren 0310201063

## MM Missions

□ **MM 100 SPREADING THE GOSPEL: FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS  
(3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** Students will learn how Jesus, Paul, the Apostles and even John the Baptist used the law in their teaching, and how through their teachings the hearers came to repentance and belief in Jesus. This course is good for those who may be leading small groups in mission churches.

**Book:** *What Did Jesus Do?* by Ray Comfort ISBN# 0974930032

**MM 211 THE MISSION OF BUILDING A CHURCH (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** The student will learn, through the struggles of the author, how God can work through his servants' joy, sorrow, disillusionment, discouragement, and victory, to complete a miraculous mission church.

**Book:** *Miracle through the Fire* by Judy and Tommy Hudson ISBN# 1567222021

**MM 212 SURRENDER TO THE WORK: BEING GOD'S HAND TO THE WORLD  
(3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** Students will come to understand that the gifts and ministries of the Holy Spirit as God's will for every Christian – the weapons of our warfare – equipping us to destroy any force the devil may use against us.

**Book:** *The Gifts and Ministries of the Holy Spirit* by Lester Sumrall ISBN# 088368652X

**MM 301 HOME MISSIONS – GROWING A CHURCH (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** This study will train ministers in the basic art of church management and growth.

**Book:** *Let My People Grow* by Tim Massengale ISBN# 0932581412

## **DV Diversity**

**DV 111 RE-EXAMINING BIBLICAL SAME-SEX RELATIONSHIPS (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** Students will examine the verses that most mainstream churches have used against same-sex relationships, otherwise called the “clobber passages.” Students will examine same-sex relationships in the bible, and will come to better understand the role of eunuchs in the bible.

**Book:** *Openly Gay, Openly Christian* by Samuel Kader ISBN# 161920021X

□ **DV 201 REEXAMINING THE CHURCHES' TEACHING ON HOMOSEXUALITY (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** The student will hear evidence that will refute some of the doctrine they have been taught about homosexuality, and what it really means to be homosexual and Christian.

**Book:** *Holy Homosexuals* by Michael Piazza ISBN # 1887129049

□ **DV 301 EXPLORING BIBLICAL RECONCILIATION OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A GAY CHRISTIAN (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** This study will explore the concept of eunuchs in the bible, and what God's purpose and plan is for the gay members of the body of Christ.

**Book:** *God's Gay Agenda* by Sandra Turnbull ISBN# 9780988386303

□ **DV 401 RECONCILING CHRISTIANITY AND HOMOSEXUALITY (3 Credit hrs.)**

**Description:** The learner will be able to understand the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and how the original Hebrew and Greek, along with cultural references, restore the truth to the scriptures and bring reconciliation to the gay Judeo-Christian through lexical and cultural knowledge and understanding.

**Book:** *Christianity and Homosexuality Reconciled* by Joseph Adam Pearson, Ph.D.  
ISBN# 13: 9780985772888 Available at <http://www.cebiaz.com/book.pdf> or <http://www.dr-joseph-adam-pearson.com/CHR.pdf>

## RPI and Student Contract Agreement

It is the goal of RPI Bible College to provide any individual, who feels the call of God on their life, with an excellent ministerial training commendable of that vocation. In order that we may commit ourselves to this reciprocal relationship, it is necessary to define the limits of both the student and RPI's Bible College responsibility to this endeavor.

Students will be required to submit an application and application fee to RPI Bible College. RPI's Educational Committee will review this application and accept or decline within Sixty (60) days of receipt of all documents and fees.

RPI Bible College will inform the student of acceptance and provide the student with a copy of the current catalog under which that student will complete their studies.

Students will be required to give timely reports, and NO REPORTS will be accepted within a one (1) month time span prior to their completion of their program or anticipation of credentialing. This is necessary for the Educational committee to assure that all fees have been paid and requirements have been met satisfactorily.

Any changes made by the RPI board or RPI Bible College Educational Committee SHALL NOT, consequently, change the requirements of any current students. Current students will continue to work on the course requirements as outlined in the catalog they received upon matriculation.

### **All requirements in the student's catalog of matriculation are binding.**

Any student unable to complete their course work within the allotted amount of time, due to unanticipated and/or personal health or other reasons may submit a request for extension to the Educational Committee. The Educational Committee reserves the right to determine the extent of the encumbrance, and respond to the request within sixty (60) days. Any request for extension should be dated within thirty (30) days of the REASON for the request. All requests MUST be submitted in writing within the allotted time. All decisions by the RPI Bible College Educational Committee will be final.

The above statements shall constitute an agreement between the Student and the RPI Bible College Educational Committee.

Students may file a grievance with the Board of Directors of RPI if, at any time, they feel there has been any just cause for doing so.

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Signature of Student

Date

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Signature of Education Coordinator

Date

## COMPLAINT FORM

The purpose of this form is to assist you in filing a complaint with the Reconciling Pentecostal International Bible College Educational Program.

**Information requested in the items bolded and marked with a star (\*) must be provided.**

**\*State your name and address:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone No.: Home: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

What is the most convenient time for us to contact you about this complaint?

Daytimes (8-4) \_\_\_\_ Evenings (5-9) \_\_\_\_ Weekends (9-9) \_\_\_\_

Please explain your complaint.

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Please list below any persons (witnesses, or others) if known, whom we may contact for additional information to support or clarify your complaint.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone No.: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_



Do you have any other information that you think is relevant to our investigation of your allegations?

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What remedy are you seeking?

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**\* We cannot accept a complaint if it has not been signed. Please sign and date this complaint below.**

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**Signature**

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**Date**

Please feel free to add additional sheets, as necessary, to explain the present situation to us.

Please mail to:

Rev. Debbie Cummins, Education Coordination

PO Box 454

Wisner, LA 71378

RPI Training Report Course # \_\_\_\_\_

Please check: Level I  Level II  Level III  Level IV

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Student's email \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Church Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Church Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Course # \_\_\_\_\_ Course Title \_\_\_\_\_

Book \_\_\_\_\_ Author (s) \_\_\_\_\_

When responding to the questions or statements below, please present the information so that the examiner is aware that you clearly understand the importance of the book and the information contained in the book as well as its impact on you personally and on general knowledge.

Please complete the following:

- A. Provide a **typewritten** statement on the essential purpose of this book; what the core subject matter is, in what capacity would this book be beneficial and, what does the author propose as his/her objective for writing it? Is there a social situation or doctrine presented? Were there insights given into specific church or social history? (must be at least 1/2 page and thoroughly answering questions above)
  
- B. Explain (**typewritten**) how this course (book) has added to your knowledge. What have you personally learned from reading this book and how will you apply this to your personal ministry and progress toward your goal as a minister? (must be at least 1/2 page clearly, thoroughly answering questions or statements above)

**Your course assessment may be sent electronically or via standard post to the following address:**

Rev. Debbie Cummins  
RPI Education Coordinator  
PO Box 454  
Wisner, LA 71378

Email: [debc116@aol.com](mailto:debc116@aol.com)

## RPI Certificate Training Report

Certificate Title \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Student's address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable:

Book \_\_\_\_\_ Author (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Bible book(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Church Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Please attach all required documentation for your particular focused study, to this form and mail to the following address:

Rev. Debbie Cummins  
RPI Education Coordinator  
PO Box 454  
Wisner, LA. 71378

# Reconciling Pentecostals International

## Level I Progress Report

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Completion \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

According to our records you have completed the following category of studies within the program for Level I – Christian Worker’s Certificate

If there has been a mistake made in the process of recording your work, please contact the Education Coordinator or your assigned education committee member.

### **Christian Life**

CL 100   
CL 102

### **Apologetics**

AP 102

### **Church History and Development**

CHS 102   
CHS 111

### **Doctrinal Studies**

DS 101

### **Gospel Ministry**

GM 112

### **Missions**

MM 100

### **Diversity**

DV 111

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Signature of Education Coordinator or Assignee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Reconciling Pentecostals International

## Level II Progress Report

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Completion \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

According to our records you have completed the following category of studies within the program for Level II – Practical Ministry. Please present this to your pastor for further directives.

If there has been a mistake made in the process of recording your work, please contact the Education Coordinator or your assigned education committee member.

### **Christian Life**

CL 201   
CL 202

### **Church History and Development**

CHS 200   
CHS 201   
CHS 204

### **General Ministry**

GM 200   
GM 203

### **Missions**

MM 211   
MM 212

### **Diversity**

DV 201

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Signature of Education Coordinator or Assignee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Reconciling Pentecostals International

## Level III Progress Report

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Completion \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

According to our records you have completed the following category of studies within the program for Level III – Pastoral & Church Leadership. Please present this to your pastor for further directives.

If there has been a mistake made in the process of recording your work, please contact the Education Coordinator or your assigned education committee member.

### **Christian Life**

CL 301   
CL 302   
CL 311

### **Conflict Management**

CM 300   
CM 301

### **Apologetics**

AP 302   
AP 311  **OR** AP 312

### **Church History and Christian Development**

CHS 302   
CHS 312

### **General Ministry**

GM 301  **OR** GM 311   
GM 302

### **Leadership Principles**

LP 300

### **Missions**

MM 301

### **Diversity**

DV 301

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Signature of Education Coordinator or Assignee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Reconciling Pentecostals International

## Level IV - Progress Report

According to our records you have completed the following category of studies within the program for Level IV – Advanced Leadership

If there has been a mistake made in the process of recording your work, please contact the Education Coordinator or your assigned education committee member.

### **Conflict Management**

CM 402

### **Church History and Christian Development**

CHS 401

### **Apologetics**

AP 401

### **Doctrinal Studies**

DS 401

DS 402

### **Leadership Principles**

LP 402

LP 411

LP 412

LP 414

### **Diversity**

DV 401

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Signature of Education Coordinator or Assignee

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Date



## WHAT IS A CRITICAL ANALYSIS?

The purpose for writing a *critique* (Critical Analysis) is to evaluate somebody's work, in this case, a book assigned as part of your particular course of study.

A critical analysis (Critique) is both:

1. *Objective*-referencing factual statements in the content of the book, etc., and also
2. *Subjective*-because it expresses the student's informed and educated evaluation of a text.

Your Critical Analysis should provide *information*, *interpretation*, and *evaluation*.

1. The *information* will help your examiner understand the nature of the work **you** have critiqued.
2. The *interpretation* will explain the meaning of the work, therefore requiring **your** correct understanding of it.
3. The *evaluation* will discuss **your** analysis of the work and present valid justification for **your** evaluation/opinions.

**Analysis means to break down and study the parts.**

The most important item in writing a critical analysis is that you understand that a critical analysis requires two steps: *critical reading* and *critical writing*.

**A Critical Analysis will involve the following:**

1. Identify the author's thesis and purpose
  2. Analyze the structure of the passage by identifying all main ideas
  3. Determine the purpose which could be
    - o To **inform** with factual material
    - o To **persuade** with appeal to *reason* or *emotions*
  4. Evaluate the means by which the author has accomplished his purpose
  5. How is the material organized?
- If the purpose is to inform, has the material been presented *clearly, accurately, with order and coherence*?
  - If the purpose is to persuade, look for *evidence, logical reasoning* and *contrary evidence*.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Those completing all course work for each level: I, II, III, & IV, will be eligible to present their training and other documentation to RPI's Board of Directors for consideration for licensing at each level. Please refer to RPI Bible College Disclaimer for any additional information needed.

All RPI Training Reports will be submitted on the form provided, along with additional sheets as needed.

Each student is expected to read the Bible through for each program or listen online/CD, etc.

Each program is expected to be completed within two (2) years.

Plagiarism or Academic Dishonesty will be grounds for disciplinary actions.

RPI, the Education committee and members are here to help you reach your goal. Be sure to stay connected.

## CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACCEPTANCE INTO RPI BIBLE COLLEGE!

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APPLICATION FOR RPI BIBLE COLLEGE

Provide a current photo

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have a partner/spouse?  yes  no

If yes, spouses name: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your Spouse support your enrollment in RPI Bible College  yes  no

I can receive documents via email:  yes  no

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If you were referred to RPI Bible College, who referred you? \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you presently involved in any Christian ministry?  yes  no Full time? Part time? (circle one) Where or what is this ministry? \_\_\_\_\_

What position(s) do you hold? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently hold credentialing from another church or organization:  yes  no

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to study at RPI Bible College? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Have you received Jesus as your personal Savior by believing and repenting of all sins and have you been baptized by immersion?  yes  no  
Have you received the baptism of the Holy Spirit?  yes  no

My studies through RPI Bible College are for:

Future Credentialing   
Personal Achievement

To what specific ministry do you feel called? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Pulpit ministry, teaching, youth, music, evangelism, outreach, counseling, etc.)

What ministerial or Christian Worker experience(s) do you have? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Your RPI Bible College application will be reviewed by the RPI Education Committee. You will then be notified of approval, and you may begin your coursework.

I hereby certify all information contained in this application to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Referring Minister or Pastor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please enclose a check or money order for fifty dollars (\$50.00) USD with this application.  
Make check payable to Fellowship of RPI. Memo: college application  
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