

PASTORS PAGE

The New England Calvary Chapel School of Ministry (NECCSoM) is a two year program that is both academic and practical, believing that ministry can be both taught while sitting in a class and caught while serving in a church. NECCSoM is unique in how it delivers this experience, with each Calvary Chapel serving as a hub of live learning and living out what was learned without the pastor himself needing to take on the teaching responsibilities. Classes (two per night) are in person at all Calvary Chapels on the same night and time every week for seven or eight weeks, with teachers teaching via video from one location while students join from multiple locations.

In all of this, we believe that you have much to offer, not just as the pastor to your church, but as a teacher to the greater body of Calvary Chapels in New England. As such, pastors of Calvary Chapels have several opportunities to directly influence the student's experience at NECCSoM.

Possibly Teach a Class: the two year program offers a total of 20 required classes for students that pastors can choose to teach. Commitment is one hour of teaching per class for 7-8 weeks, depending on the module. Get involved by teaching a book of the Bible, even one you have taught your church already, or by tackling a topic from the list of classes that is a topic that appeals to you.

Possibly Lead a Saturday Seminar: the two year program offers a total of 8 Saturday seminars, one roughly halfway through each module, that covers important stand alone topics. Saturday seminars are open to all Calvary Chapel congregations and are required for NECCSoM students.

Provide Practical Pastoral Experience: Churches and Pastors are asked to give each student a monthly opportunity with a small group (or larger) to teach the Bible at the arrangement and discretion of the pastor or someone they designate. With this practice, the students will learn to share insights from God's Word in a group setting while also learning how to present the gospel as a standard closing. Pastors are asked to critique the student in writing (form provided) for their personal growth.

Provide Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities each student must be serving in some capacity on at least a monthly basis in their home church. This service will be at the discretion and direction of the pastor or someone he designates. A monthly Ministry Report will be filled out by the student and signed off on by the pastor or whomever they have designated.

Select a proctor: proctors will serve as the in house person for the weekly classes. This person, who does not have to be the pastor, is responsible for making sure the technology is ready and for giving individual direction to the gathered students at each location. Proctors will also be responsible for checking any required work that students submit.

Recommend a student: While anyone can apply to NECCSoM, acceptance is based on the recommendation of the pastor of their home church (non Calvary Chapel students will not be considered.)

Add Additional Options or Requirements There is plenty of opportunity for you to use the structure of NECCSoM but add to it things that you believe you would like to see the students from your church would benefit from.



CLASSROOM FORMAT AND SET-UP

Your tech set-up is crucial to the success of the school and your biggest cash layout to make it happen. You'll need at least 5 quality pieces of equipment. The more professional the better! You won't regret the better quality!

Do everything you can to create a comfortable and roomy environment conducive for learning. Students will be in the room and in their seats for nearly two hours every week, so anything you can do to make the environment compatible to learning will go a long way!

1) You'll need a TV Monitor of minimum 65 inch and as big as possible. It would be hard to imagine something too big, but too small can make the learning environment challenging. You will either want to mount it permanently or have it on a rolling stand.

2) An external microphone that will pick up everybody in the room so communication can happen in both directions. This is the technology we get the most complaints about. This microphone works well in a room or around a table and has proved to be popular among churches holding the classes. It costs about \$70 from Amazon.



EMEET Conference Speaker and Microphone Luna 360° Voice Pickup w/Noise Reduction/Mute/Indicator USB Bluetooth Speakerphone w/Dongle for 8 People Daisy Chain for 16 Compatible with Leading Software

3) A dedicated PC/MAC with good processing power, you don't want the internet buffering during class. The faster the computer the better, nothing will ruin the teaching experience like a buffering symbol in the middle of a really great point. Do everything you can do to get rid of the frustration levels.

4) A good quality webcam. As with all the other technology, the better the quality, the better the experience. Regular computer cams can work well, but again get the best you can, you only need to purchase it once.

5) High Speed Internet. You really can't cut corners on this, high speed internet is essential for the clarity and reliability. Use one of the Speed Test apps to insure your internet upload and download speed is enough to handle what you need for two hours of uninterrupted class time. Look for speeds between 10-25 Mbps. Don't forget to check upload and download speeds.



MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

In order to facilitate partnership, clear communication, mutual ministry, ministry development, training, and outreach among the Calvary we're asking all our partners to affirm the yearly Memorandum of Understanding.

In order to partner together to train and equip local church volunteers, Sunday School teachers, elders, deacons, missionaries, church planters, Christian workers, and an equipped laith I affirm the contents of the Handbook

Check all that apply

- I agree with the doctrines, practices, and distinctives as they are presented by the Calvary Chapel Movement

- I have read and agree with all the information in this handbook as it relates to purpose, practice, registration, local church involvement and oversight, and working towards mutual sharing of gifts for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God.

(PASTOR NAME)

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