



Global  
Church-Based  
Theological  
Education

Doctor of Ministry

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# About Our Program

## The Purpose

The Global Church-Based Theological Education Doctor of Ministry track is a unique partnership between Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and BILD International's Center for Church-Based Theological Education Resources. BILD is known as a global leader in church-based theological education and exists to invigorate the spontaneous expansion of local churches around the globe. This track will help develop curriculum and strengthen networks of churches in order to equip indigenous leaders and churches to proclaim the gospel effectively in their culture.

## The Plan

### GLOBAL CHURCH-BASED THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN CULTURE

During the first residency, participants will learn the basic concepts of paradigm change, review the biblical and historical models of theological education, and understand the church's role and responsibility in theological education. During this time, students will also develop the skill of doing theology in culture and explore possibilities for new types of partnerships between seminaries and local churches around the world.

### GLOBAL CHURCH-BASED THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN COMMUNITY

The second residency will be held at an off-campus location, perhaps Ames, Iowa in conjunction with the BILD International Summit or Jos, Nigeria in conjunction with BILD's partnership with the Jos ECWA Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Church of West Africa. In this residency, students will learn to understand the priority of planting and establishing churches and demonstrate comprehension of the philosophical and literary trends that have influenced culture, particularly through hermeneutics. Participants will also consider the broader issues of Christ and culture as they relate to theological education, become grounded

in an approach to Scripture that is based on authorial intent and recognize how the church functioning as a hermeneutical community supports its ongoing expansion around the world.

### GLOBAL CHURCH-BASED THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

While participating in the third residency, students will gain practical understanding of theological education as cradle-to-the-grave life development for everyone in their churches. They will also develop and begin implementation of life development programs for the children, adolescents and adults in their churches.

## The Requirements

To enroll in any Doctor of Ministry track, you must have completed a Master of Divinity degree (or its academic equivalent) from an ATS-accredited school with a 3.0 grade point average and have had three years of full-time ministry experience since graduation. The cost of the degree is reasonable. A discount is available for Canadian residents.

## The Next Step

Visit our website at: [www.gordonconwell.edu/dmin/](http://www.gordonconwell.edu/dmin/) and let us know you are interested. Or just call the D.Min. office at 978.646.4163 or 800.428.7329.



# About Our Faculty

The program will be led cooperatively by Gordon-Conwell faculty mentors and BILD staff. The faculty for the *Global Church-Based Theological Education* D.Min. track include:

Walter C. Kaiser, Jr., President and Colman Mockler Distinguished Professor of Old Testament at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, has been a Biblical theology mentor to Jeff Reed and is a global leader in formal theological education. He has authored over thirty Books and currently serves on the boards of several Christian organizations.

Gary Parrett, Associate Professor of Educational Ministries and Worship, Gordon-Conwell, brings unique insight into the cultural and pedagogical dimensions of theological education. In addition to his work as a professor, Dr. Parrett has nearly twenty years of experience in pastoral ministry, having served churches in Boston, New York City, New Jersey, Seattle and Seoul, Korea.

Jeff Reed, Founder and President, BILD, is non-formally trained himself and a leader in church-based theological education. Jeff is the founder of BILD International, which is committed to promoting comprehensive church-based theological education worldwide. He has taught church-based theological education seminars throughout the United States

and in over thirty countries and helped establish leadership training programs in over sixteen of those countries.

Steve Kemp, Director of Institutional Partnerships, BILD, provides unique contributions from formal, non-formal, and non-traditional theological education perspectives. Steve joined BILD in November 2002. Formerly he served as Vice-President and Dean of External Studies for Moody Bible Institute, overseeing its massive correspondence school, extensive off-campus sites, global online courses, and Radio School of the Bible. Previously, he served for nine years as Associate Dean of Nontraditional and Distance Education for Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

Ted Ward, Faculty Emeritus, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, has mentored Jeff Reed in non-formal education and brings enormous experience in global education contexts. He is Professor Emeritus of International Studies and Educational Research from Michigan State University, where he served for over thirty years. He subsequently served as Professor of International Studies, Mission, and Education at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, where he held the G. W. Aldeen Chair of International Studies and Mission. He is considered by many to be one of the fathers of Theological Education by Extension (TEE) and one of the foremost authorities on non-formal theological education.





*“Fan into flame the gift of God which is in you.”*

2 Timothy 1:6

*Graduates of the program testify that through their courses they came to love God not only with their hearts and souls, but with their minds as well. After all, education isn't filling a pail with information. It's lighting a fire in the spirit of a learner.*

Dr. Haddon Robinson

Why earn a Doctor of Ministry degree from Gordon-Conwell?

It is practical. You will not get lost in theory.

It is flexible. Your time on campus is limited to three residencies, each two weeks' in duration. The program is designed for people in busy ministries.

It is cohort-based. This means that your class will stay together for all three residencies. You will experience community and make friends that last a lifetime.

It is caring. Our experienced faculty members do more than teach; they mentor.

It is focused. We help you acquire specialized expertise in your area of interest and giftedness.

It is a quality education. Gordon-Conwell enjoys an international reputation for academic excellence.