

## “IDEAS” FOR COVENANT OF LEARNING AND CONFERENCE DISCUSSION TOPICS

### PASTOR

#### INITIAL MEETING

- A. Opportunity to get acquainted
- B. Discuss your philosophy of the ministry: call, preparation, pilgrimage, etc...

#### PREACHING

- A. Sermon ideas
- B. Sermon preparation
- C. Sermon illustration
- D. Study methods – library, commentaries, filing system, etc...
- E. Helpful resources

#### ADMINISTRATION

- A. The place and importance of administration in the pastor’s work
- B. Church organization and structure
- C. Staff relationship
- D. Office procedures
- E. Time management
- F. Helpful resources

### HUMAN RELATIONS

- A. The work of church committees
- B. The work of the deacons
- C. The art of motivating volunteers
- D. Helpful resources

### EVANGELISM

- A. How to lead someone to Christ
- B. Leading types and techniques of evangelism
- C. Your approach to evangelism, revival planning, etc...
- D. Helpful resources

### OUTREACH

- A. Church growth strategies
- B. General suggestions about visitation
- C. Your approach to visitation
- D. Outreach through the Sunday School
- E. Helpful resources

### COUNSELING

- A. Your approach to counseling (How much

- time do you give to pastoral counseling?)
- B. Most common types of counseling you do
- C. Referral
- D. Confidentiality
- E. Helpful resources

### PASTORAL CARE

- A. How to minister to the sick, suffering, etc.....
- B. How to minister to the bereaved, sorrowing, etc...
- C. Hospital visitation ministry
- D. Helpful resources

### SPECIAL OCCASIONS

- A. Church ordinances
- B. Wedding
  - 1. Preliminary counseling
  - 2. Rehearsal
  - 3. Ceremony
- C. Funeral
  - 1. Relationship with Family
  - 2. Relationship with funeral director
- D. Helpful Resources

### OTHER TOPICS

- A. Pastoral ethics and relationships with fellow ministers
- B. Minister’s personal life
- C. Minister’s devotional life

### FINAL MEETING

- A. Closure of relationship with intern
- B. Opportunity to encourage and/or counsel
- C. Review of important events

### PASTORAL COUNSELOR/ CHAPLAIN

#### INITIAL MEETING

- A. Opportunity to get acquainted
- B. Discuss your philosophy of the ministry: call, preparation, etc...
- C. Acquaint student with your organization, facilities, etc...

## “IDEAS” FOR COVENANT OF LEARNING AND CONFERENCE DISCUSSION TOPICS

### PERSONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION

- A. Your study methods – library, filing system, etc...
- B. Conferences and other enrichment opportunities
- C. Helpful resources

### ADMINISTRATION

- A. Staff relationships
- B. Stewardship of finances and budget
- C. Time management
- D. Helpful resources

### THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE

- A. Minister as symbolic representative of God
- B. Pastoral initiative
- C. Community of faith as context and resources for pastoral care
- D. Use of scripture and prayer
- E. Follow-up care
- F. Helpful resources

### DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF PASTORAL COUNSELING

- A. Difference between pastoral counseling and psychiatric care
- B. Difference between pastoral counseling and psychological counseling
- C. Difference between church-based pastoral counseling and non church-based pastoral counseling

### DEVELOPMENTAL ISSUES

- A. Birth
- B. Childhood
- C. Adolescence
- D. Premarital counseling
- E. Major move or career change
- F. Aging death
- G. Helpful resources

### CRISIS INTERVENTION

- A. Serious illness or accident
- B. Divorce
- C. Traumatic death
- D. Suicide
- E. Alcoholism and/or other addiction

- F. Helpful resources

### ETHICAL AND LEGAL CONCERNS

- A. Confidentiality
- B. Liability
- C. Referral
- D. Helpful resources

### OTHER TOPICS

- A. Minister’s personal life
- B. Minister’s devotional life
- C. Use of telephone, written communication, etc... in pastoral counseling

### EDUCATIONAL MINISTER

*(SENIOR ADULT, YOUNG MARRIED, ADMINISTRATION)*

### INITIAL MEETING

- A. Opportunity to get acquainted
- B. Discuss your philosophy of the local church education ministry: call, preparation, etc...

### PERSONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION

- A. Your study methods – library, filing system, etc...
- B. Conferences and extra-church enrichment opportunities
- C. Helpful resources

### ADMINISTRATION

- A. Church organization and structure
- B. Staff relationships
- C. How to determine needs
- D. Program planning for the total church

### FACILITY UTILIZATION

- A. Effective use of space
- B. Planning for future
- C. Helpful resources

### EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH

- A. How to lead someone to Christ
- B. Your most effective approaches to evangelism and outreach

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- C. How to involve church members in evangelism and outreach
- D. Helpful resources

### COUNSELING

- A. Types of counseling
- B. Confidentiality
- C. Referral
- D. Helpful resources

### SPECIAL OCCASIONS

- A. Weddings
- B. Church dedications
- C. Anniversaries, homecomings, etc...
- D. Funeral
- E. Special addresses
- F. Helpful resources

### COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Radio and TV
- B. Newspaper, bulletins, letter writing, etc...
- C. Speeches
- D. Helpful resources

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING

- A. Worker’s meetings, conferences, institutes, seminars
- B. Enlisting workers to attend training events

- C. How budgeted and arranged

### MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Professional ethics
- B. Personal life and devotional life
- C. Enlistment of workers
- D. Vacation Bible School

### FINAL SESSION

- A. Closure of relationship with student
- B. Opportunity to encourage and/or counsel
- C. Review of important events

## MUSIC MINISTER

### INITIAL MEETING

- A. Opportunity to get acquainted
- B. Discuss your philosophy of worship and the ministry of music: call, preparation, etc...
- C. Acquaint student with your organization, facilities, etc...

### PERSONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION

- A. Your study methods – library, filing system, etc...
- B. Conferences and extra-church enrichment opportunities
- C. Helpful resources

### ADMINISTRATION

- A. Staff relationships
- B. Stewardship of finances and budget
- C. Helpful resources

### CHOIRS/MUSICAL ENSEMBLES

- A. Adult
- B. Youth
- C. Children
- D. Instrumental groups
- E. Helpful resources

### WORSHIP PLANNING

- A. Music selection
- B. Order of worship
- C. Enlisting worship leaders
- D. Helpful resources

### SPECIAL OCCASSIONS

- A. Wedding

- B. Funeral
- C. Helpful resources

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- A. Christmas, Easter, and other seasonal productions
- B. Drama
- C. Concerts
- D. Helpful resources

### MUSIC MINISTER AS A MINISTER

- A. How to lead someone to Christ
- B. How to minister to the sick, suffering, etc...
- C. How to minister to the bereaved, sorrowing, etc.....
- D. Counseling and confidentiality

### OTHER TOPICS

- A. Professional ethics
- B. Personal life and devotional life
- C. Enlistment of workers

### FINAL SESSION

- A. Closure of relationship with student

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### COLLEGE/ SINGLES MINISTER

#### INITIAL MEETING

- A. Opportunity to get acquainted
- B. Discuss your philosophy of ministry: call, preparation, pilgrimage, etc...
- C. Invite them to tell what they would like you to know of their story

#### STUDENT WORK OVERVIEW

- A. History of student movements in America, revivals, developments
- B. Scope of student work – state-wide, nationally, internationally
- C. Distinctive opportunities and challenges
- D. Bibliography

#### NATURE OF THE CAMPUS AS A MINISTRY TARGET GROUP

- A. Opportunities and challenges of the following:
  - 1. Traditional campus
  - 2. Commuter campus
  - 3. Junior/Community College
- B. Changing student profile
- C. Resources

#### GOALS/TARGETS (General)

- A. Evangelism
- B. Discipleship
- C. Missions
- D. Churchmanship
- E. Programming the above

#### ADMINISTRATION/ ORGANIZATION

- A. Organizational structure
- B. Committee system
- C. Executive Council
- D. Referrals to agencies
- E. Office procedure
- F. Time/calendar management
- G. Resources

#### HUMAN RELATIONS

- A. Working with volunteers – communication and motivation

- B. Working with individuals
- C. Small groups
- D. The Big Picture – large group relations
- E. Resources

#### EVANGELISM

- A. Leading someone to Christ/personal evangelism
- B. Training students to reach students
- C. Special events – clinics, revivals, outreaches
- D. Resources

#### SPIRITUAL GROWTH

- A. Your personal discipleship
- B. Helping others grow:
  - 1. Formal approaches (MasterLife, PrayerLife)
  - 2. Informal discipleship
- C. Resources

#### COUNSELING

- A. Your approach – availability and limits
- B. Common counseling situations:
  - 1. Divorcing parents
  - 2. Sexual abuse
  - 3. Grief
  - 4. Broken relationships
  - 5. Self-image

#### RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY

- A. Starting from scratch (chartering, sponsoring)
- B. Building a good reputation
- C. Relating to administration, staff, faculty
- D. Understanding other campus-related ministries:
  - 1. Denominational
  - 2. Non-denominational
  - 3. Resources

#### RELATING TO THE LOCAL CHURCH

- A. Student work committee and relating with associations
- B. Involving the church (and staff) in your ministry
- C. Serving the local church with your ministry (personally and through students)
- D. Preaching/speaking
- E. Resources

#### OTHER TOPICS

- A. Taking care of yourself - time away and continued education
- B. Pastoral ethics and relationships with peers
- C. Personal life

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- D. Devotional life

### FINAL MEETING

- A. Review important events and discoveries
- B. Offer feedback – encouragement, observations, counsel
- C. Some type of closure

## YOUTH/ RECREATION MINISTER

### INITIAL MEETING

- A. Opportunity to get acquainted
- B. Discuss your philosophy of youth ministry: call, preparation, etc...
- C. Acquaint student with your organization, facilities, etc...

### PERSONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION

- A. Your study methods – library, resource materials, filing system etc...
- B. Conferences and extra-church enrichment opportunities

- C. Helpful resources

### ADMINISTRATION

- A. Staff relationships
- B. Professional ethics
- C. Structure for organization
- D. Stewardship, finances and budget
- E. Planning for adequate facilities
- F. Helpful resources

### EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH

- A. How to lead someone to Christ
- B. Your effective approach to evangelism, revival planning, etc...
- C. How to involve youth in evangelism and outreach
- D. Training session or youth witnesses
- E. Helpful resources

### COUNSELING

- A. Common types of counseling you do
- B. Your approach to counseling (time you consider essential to this ministry)

- C. Confidentiality
- D. Recognizing potential problems in youth
- E. Referral

### YOUTH CAMPING

- A. Objectives
- B. Planning
- C. Measuring results

### INNOVATIVE MINISTRIES OF YOUTH

- A. Regular worship
- B. Vacation Bible School
- C. Coffee house, street ministry
- D. Beach or park, hospital, jails, etc...

### GETTING THE MESSAGE OVER

- A. Communication techniques
- B. Group dynamics
- C. Use of multi-media

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING

- A. Workers' meetings, conferences, seminars, etc...
- B. Enlisting workers to attend training events

- C. How budgeted and arranged

### MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Personal and devotional life
- B. Enlistment of workers and sponsors
- C. Ministry with parents
- D. Working with youth committee

### FINAL SESSION

- A. Closure of the relationship/time with student
- B. Opportunity to encourage and /or counsel
- C. Review of important events

## CHILDREN/ PRESCHOOL MINISTER

### INITIAL MEETING

- A. Opportunity to get acquainted
- B. Discuss your philosophy or the local church education ministry: call, preparation, etc.....

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- C. Acquaint student with your organization, facilities, etc...

PERSONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION

- A. Your study methods – library, resource materials, filing system etc...
- B. Conferences and extra-church enrichment opportunities
- C. Helpful resources

ADMINISTRATION

- A. Church organizational structures
- B. Staff relationships
- C. How to determine needs
- D. Budgets and finance for program
- E. Helpful resources

CHILDREN/PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

- A. Sunday School
- B. Choirs and other music activities
- C. Mission education
- D. Discipleship training

SUMMER PROGRAM AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

- A. Vacation Bible School, Big A Club
- B. Day camping and other camps
- C. Fellowships
- D. Recreation activities
- E. Revival
- F. Seasonal activities (Christmas, Halloween, etc...)
- G. Helpful resources

EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH

- A. How to lead someone to Christ
- B. Your most effective approaches to evangelism and outreach with children and their families
- C. How to involve children’s workers and other church members in evangelism and outreach with children and their families
- D. Helpful resources

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

- A. Worker meetings, conferences, institutes, seminars
- B. Enlisting workers to attend training events
- C. How budgeted and arranged

OTHER TOPICS

- A. Professional ethics
- B. Personal life and devotional life
- C. Enlistment of workers
- D. Confidentiality
- E. Referral
- F. Ministry with families

FINAL SESSION

- A. Closure of relationship with student
- B. Opportunity to encourage and/or counsel
- C. Review of important events

MISSIONS MINISTER

INITIAL MEETING

- A. Opportunity to get acquainted

- B. Discuss your philosophy of the ministry: call, preparation, pilgrimage, etc...
- C. Acquaint student with your setting for mission ministry
- D. Invite student to talk with you about student’s sense of call and pilgrimage to this point

PHILOSOPHY OF MISSIONS

- A. Goals and objectives
- B. Overview of methods/approaches to accomplish goals and objectives
- C. Trends in world Christianity

LOCAL MISSION

- A. Tour of variety of missions sites
- B. Opportunities for weekly involvement
- C. Needs to be met

SHORT TERM MISSIONS

- A. Opportunities and variety of terms

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- B. Sending agencies
- C. Requirements and application processes

### MISSION TRIPS

- A. Rationale
- B. Building a team
- C. Making travel arrangements
- D. Other planning and preparation

### MISSIONS TRAINING

- A. Developing a curriculum
- B. Training mission trip team leaders and members
- C. Preparing for cross-cultural adjustments

### CAREER MISSIONS

- A. Opportunities and ministry categories/jog titles
- B. Sending agencies
- C. Requirements and application processes
- D. Educational preparation options

### MISSIONS GIVING AND SUPPORT

- A. Denominational avenues

- B. Self-support through personal fund-raising
- C. Fund-raising methods and strategies
- D. Bi-vocational missions

### PERSONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION

- A. Your study methods – library, filing system, etc...
- B. Conferences and other enrichment opportunities
- C. Helpful resources

### OTHER TOPICS

- A. Professional ethics
- B. Personal life and devotional life
- C. Family issues related to international missions

### FINAL SESSIONS

- A. Closure of relationship with student
- B. Opportunity to encourage and/or counsel
- C. Review of important events