

Joe is now a pastor in a growing church—nice guy with a big heart for God and un-churched people; but Joe launched into ministry the hard way. With a wife, a young family, and two or three jobs, Joe slogged through the paces of conventional education to acquire his college ministry degree. Long days of work, school, work, studying, work, and ministry took a toll on Joe's time, pocketbook, and relationships.

Although names and faces change, the same story continues to be told. But you don't have to be like Joe!

The Pastoral Leadership Institute (PLI), a division of Missionary Church USA, was designed for second-career people who are motivated to answer God's call to vocational Christian ministry. PLI offers an option Joe would have loved—the convenience, flexibility, and financial economy of studying online at home.

Positives

Affordable

Costs for PLI's program total about \$9000 (tuition, textbooks, internship fees, Bible software) compared to three or four times that amount for a Bible college or seminary education. And we let you pay as you go to help keep out-of-pocket expenditures manageable.

No Relocation Required

Going away to school usually means saying good-bye to your job, kids' schools, friends, church, and community. With PLI, you can stay put until you're ready to minister.

Convenient

Depending on your location, getting to a conventional classroom could mean a huffing bike ride, a mad dash down a rush-hour freeway, or a logistically-challenged carpool. What could be more convenient than stepping into your own private study and firing up the computer?

Focused

PLI works overtime to keep the main thing the main thing. Our practical academic curriculum offers everything you need for life-altering ministry -- nothing more, nothing less.

Practical

Being spiritual isn't much good if you lack relevance. PLI guides you to develop a closer walk with God while maintaining contact with people He wants you to reach.

Hands-on

An indepth internship in your local church under the tutelage of your pastor provides maximum pastoral skill development.

Pastoral Leadership Institute

*using the internet
to prepare men and women
to answer God's call
to vocational
Christian ministry*



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Costs

Application and Initial Fees

Assessment Fee	\$ 75
Internship Fee (first half)	\$ 300
Logos Bible Library Software *	\$ 335

(*payable in six equal monthly pymts, if desired)

Course Costs

Tuition * (per course)	\$ 400
Textbooks (per course, approximate average)	\$ 50

(*due 30 days before first class date)

Other Expenses

Internship Fee (second half *)	\$ 300
Crown Financial small group material	\$ 50

(*due after completing all Level One courses)

If funding is a challenge, ask about our creative financing and monthly payment plan options.

Time Requirement

Study (per course, per week)	5-8 hours
Class Chats (per course, per week)	2 hours
Internship (per course, per week)	4-5 hours
Total Time (per course, per week)	11-15 hours

While in PLI, it may be necessary to temporarily reduce current ministry involvement to allow time for study and internship activities.

Courses

Prerequisites

PL010: Study Preparatory
 PL510: Writing Skills Development

Level One

PL111: Biblical Interpretation
 PL121: Old Testament Survey
 PL141: New Testament Survey
 PL531: Biblical Theology
 PL211: Systematic Theology 1
 PL221: Systematic Theology 2
 PL271: Fundamentals of Christian Leadership
 PL251: Homiletics (preaching)

Level Two - pastoral track

PL371: Missions & the Church
 PL351: Teaching Methods & Ch Ed Admin
 PL331: Principles of Church Admin
 PL471: Church Health & Redevelopment
 PL315: Fundamentals of Christian Counseling
 PL451: Church Multiplication & Planting
 PL311: Pastoral Caregiving
 PL431: Strategic Leadership Principles & Practices

Level Two - missional track

PL611: Organic Discipleship Movements 1 (Keystone)
 PL621: Organic Discipleship Movements 2 (Keystone)
 PL631: Spiritual Warfare Ministry
 PL641: Coaching with Excellence
 PL651: Cultural Anthropology
 PL671: Spiritual Formation

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xPL911: Creative Communication
 xPL921: Wounded Heart
 xPL922: Walking with the Wounded Heart

Notes

- ▶ PLI courses are open to men and women over the age of 21 who want to be equipped for Kingdom service -- full-time, bi-vocational, or volunteer ministry.
- ▶ Cherry-pickers are welcome to choose just the courses that interest them without enrolling in PLI's entire program of study.
- ▶ Successfully completing eight Level One courses plus the first half of our hands-on internship meets educational requirements for ministerial licensing in the Missionary Church denomination.
- ▶ Once licensed, successfully completing any eight Level Two courses (pastoral and/or missional track) plus the second half of the internship meets the educational requirements for ordination in the Missionary Church denomination.
- ▶ Some other denominations also recognize PLI training for credentials. Check with them to find out.
- ▶ Like any Bible college or seminary, PLI does NOT issue credentials; we provide biblical training needed for ministry. Credentials are issued by local (district) credentialing boards.
- ▶ Some courses have prerequisite requirements (e.g., most Level One courses before Homiletics), but many courses can be taken in any order.
- ▶ PLI's degree of difficulty generally falls somewhere between the Bachelor's and Master's levels of study.
- ▶ Only cherry-pickers are exempt from completing PLI's internship. Anyone who wants to earn a certificate of completion (and qualify for MC credentials) must fulfill all the requirements of the internship under the tutelage of a coach.
- ▶ xPLI courses are not part of PLI's certificate program but are beneficial for spiritual growth.