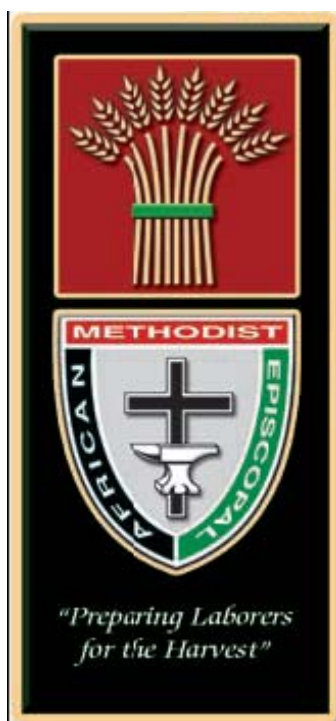




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**AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT  
EVANGELISM CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

*“Preparing Laborers For The Harvest”*

Rt. Rev. Preston Warren Williams II, Commission Chair

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### **The Need for Evangelism Certification**

*“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.” (2 Corinthians 5: 17-20a. NIV)*

The world is in need of good news! Humanity continues to wrestle with the two primary existential questions of life: “Who Am I?” and “Why Am I Here?” In the search for answers many voices compete to get our attention, working hard to tell us they have the answers to our reason for being. We are told we can find our answers in material gains. We are told we can find our answers in worldly fame and success. Popular culture strives diligently to convince us it has the answers to our quest. What the world needs to hear is that the answer is in Jesus Christ!

God has given us the gospel or “good news” to share with the world: “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” The good news is that we have been reconciled to God through Jesus Christ. Through Christ’s life, death, and resurrection God has reunited us to himself. If we confess with our mouths that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that God raised Christ from the dead, then we are saved, we are reconciled to God (Romans 10:9). This is the good news all need to hear.

To hear the good news God needs ambassadors equipped and willing to make God’s appeal of reconciliation. There was a time when many in the Church knew the basic information of Christianity and were able to act on what they already knew and believed to win others for Christ. In light of the clear decline taking place in many Protestant mainline churches we need to re-equip ambassadors for Christ so we might share the message of reconciliation with a lost and broken world.

In addition, in as much as the US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration has identified 54,000,000 abusers and chemically dependent persons and of that number, 10% or 5,400,000 are receiving treatment of some kind, the Department of Church and Development is offering opportunities for clergy and laity to impact this particular population with the Good News. But by the same token, with virtually 90% of the remaining alcohol and substance abuse population still waiting for or receiving no treatment of any kind there is a tremendous

shortage of Certified Professionals in the Health and Human Services Industry, who are able to share the message of the Lord Jesus Christ with a group that does not see or believe that healing, hope and/or deliverance is possible. Therefore, this presents an unparalleled opportunity for the AMEC to evangelize and equip person to become Service Providers in the profession of Addiction Counseling through ministries and employment for those who qualify.

The Department of Church Growth and Development of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in its quest to prepare laborers for the harvest, will offer evangelism certification training to equip future ambassadors to “be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks [them] to give the reason for the hope that [they] have” (1 Peter 3:15 NIV). Four separate certification tracks will be offered:

### ***Basic Evangelism Certification***

This certification training will equip ambassadors with more than the necessary foundational skills and abilities to evangelize their community.

### ***Evangelism Certification for Pastors***

This certification training will equip pastors with more than the necessary skills and abilities to educate and prepare their local congregation in purposeful evangelism.

### ***Evangelism Certification for Laity***

This certification will equip laity with more than the necessary skills and abilities to engage in evangelism and evangelistic activities in any context.

### ***Evangelism Certification in Church Planting***

This certification training will equip ambassadors with more than the necessary foundational skills and abilities which allows them to specialize in Church Planting.

### ***Evangelism Certification in Children and Youth Evangelism***

This certification training will equip ambassadors with more than the necessary foundational skills and abilities which will allow them to specialize in evangelistic children and youth ministries.

## **Who Would Benefit From the Evangelism Certification?**

- ✚ Persons who are presently pastors seeking to grow their local church spiritually and numerically;
- ✚ Persons who are not seeking licensure or ordination and have a passion for evangelism;
- ✚ Persons who are ordained, but are without pastoral charges and have a passion for evangelism;

- ✚ Persons who are presently in the Board of Examiners process but are not called to parish or pulpit ministry exclusively – the comprehensive training in evangelism will fill a void missed in the Board of Examiners process;
- ✚ Persons who are called by the Holy Spirit to be evangelists and have received license at the Quarterly Conference to preach.
- ✚ Persons who are called by the Holy Spirit to be church planters and have received license at the Quarterly Conference to preach;
- ✚ Persons who by the unction of the Holy Spirit are compelled to serve children and youth.
- ✚ The AME Church, by preparing persons to renew stagnate and declining churches

The Evangelism Certification is designed to:

- ❖ Enable pastors spiritually and academically to develop and grow spiritually healthy congregations;
- ❖ Develop and grow Church Planters and Church Renewers;
- ❖ Enable persons spiritually and academically who enter into ministry as a second career;
- ❖ Enable laity spiritually and academically to develop and grow as Christ's disciples;
- ❖ Prepare all for the ability to reach across cultural milieus, ethnicity and races to win souls for the kingdom of God.

### **Certification Training Anticipated Results**

Students who successfully complete the evangelism certification will be able to:

- ◆ Organize effective evangelism programs/ministry in the local church with church growth aids
- ◆ Specify contemporary church renewal techniques
- ◆ Apply small church growth curriculum content
- ◆ Create a major marketing thrust with essential demographics before planting a church
- ◆ Develop local church and community crisis ministry (Red Cross, HIV-AIDS, Hospice and Grief Counseling, CTCA, etc.)
- ◆ Develop a comprehensive evangelism program around resources or lack of resources in the community
- ◆ Strengthen local church ministries with an evangelism emphasis
- ◆ Target specific age groups as necessary for growth
- ◆ Provide a bible based church growth plan for the local church (3 year, 5 year or 8 year plan)

## Requirements for Evangelism Certification

A certificate will be issued by the Department of Church Growth and Development of the African Methodist Episcopal Church to those who fulfill all the requirements of certification. The total number of certification hours needed to receive certification in the tracks are as follows:

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| 1. Basic Evangelism Certification                            | 52 certification hours |
| 2. Evangelism Certification for Pastors                      | 75 certification hours |
| 3. Evangelism Certification for Laity                        | 82 certification hours |
| 4. Evangelism Certification in Children and Youth Evangelism | 58 certification hours |
| 5. Evangelism Certification in Church Planting               | 61 certification hours |

Each curriculum includes the completion of:

10 core courses, 4 electives, a practicum and a project for Basic Evangelism Certification

19 core courses and 6 electives for Evangelism Certification for Pastors

20 core courses, 4 electives, a practicum and a project for Evangelism Certification for Laity

12 core courses, 4 electives, a practicum and a project for Evangelism Certification in Children and Youth Evangelism

13 core courses, 4 electives, a practicum and a project for Evangelism Certification in Church Planting.

Primary certification hours will be earned at the Annual Seminar on Church Growth and Development. A total of 15 hours can be earned at each Annual Seminar.

Additional 10 certification hours can be earned for local church evangelism work that must be verified to by the pastor of the local church.

Five (5) certification hours will be earned for an evangelism practicum approved by the Executive Director of the Department of Church Growth and Development AME Church.

Five (5) certification hours will be earned for an evangelism project, approved by the Executive Director of the Department of Church Growth and Development AME Church. Each student must demonstrate mastery of course content before course completion is accomplished.

Each student **MUST BE** fully engaged in local church evangelism ministry, and complete approved practicum and projects in order to receive certification from the Department of Church Growth and Development AME Church.

## **EVANGELISM LICENSURE**

Upon completion of certification coursework, each student's transcript will be forwarded to his/her respective Annual Conference for review by the Bishop and the Board of Examiners for evangelism licensure.

The evangelism licensure process remains in the hands of the student's Annual Conference Board of Examiners. The Department of Church Growth and Development will train and certify that students have completed the coursework.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

Applicants will apply for acceptance into the evangelism certification program by:

- Submitting a letter of recommendation from local pastor
- Submitting a letter of recommendation from Annual Conference
- Completion of application packet that will include an essay describing one's call as an Evangelist and/or Church Planter and commitment to the Doctrine and Discipline of the AME Church.

## **PASTORS TRACK APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

Pastor's applying for certification in the Pastor's Track will need to submit the following items:

- ✚ Application packet
- ✚ Letter of Recommendation from his/her Bishop
- ✚ Letter of Recommendation from his/her Presiding Elder

A total of 15 certification hours can be earned at each Annual Seminar on Church Growth and Development, AME Church.

An additional 10 certification hours can be earned for local church evangelism work verified by the Presiding Elder

### **Pastor's Track Independent Study**

The following courses will be offered for approved independent study:

Spiritual Formation	The Plan of Salvation	Jesus, The Cornerstone
Foundations of Cross-Culture	Faith Sharing	Doctrine of Sin
Ministry		
Doctrine of Salvation	Old & New Testament Survey	Central Christian Doctrines

Upon review of pastor's coursework, he/she will receive evangelism certification from the Department of Church Growth and Development, AME Church.

## LAITY CERTIFICATION TRACK

Persons applying for Laity evangelism certification will need to submit the following

- ✚ Application packet
- ✚ Letter of Recommendation from his/her local pastor
- ✚ Letter of Recommendation from his/her Annual Conference

Laity seeking evangelism certification will need to complete:

- 20 core courses, 4 electives, an evangelism project, and an evangelism practicum

A total of 15 certification hours can be earned at each Annual Seminar on Church Growth and Development, AME Church.

An additional 15 certification hours can be earned for local church evangelism work that must be verified by the pastor of the local church.

Five (5) certification hours will be earned for an evangelism practicum approved by the Executive Director of the Department of Church Growth and Development AME Church.

Five (5) certification hours will be earned for an evangelism project approved by the Executive Director of the Department of Church Growth and Development AME Church.

### **Laity Certification Independent Study**

The following courses will be offered for approved independent study:

The Christian Challenge	Communicating the Gospel
The 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Media Ministry	Marketing the Local Church for Evangelism
Presence Evangelism	Street Ministry-Basic
Spiritual Formation	Doctrine of Sin and Salvation

Each student must demonstrate of mastery of course content before course completion is accomplished.

Each student **MUST BE** fully engaged in local church evangelism ministry, and complete approved practicum and projects in order to receive certification from the Department of Church Growth and Development AME Church.

## **COURSE SCHEDULING**

Each person seeking evangelism certification will attend a two (2) hour orientation on the Monday evening, preceding the opening of each Annual Seminar on Church Growth and Development, AME Church.

Classes for persons seeking evangelism certification will be scheduled as follows:

Tuesday:	8am-10am	1:30pm-3:30pm	3:30pm-5:30pm
Wednesday:	9am-11am	1:30pm-3:30pm	3:30pm-5:30pm
Thursday:	9am-11am	1:30pm-3:30pm	

Persons will earn 3 certification hours total for daily attendance at morning bible study.

## **EVANGELISM CERTIFICATION HANDBOOK**

A handbook will be distributed to all persons seeking evangelism certification outlining the curriculum in detail, together with student expectations. The handbook will also emphasize the following:

*“Persons seeking evangelism certification under ANY TRACK are required to attend ALL required certification courses offered during each Annual Seminar on Church Growth and Development, AME Church unless otherwise noted.*

## **BASIC EVANGELISM CERTIFICATION**

This certification training will equip ambassadors with more than the necessary foundational skills and abilities to evangelize their community.

### **Core Courses**

#### **Introduction to Secular Humanism (3 Certification Hours)**

We are living in a time when people are increasingly searching for answers concerning the meaning of life and their particular role in the world. Some are looking for quick painless solutions to problems while others are questioning and rebelling against the value, moral and ethical systems which governed the lives of their parents and fore-parents. Because of these influences, persons are coming into the church or already in the pews who erroneously believe that the Bible is not the final authority of their lives. This course will further define the effects of “secular humanism” and discuss ways to challenge and address its impact on our communities and congregations.

#### **Spiritual Formation (3 Certification Hours)**

This course explores the importance and “how to” of the spiritual disciplines (prayer, bible study, meditation, fasting, tithing, hospitality, etc.) that are necessary for sanctification and spiritual growth.

#### **Old and New Testament Survey (3 Certification Hours)**

This course provides an introduction to each book of the Holy Bible, considers the theme or purpose of each book and explores the importance of the Old Testament to understanding the New Testament.

#### **Doctrine of Sin and Salvation (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore the understanding of original sin, imputation of sin, and the nature and consequences of individual and corporate acts of sin. This course will also explore the person and atoning works of Christ.

#### **Central Christian Doctrine (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore the fundamentals of Christianity, the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Trinity. It will point up the fact that as Methodists we are Trinitarians.

#### **Faith Sharing ~ Teaching Others to Share Their Faith (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore the “Why” of faith sharing and what it means to share one’s Christian faith. Further, it will teach students the principles that guide us in our faith-sharing. This study is a product of the World Methodist Evangelism of the World Methodist Council.

#### **Evangelism to a Broken World (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore how to share the gospel or “good news” of Jesus Christ with those spiritually and/or emotionally bruised, battered and/or broken.

### **Understanding Current Trends of Evangelism and Church Growth Through the Use of the Class System (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore the importance of and “how-to” in the use of the Class System (or small group dynamic) to evangelize the unchurched.

### **Understanding the Great Commission (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore the Great Commission from three (3) perspectives; students will learn the purpose and empowering of God’s Spirit. Students will learn the power of discipleship – the heart of the Great Commission – to raise up mature Christians who lead others to the Lord.

### **Introduction to Church Growth: A Study of the Science and Practice of Church Growth (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore the biblical foundations for church growth and renewal as well as challenge students to learn and understand the science of church growth.

### **Evangelism Practicum (5 Certification Hours)**

Each person seeking certification must complete an Evangelism practicum. In consultation with the local pastor and the Department of Church Growth and Development, the student under the supervision of the local pastor will engage in an evangelistic ministry that is different from what he/she presently is involved in. A final paper will be submitted that shares what was learned about doing evangelism in a different context. It will serve to chart the student’s spiritual growth and development during the course of the practicum. A final report from the supervising pastor will be submitted verifying to the student’s work and spiritual growth and development during the practicum.

### **Evangelism Project (5 Certification Hours)**

Each person seeking certification must complete an Evangelism project. In consultation with the local pastor and the Department of Church Growth and Development, the student will design and execute an evangelistic project in their local community. A final paper will be submitted in which the student will share what was learned about doing evangelism and in which they will describe the outcomes of the project (how many souls, if any, were reconciled to Christ.)

## **Electives**

### **The Role and Function of an Evangelistic Mission Statement (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore the many complex dynamics of developing a mission statement that is evangelistic in nature and function.

### **The Role and Function of Spiritual Gifts in Evangelism and the Church (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore the theology and practical use of spiritual gifts and their relationship to evangelism and church growth (in the context of the AME Church).

### **Understanding the Theology and Practice of Evangelism (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore the biblical and spiritual relevance and dynamics of evangelism. Further it will examine the theological importance and “how to” in evangelizing men, women, children/youth, street and tract ministry.

### **Jesus Christ the Cornerstone (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will focus upon the mighty act of God in the ultimate, full disclosure of the living God in creation. Primarily this course will focus on the unique intervention of God at the first Christmas, Good Friday, Easter and Pentecost. This is a product of World Methodist Evangelism of the World Methodist Council.

### **Church School Evangelism (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will engage in a comprehensive study on how to create a new dynamic of classes for community outreach and engender the interest in the untouched population segments of the community. Moreover, it will describe how to develop an enrollment campaign and how to instruct teachers on how to appeal to students to accept the Lord Jesus Christ specifically in relation to the church school lessons. In addition, the course will explore the use of class electives as a means to peak interest in church school. This material can be used in established churches for the purposes of church renewal or as a prelude for church planters.

### **Evangelizing HIV-AIDS Patients and Their Families (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore how to witness to HIV-AIDS patients and their families. Consideration will be given to the transmission of the disease as well as the emotional and spiritual impact the disease creates on church and society. Furthermore the course will teach persons how to develop an HIV-AIDS ministry in the local church.

### **Small and Rural Church Ministry (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore how to utilize congregational studies and spiritual and numerical principles of church growth to motivate and enhance the evangelistic fervor in small churches.

### **Crisis Evangelism (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore how to witness to and support persons in the immediate aftermath of natural and man-made disasters. Consideration will be given to the spiritual and emotional impact disasters create in the lives of individuals and groups.

### **Evangelizing Through Grief Ministry (3 Certification Hours)**

This course explores the ministry of grief and bereavement and how to witness to those who are in the various stages of grief and bereavement. Consideration will be given to the spiritual and emotional impact of grief and bereavement on children, youth and young adults. Exploration will also address homicidal and suicidal grief and bereavement.

### **Prison Ministry (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore the dynamics of witnessing to: adult and juveniles who are incarcerated, on probation or parole and to those who are charged to guard and/or oversee their care and the families of each group. Consideration will be given to the spiritual, emotional and psychological impact on those behind bars including victims of rape, abuse, and gang intimidation.

### **Justice Ministry (3 Certification Hours)**

This course explores the dynamics of evangelism in a global context with an emphasis on biblical justice, peace, forgiveness and reconciliation. Consideration will be given to the spiritual and emotional impact of social, educational, environmental and economic injustices on the marginalized and disenfranchised and what the Bible requires of the church in response.

### **Church Planting (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore the practice of planting new AME churches nationally and internationally. Students will learn the most efficient and effective strategies for planting new churches. In addition, students will learn administrative and managerial principles that cause newly planted churches to grow faster.

### **Plan of Salvation (3 Certification Hours)**

This course explores the most important question in life, "Are you going to heaven when you die?" Consideration will be given to answering questions of seekers and skeptics according to Scripture.

### **Certified Community Addiction Educational Specialist (CCAES) (3 Certification Hours)**

Provides student with the core knowledge, attitudes and basic skill essentials to biblically address family and friends with information concerning how addiction erodes and blocks religious and spiritual development.

### **Certified Chemical Dependency Specialist (CCDS) (3 Certification Hours)**

Provides student with the latest technological tools to expertly address the causes and symptoms of experimental alcohol and drug use among children and adolescents. (CCAES certification required before taking this course).

### **Baccalaureate Addiction Counselor (BAC) (3 Certification Hours)**

Provides student with the expertise in working with children, adolescents and adults using the current technological tools in the areas of drug and alcohol prevention, intervention, withdrawal and referrals.

## **EVANGELISM CERTIFICATION FOR PASTORS**

For new and seasoned pastors who desire to grow their congregations spiritually and numerically. This track is designed to either build and/or enhance evangelistic skills and abilities.

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### **Apologetics ~ Knowing and Defending the Faith (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will examine the foundations and principles of knowing and defending the Christian faith up and against arguments from those outside the faith.

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### **The Role and Function of an Evangelistic Mission Statement (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore the many complex dynamics of developing a mission statement that is evangelistic in nature and function.

### **Essentials for Leading Persons to Christ (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore the spiritual dynamics of leading people to Christ. Students will learn what the Bible teaches about evangelism and learn creative and innovative means of establishing a healthy spiritual environment that is conducive for persons to accept Christ.

### **Organizing the Local Church for Evangelism (3 Certification Hours)**

This course explores the essentials required for pastors to introduce and prepare their congregations for effective evangelism.

### **Marketing the Local Church for Evangelism (3 Certification Hours)**

This course explores the various marketing strategies available for the local church to use in order to reach persons for Christ.

### **21<sup>st</sup> Century Technology and Media Ministry (3 Certification Hours)**

This course examines the use of television, radio, You Tube, podcasts, DVD's and other media sources as means of evangelism.

### **Understanding Church Administration for Evangelism (3 Certification Hours)**

This course explores the various dynamics of church administration as a means of evangelism.

### **Understanding the Power and Purpose of the Holy Spirit (3 Certification Hours)**

This course explores the role and work of the Holy Spirit, as witnessed in the Book of Acts, as a means of reaching persons for Christ.

### **Evangelism Through Pastoral Counseling (3 Certification Hours)**

This course examines the importance and use of effective pastoral counseling as a way to engage in purposeful, transformational evangelism to men, women, children and youth.

### **Preaching Under the Anointing (3 Certification Hours)**

This course explores the biblical foundations, "why" and "how" preaching under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, draws persons to Christ.

### **The Effective Invitation (3 Certification Hours)**

This course explores the purpose of and "how to" extend of an effective invitation for persons to enter into relationship with Christ.

## **Electives**

### **Developing a Salvific Driven Congregation (3 Certification Hours)**

This course explores the purpose of salvation and how its importance can be used to spur congregations into personal and corporate evangelism.

### **The New Members Class (3 Certification Hours)**

This course explores the essential teachings necessary to reach, teach and keep new members in the local church.

### **Contemporary Obstacles to Evangelism (3 Certification Hours)**

This course explores the varying obstacles in today's society which impede effective and purposeful evangelism.

**Doctrine of Sin (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore the understanding of original sin, imputation of sin, and the nature and consequences of individual and corporate acts of sin.

**Doctrine of Salvation (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore the understanding of salvation, the attributes of salvation, and the nature and consequences of salvation individually and corporately. Attention will be given to most important question in life, "Are you going to heaven when you die?" Consideration will be given to answering questions of seekers and skeptics according to Scripture.

**Communicating the Gospel (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore the fundamentals of effectively telling the Good News to skeptics, seekers, as well as new and seasoned believers in relation to contemporary issues.

**Praying and Fasting for Evangelism (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore the foundations of prayer and fasting, and the use of these spiritual disciplines in evangelism.

**Developing Evangelistic Bible Studies (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore the methodology for creating bible studies for evangelism in-reach and outreach.

**Small and Rural Church Ministry (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore how to utilize congregational studies and spiritual and numerical principles of church growth to motivate and enhance evangelistic fervor in small churches.

**Crisis Evangelism (3 Certification Hours)**

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**Reaching the Unreachable for Christ (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore the reasons and ways to reach atheists, skeptics, agnostics and others who deny and/or don't believe the Christian message.

**The New Age Challenge to Evangelism (3 Certification Hours)**

This course examines the challenges New Age brings to the Christian faith, and how to effectively address these challenges using the Word of God and examples of Christ.

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**Certified Community Addiction Educational Specialist (CCAES) (3 Certification Hours)**  
Provides student with the core knowledge, attitudes and basic skill essentials to biblically address family and friends with information concerning how addiction erodes and blocks religious and spiritual development.

## **EVANGELISM CERTIFICATION TRACK FOR LAITY**

### **Core Courses**

#### **Introduction to Secular Humanism (3 Certification Hours)**

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#### **Spiritual Formation (3 Certification Hours)**

This course explores for laity the importance and “how to” of the spiritual disciplines (prayer, bible study, meditation, fasting, tithing, hospitality, etc.) that are necessary for sanctification and spiritual growth.

#### **Faith Sharing ~ Teaching Others to Share Their Faith (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore the “Why” of faith sharing for laity and what it means to share Christian faith. Further it will teach laity the principles that guide us in our faith sharing. This study is a produce of the World Methodist Evangelism of the World Methodist Church.

#### **Understanding the Great Commission (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore for laity the Great Commission from three (3) perspectives; students will learn the purpose and empowering of God’s Spirit. Further, students will learn the power of discipleship – the heart of the Great Commission – to raise up mature Christians who lead others to the Lord.

#### **Central Christian Doctrine (3 Certification Hours)**

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### **Apologetics ~ Knowing and Defending the Faith (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will examine for laity the foundations and principles of knowing and defending the Christian faith up and against arguments from those outside the faith.

### **The Christian Challenge: Responding and Witnessing to New Age'rs, Jehovah's Witnesses and Muslims (3 Certification Hours)**

This course explores for laity the ways and means to effectively address the challenges of Jehovah's Witnesses, New Age'rs and Muslims. Also examines ways to for laity to witness to the members of these same groups.

### **Church School Evangelism (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will engage laity in a comprehensive study on how to create a new dynamic of classes for community outreach and engender the interest in the untouched population segments of the community. Moreover, it will describe how to develop an enrollment campaign and how to instruct teachers on how to appeal to students to accept the Lord Jesus Christ specifically in relation to the church school lessons. In addition, the course will explore the use of class electives as a means to peak interest in church school. This material can be used in established churches for the purposes of church renewal or as a prelude for church planters.

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### **Understanding the Power and Purpose of the Holy Spirit (3 Certification Hours)**

This course explores for laity the role and work of the Holy Spirit, as witnessed in the Book of Acts, as a means of reaching persons for Christ.

### **Doctrine of Sin and Salvation (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore for laity the understanding of original sin, imputation of sin, and the nature and consequences of individual and corporate acts of sin. This course will also explore the person and atoning works of Christ.

### **Marketing the Local Church for Evangelism (3 Certification Hours)**

This course explores for laity the various marketing strategies available for the local church to use in order to reach persons for Christ.

### **21<sup>st</sup> Century Technology and Media Ministry (3 Certification Hours)**

This course examines for laity the use of television, radio, You Tube, iPods, Blackberry's, DVD's and other media sources as means of evangelistic in-reach and outreach.

### **Street Ministry – Basic (3 Certification Hours)**

This course explores for laity the fundamentals necessary to engage in effective street ministry, marketplace ministry, and will include intercessory prayer and the use of tracts. Role playing is a part of this course.

### **Evangelizing Men (3 Certification Hours)**

This course explores for laity the essentials for reaching men for Christ through evangelism. Attention will be given to reaching men who are living in crisis, un-churched and/or unsaved as well as seekers and skeptics.

### **Evangelizing Women (3 Certification Hours)**

This course explores for laity the essentials for reaching women for Christ through evangelism. Attention will be given to reaching women who are living in crisis, un-churched and/or unsaved as well as seekers and skeptics.

### **Lifestyle Evangelism (3 Certification Hours)**

This course explores for laity the ways of living a Christian lifestyle that draws others to Christ. Attention will be given to Christian witness in the home, on the job, in school and other activities in which Christian's participate in outside of the local church. In addition, befriending and softening the hearts of non-believers will be taught.

### **Essentials for Leading a Person to Christ (3 Certification Hours)**

This course examines for laity the fundamentals required to effectively listen to others, ascertaining their readiness for salvation. This course will explore the fact that every Christian is called to witness for the Kingdom of God. This study is a product of the World Methodist Evangelism of the World Methodist Council.

### **Wesley's Words on Witnessing (3 Certification Hours)**

This course examines John Wesley's thoughts on witnessing, including the spiritual development of the believer.

### **Evangelism Practicum (5 Certification Hours)**

Each lay person seeking certification must complete an Evangelism practicum. In consultation with the local pastor and the Department of Church Growth and Development, the student under the supervision of the local pastor will engage in an evangelistic ministry that is different from what he/she presently is involved in. A final paper will be submitted that shares what was learned about doing evangelism in a different context. It will serve to chart the student's spiritual growth and development during the course of the practicum. A

final report from the supervising pastor will be submitted verifying to the student's work and spiritual growth and development during the practicum.

### **Evangelism Project (5 Certification Hours)**

Each lay person seeking certification must complete an Evangelism project. In consultation with the local pastor and the Department of Church Growth and Development, the student will design and execute an evangelistic project in their local community (or setting approved by the local pastor). A final paper will be submitted in which the student will share what was learned about doing evangelism and in which they will describe the outcomes of the project (how many souls, if any, were reconciled to Christ.)

## **ELECTIVES**

### **The Role and Function of the Holy Spirit (3 Certification Hours)**

This course examines for laity the Third Person of the Holy Trinity – The Holy Spirit. Students will learn of the role and function of the Holy Spirit in their personal lives.

### **Presence Evangelism (3 Certification Hours)**

This course explores the methods employed for laity to reach the un-churched, unsaved through the work of being present with others. Attention will be given to the various settings in which the lay member's presence can lead to soul-winning.

### **Crisis Evangelism (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore how laity can witness to persons in the immediate aftermath of natural and man-made disasters. Consideration will be given to the spiritual and emotional impact disasters create in individuals and groups.

### **Reaching the Unreachable for Christ (3 Certification Hours)**

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This course explores the ministry of grief and bereavement and how laity can witness to those who are in the various stages of grief and bereavement. Consideration will be given to the spiritual and emotional impact of grief and bereavement on children, youth and young adults. Exploration will also address homicidal and suicidal grief and bereavement.

### **Evangelizing to HIV-AIDS Patients and Their Families (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore how laity can witness to HIV-AIDS patients and their families. Consideration will be given to the transmission of the disease as well as the emotional and spiritual impact the disease creates. Furthermore, the course will teach laity how to develop an HIV-AIDS ministry in the local church.

### **Prison Ministry (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore the dynamics of witnessing to: adult and juveniles who are incarcerated, on probation or parole in addition to those who are charged to guard and/or oversee their care and the families of each group. Consideration will also be given to the spiritual, emotional and psychological impact on those behind bars including victims of rape, abuse, and gang intimidation.

### **Justice Ministry (3 Certification Hours)**

This course explores the dynamics of evangelism in a global context with an emphasis on biblical justice, peace, forgiveness and reconciliation. Consideration will be given to the spiritual and emotional impact of social, educational, environmental and economic injustices on the marginalized and disenfranchised and what the Bible requires of the church in response.

### **Old and New Testament Survey (3 Certification Hours)**

This course provides laity with an introduction to each book of the Holy Bible, considers the theme or purpose of each book and explores the importance of the Old Testament to understanding the New Testament.

### **Church Planting (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore the practice of planting new AME churches nationally and internationally. Students will learn the most efficient and effective strategies for planting new churches. In addition, students will learn administrative and managerial principles that cause newly planted churches to grow faster.

### **Plan of Salvation (3 Certification Hours)**

This course explores the most important question in life, "Are you going to heaven when you die?" Consideration will be given to answering questions of seekers and skeptics according to Scripture.

### **Bridge Activities for Evangelism (3 Certification Hours)**

This course explores various activities for laity that can be developed for un-churched persons outside the walls of the church. These are activities that can lead to the introduction to salvation.

**Certified Community Addiction Educational Specialist (CCAES) (3 Certification Hours)**

Provides student with the core knowledge, attitudes and basic skill essentials to biblically address family and friends with information concerning how addiction erodes and blocks religious and spiritual development.

**Certified Chemical Dependency Specialist (CCDS) (3 Certification Hours)**

Provides student with the latest technological tools to expertly address the causes and symptoms of experimental alcohol and drug use among children and adolescents. (CCAES certification required before taking this course).

**Baccalaureate Addiction Counselor (BAC) (3 Certification Hours)**

Provides student with the expertise in working with children, adolescents and adults using the current technological tools in the areas of drug and alcohol prevention, intervention, withdrawal and referrals.

## **EVANGELISM CERTIFICATION IN CHURCH PLANTING**

### **Core Courses**

**Introduction to Secular Humanism (3 Certification Hours)**

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**Spiritual Formation (3 Certification Hours)**

This course explores the importance of the spiritual disciplines (prayer, bible study, meditation, fasting, tithing, etc.) that are necessary for sanctification and spiritual growth.

**Old and New Testament Survey (5 Certification Hours)**

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**Doctrine of Sin and Salvation (3 Certification Hours)**

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**Central Christian Doctrine (3 Certification Hours)**

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**The Role and Function of an Evangelistic Mission Statement (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore the many complex dynamics of developing a mission statement that is evangelistic in nature and function.

**The Role and Function of Spiritual Gifts in Evangelism and the Church (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore the theology and practical use of spiritual gifts and their relationship to evangelism and church growth (in the context of the AME Church).

**Understanding Current Trends of Evangelism and Church Growth Through the Use of the Class System (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore the use of the Class System (or small group dynamic) to evangelize the unchurched.

**Church Planting: Marketing, Management and Ministry (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore the fundamentals of writing a Plan that includes 5 years of Pro-Forma data and understanding while using demographics for Church Planting.

**Small and Rural Church Ministry (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore how to utilize congregational studies and spiritual and numerical principles of church growth to motivate and enhance evangelistic fervor in small churches.

**Foundations of Cross-Cultural Evangelism (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore the required fundamentals of cross-cultural evangelism, along race, ethnic and class lines "Jesus style." Examines the question, "Who is my neighbor?" Students will be challenged to look at their perspective of "other" and learn the importance of "reaching out with the hands of Christ" in order to grow the church.

**Church Planting Practicum (5 Certification Hours)**

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student's spiritual growth and development during the course of the practicum. A final report from the supervising pastor will be submitted as well attesting to the student's work and spiritual growth and development during the practicum.

### **Church Planting Project (5 Certification Hours)**

Each person seeking certification must complete an Evangelism practicum project. In consultation with the local pastor and the Department of Church Growth and Development, the student will design and execute an evangelistic project in their local community with specific attention to church planting. A final paper will be submitted that shares what was learned about doing evangelism and further share the outcomes/results of the project.

## **Electives**

### **Understanding the Theology and Practice of Evangelism (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore the biblical and spiritual relevance and dynamics of evangelism. Further it will examine the theological importance and "how to" in evangelizing men, women, children/youth, street and tract ministry.

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### **Evangelizing HIV-AIDS Patients and Their Families (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore how to witness to persons HIV-AIDS patients and their families. Consideration will be given to the transmission of the disease as well as the emotional and spiritual impact the disease creates. Furthermore this course will teach persons how to develop an HIV-AIDS ministry in the local church.

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## **EVANGELISM CERTIFICATION IN CHILDREN AND YOUTH EVANGELISM**

### **Core Courses**

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#### **Leading Children to Christ (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore the spiritual dynamics of leading children to Christ. Students will learn what the Bible teaches about child evangelism and learn creative and innovative means

of establishing a healthy spiritual environment that is conducive for children to accept Christ at an early age.

**Impacting Children and Youth Influenced by Trends and Subcultures (3 Certification Hours)** This course will explore current trends of evangelism in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Students will be challenged to learn contemporary methods of evangelism that lead them to receptive harvests.

**Keeping Covenant (3 Certification Hours)**

This course will explore the congregational covenant made with children and youth during their sacramental initiation of baptism and discuss ways that the family of God can order its life so that children and youth “surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.”

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