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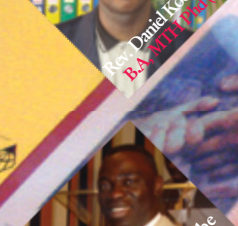
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## Application invited for: 2013/2014 Academic Year

**This academic year will start from September 2013.**

Areas of Studies

### A. Christian Service Diploma ( 2 years )

1. Bible
2. Spiritual Life
3. Theology
4. Christian Ethics
5. The Church
6. Christian Service

### B. College Degree Program ( 4 years )

1. B.A Degree in Bible & Theology
2. B.A Degree in Religious Education
3. B.A Degree in Mission
4. B. A Degree in Church Ministry.

### Admission Requirement

Ability to read and write English is enough for the Christian Service Diploma.

A high School diploma or its equivalent is required to enroll for the College Degree Program. There is also opportunity to audit the courses without studying for Credit.

In such cases no educational qualification is required.

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# FOLLOWING JESUS IN THE WORLD

Jesus told his disciples that he is the way the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the father except through him (John 14:6)

At Amsterdam Bible Academy, our job is training men and women who have chosen to follow Jesus. Christ as Lord and Savior. All our courses are Christ centered and focused.

Jesus expects us to follow him every day, 24 hours a day. Following Jesus should not be limited to a visit to the local church only on Sundays. He came to gather men and women who are willing to join him in reconciling the world unto God.

When following Jesus is reduced to legalistic-once a week visit to a local church, Christianity becomes religion and can be frustrating without any joy.

To follow Jesus is about doing what Jesus came to do on daily basis. According to the Scripture, Jesus came to preach the good news to the poor. He came to heal the broken hearted. He came to proclaim liberty to the captives. He came to open the eyes of the blind and to set at liberty those who are oppressed (Luke 4:18)

There are millions of people in the world that are under different kinds of oppression such as spiritual oppression, emotional oppression, financial oppression, physical oppression etc. God hates every kind of oppression. As followers of Jesus Christ it is our responsibility to fight every kind of

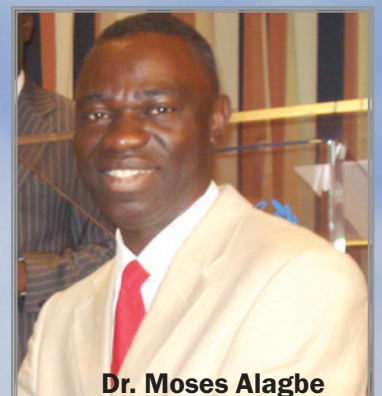
oppression. It is our responsibility to do everything we can to set people free from oppression. This is what Jesus came to do and this is what he has called us to do. It is a 24hrs assignment.

Jesus also came to preach the good news to the poor. Following Jesus is doing what Jesus came to do. We are to preach the good news to the poor. Material poverty and spiritual poverty are everywhere around us. You and me have been given this privilege to preach the good news to the poor. We've been called to follow Jesus by giving hope to the hopeless. We've been called to follow Jesus by giving water to those that are thirsty. We've been called to follow Jesus by speaking for those that are voiceless. We've been called to follow Jesus by opposing greed and different structural evils of our world.

According to the Latin America Congress of Evangelism Of 2012, Following Jesus involves,

- OPPOSING EVERYTHING THAT BRING DEATH
- ENCOURAGING EVERYTHING THAT BRING LIFE

Following Jesus is exciting and fulfilling. If every believer will follow Jesus, our world will be a better place to live.



Dr. Moses Alagbe



# Review of AB

## Christian Service

### Christian Maturity

Christian maturity is the aim of every believer and the goal is to reach "the very height of Christ's full stature" (Ephesians 4:13). In this 192-page course, Rick Howard teaches that although we cannot become completely like Christ, we are to reach for this highest of goals that the Bible sets for us, since this will enable us to achieve more than accomplishing a goal that is too low.



### The Kingdom, The Power, and The Glory

The New Testament, the new agreement that God made with humanity through His Son, Jesus Christ, is the subject of this course written by Jean-Baptiste Sawadogo and Marcia Munger. This survey of the New Testament brings a realization that God speaks authoritatively to the church and the world today, just as He did in the New Testament and throughout the course of history. The information contained in this course will help provide a fuller understanding of New Testament truths and the reliable manner in which they were transmitted to us. A study of this course will enable students to teach others about the Word of God in a greatly enhanced fashion.



### Cornerstones of Truth

As you have probably discovered, the teachings in the Bible are not presented according to topics. For example, the book of Genesis does not give us a complete explanation of the Godhead, nor does any other single book. An important way to study the Bible is to find all the teachings related to a certain topic. Authors Floyd Woodworth, Jr. and David Duncan will follow this kind of systematic study to see what the Scriptures teach about the universe and its Ruler, about humankind and the structure God has chosen for human development. Students will also discover what the Bible has to say about the future.



### The Christian Church in Ministry

Perhaps you thought that God's redemptive plan ended with Christ's death on the Cross. However, Jesus passed on to His church the ministry of reaching the world with the message of salvation. Author Jesse Miranda teaches that the Great Commission given by Christ is the church's authority to act for God. The church has not been left to carry on the work alone, however, for Christ sent His Holy Spirit to be our Helper. The Holy Spirit works in and through us to fulfill the redemptive plan of God.



### Spiritual Gifts

"Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant," Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 12:1. Spiritual gifts are very important to the body of Christ. Author Robert Brandt teaches about these spiritual gifts, which are available to the believer to help him or her become a greater blessing to the church and more effective in spreading the gospel.



### Solving Life's Problems

When you are having problems, do you know where to find answers? Author Dorothy Johns helps you turn your problems into victories. There are no clear-cut solutions for some of the problems that confront us. However, the Bible gives guidelines for finding solutions to many of life's problems. It is not God's will that Christians be defeated. As you study this course and apply the principles of problem solving, you will discover the wonderful blessing of allowing your problem-solver, Jesus Christ, to help you.



### Prayer and Worship

Worship includes praise and service to God. Author Morris Williams introduces us to a new life of prayer and worship. A closer look at the prayer that Jesus taught His disciples shows that Jesus believed we cannot separate prayer and worship from our living. Prayer is never finished; it is part of everything we do. In this course, prayer is presented as the preparation for worship, and worship is defined as constantly living in a way that pleases God and fulfills His purposes.



### Tents, Temples, and Palaces

The books of the Old Testament are surveyed in this course, written by Rick Howard. This look at the Old Testament begins with creation, continues through the judgment of the Flood, and then picks up the theme of God's chosen people, the seed of Abraham. The author discusses the writings of the Old Testament as a record of God's dealing with the people He chose to use to bless the world. Many of the names, terms, and events that are often difficult to understand are addressed, and questions that are pertinent to understanding the Old Testament period.



### Alive in Christ

Salvation is the crucial subject of this 275-page course by David Duncan, and the definition is broadened to include everything that was purchased at Calvary. Salvation is shown to include not only the forgiveness of the sins of the past and deliverance from the power of sin in the present, but also protection against the depredations that could be brought on by sin in the future. All of the spiritual needs of man are met by the redemption provided by Christ on the cross.








# A Courses

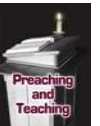
## Starting New Churches

Ever since the church began on the Day of Pentecost, the followers of Christ have been planting churches all over the world. Author Larry Pate shows us the value of having the direction of the Holy Spirit in planning strategy for the founding of new churches. The Bible gives the principles and purposes that are the guidelines to planting the church in every culture and people group.



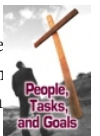
## Preaching and Teaching

Author Ernest Pettry demonstrates how to communicate God's message effectively through preaching and teaching. These two methods of sharing God's Word in many ways. Yet during the history of the Christian church, each method has developed some distinctive characteristics. This course points out the advantages of each method and helps prepare the reader to use them in the best manner for evangelizing the unreached and providing for the spiritual development and maturity of those who are ministered to.



## People, Tasks, and Goals

Most of our knowledge comes to us in two ways: from patterns and from principles. In this course, author Billie Davis analyzes leadership from both perspectives and looks at examples of several of God's chosen leaders. Students are given the opportunity to consider these familiar biographical studies of the Bible in a new context with the theme of leadership. The most advanced theories of leadership and human development are outlined, and the application of these theories in harmony with faith and practice is explained.



## The Responsible Christian

Author Jose R. Silva Delgado shows us how to become faithful stewards. In a parable, Jesus commended two good stewards who had managed their assets wisely and condemned the one who did nothing with what he had been given. This course teaches how to manage and invest what God has entrusted to us, so that one day He will say, "Well done, good and faithful servant.... Come and share your master's happiness!" (Matthew 25:23).



## Understanding the Bible

The careful, methodical study of the Bible is the subject of this course. In the first part, author Dorothy Johns introduces the principles, terminology, and means of interpretation that are essential to all effective methods of Bible study. The next series of lessons emphasizes scrutiny of individual books through the synthetic or whole-book method of study. The biographical, topical, and devotional methods of study are critiqued in the last section. While much in the course is necessarily an academic discussion of how to study the Bible, major emphasis is placed on the student's spiritual improvement and how a systematic study of the Scriptures is the best means for achieving this goal.



## Counselor, Teacher, and Guide

Near the end of Jesus' ministry on earth, He told His disciples that the time was coming when He would not be with them. He said, "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth" (John 14:16–17). Jesus was speaking of the Holy Spirit. In this course, author William Farrand will acquaint you with the ways the Holy Spirit helps you, in the same way that Jesus helped people when He was here on earth.



## Helping Christians Grow

Christian nurturing is very important to the church's ministry and it is necessary for the growth and maturation of new believers. The author encourages and instructs those who would like to help develop spiritual maturity in others. He also makes them aware of their own need for more instruction. The emphasis is on the interdependence that exists in the Christian community. Recent converts need to be instructed and encouraged, while mature Christians need to teach and nurture others in order to grow themselves.



## Sharing the Good News

You have probably already shared your testimony with others and realized the need to give the message of salvation clearly and simply. You need to have at your fingertips the Scriptures that will aid you in responding to those who seek to know more about Jesus. Authors Robert and Evelyn Bolton will help you use what you already know about salvation and the joy of serving God so that you can better share the pleasure of being a Christian.



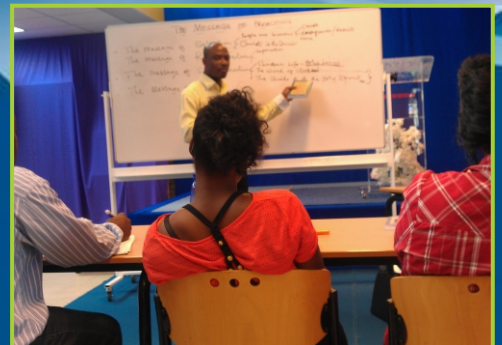
## Abundant Living

A sterling character does not happen by accident. Christian character is developed as the Holy Spirit produces His fruit in the believer. The fruit of the Spirit, described in Galatians 5:22–23, is the result of the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Author Antonio Gilberto da Silva offers a practical study from Galatians 5 and other related Scripture passages. This course emphasizes the development of desirable qualities such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, and their benefits in the Christian's relationships and service.





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# THE GRACE OF GOD

**H**e gave us more grace when the burden grow greater, He send us more strength when the labour increase. To added affliction He added His mercy. To multiply trials He multiply peace and when we were totally weak then His strength is made perfect in us" –

Annie Johnson Flint

What will it take for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle? For a camel to pass through the eye of a needle could be compared to a situation where someone like Adolf Hitler becoming a true Christian. According to the bible the grace of God is a free gift for anyone and it does not depend on who you are or what you have done in the past. By definition the grace of God is an unmerited favor from God to human race. Actually it is not free but God Himself through Christ Sacrifice had paid the price on the cross

God demonstrate his grace in many ways, for example he uses sunrise to declare his faithfulness, a mother's touch to show his gentleness and kindness and the fruits of the earth to reveal his sweetness and generosity. Through his grace, God transforms our separation from him into a state of undeserved acceptance that opens the way for reconciliation and redemption.

Despite all that God has done through the cross some people still reject His offer (grace & mercy).

I will like to discuss three groups of people that are rejecting God's grace.

1. Those who say grace is **beneath** them.

These are the people who think they don't need God's grace at all. They believe it is possible to live for God through keeping the whole law. But they have forgotten that the greater the perfection you aspire to have, the more dependent you must become upon divine grace. According to Francis Schaeffer "Great saints were only great receivers they had neither holiness nor anything else to give to God. What we see of holiness in them was something they had received progressively from Jesus as their host and they received it as they humbly confessed they were lacking it and as they move on in their spiritual journey they realized that they are simply guest at the table of grace"

2. Those who say grace is **beyond** them.

These are the people that think that their sins are so big and so deep that God cannot reach them. The good news is that God can reach us wherever we are, no matter how far we've gone away from Him. He will still welcome us with His open arms. We only need to repent. ".....But where sin increased, grace increased all the more.....through Jesus Christ our Lord" Romans 5:20,21. The grace of God is often best appreciated by those who needed it the most. John Newton who wrote the most popular Christian hymn "AMAZING GRACE" was a slave trader before he gave his life to Christ. He made the following statement when he was about to die "My memory is nearly gone, but I remember two things: that I am a great sinner and Christ is a great Savior"

3. The third groups are those who say grace is **behind** them.

These people actually begin their spiritual journey well with a clear understanding that is only through God's grace that they are in relationship with him but somewhere along the way something happened, God's amazing grace begins to degenerate into legalism. Galatians are examples of this group. Paul said "you foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. I would like to learn just one thing from you: "Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? After beginning with the spirit are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?.... Does God give you His Spirit and work miracles among you because you observe the law or because you believe what you heard? (Galatians 3:1-5).

The Scripture did not say we should 'work for our salvation' but it says "but....continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose" (Philippians 2:12-13)

Some have claimed that the Old Testament portrayed God more as a judge than as a merciful God. I will like to disagree because God have always been the same from the beginning of time. The character of God did not change in the New Testament but the economy of redemption entered into a new dimension. The Bible says "-----He sets aside the first to establish the second. And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" (Hebrew 10:9-10 ) For example in the Old testament we are told that God delivered the people of Israel from Egypt, they passed through the red sea on a dry land. If God is like me he could have said here is the Ten Commandments but only those who obey and live by it will be delivered from

By Wale Bada



the hand of pharaoh but God did not do that.

Instead He delivered them first then He gave them the law. That is grace my friend. Another example from the old Testament is the story of Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9:1-13), he was crippled on both legs and according to the law, he is unclean, he is not allowed to be with the people but the king David

who was also known as a man after God's own heart invited him to the palace, the strange thing is that he was also invited to eat at the **same table** with the king. "...Mephibosheth ate at David's table like one of the king's sons: (2 Sam. 9:11). You and me are not only cripple but blind as well spiritually but God by His grace offers his love for you and me. Now listen to the reaction of Mephibosheth. "Mephiboseth bowed down and said what is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?" 2 Sam. 9:8. It does not take him many years before he could understand God's grace that is being manifested through king David.

Now let me ask you 4 questions.

1. Do you ever feel if you work a little bit harder God will forgive you?
2. Do you believe that you are still being punished for something you did as a child?
3. Do you feel guilty if you miss church for one Sunday?
4. Do you often think that God is watching you and what you do and if you don't do it well He's going to turn on you and withhold His blessing?

If your answer is yes to any of these questions then I suppose you feel guilty. Do you know what guilt can do to a person? Guilt can cause a person to loose control of life. It can make a person quit or retire from spiritual activity and it can finally cause physical pain and disease. Weakness and a sense of shame and failure are the end results.

Guilt is ghost that doesn't go away and it's the most felt struggle of human being. I agree with the man who said "Your guilt will hunt you forever until you give it to God". If you cannot forgive yourself after experiencing God's forgiveness it means that you are simply creating a standard higher than that of God.

I am sure you will be asking by now, but what about the law? The law is to call our attention to sin. The law also acts as a mirror, it reveal the character of God and His perfection. But we cannot keep the law without God's help. Let me remind you of what Jesus said. "For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the Kingdom of heaven" Matt. 5:20. Could you imagine the Pharisee who appeared to be perfect , but failed to meet God's standard? How can you and me then meet this standard? God's law shows us a need that only God's grace can supply. Paul recognized that and said "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength". Philipian 4:13.

The law can only expose my sin but it cannot change me. Jesus did not come to make bad people good. Jesus came to make **dead** people **live**, the law could not do that.

However, we should be very careful not to abuse God's grace. The doctrine of grace may cause us to be careless about sin but God's purpose for us is to be careful about His Holiness - Luke 5:4-8. The grace of God does not remove the justice of God. Romans 6: 1-2 "What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning, so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin, how can we live in it any longer? We are also warned in Galatians 5:13 "You were called to be free, but do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature, rather serve one another in love:. Grace was never divided from work it impels us to work, to struggle and perhaps to suffer as well- 2 cor. 12:7-10.

The grace of God is what makes the difference between Religion and Christianity. Religion is like a ladder created by men for climbing in order to reach God but Christianity on the other hand it is God reaching out to his people. In religion you have to work for your salvation and keep the whole rules. For instance religion says 'attain' but the gospel says 'obtain' religion says 'achieve' the gospel says 'receive' while religion says do this and do that the Scripture says it is done through Jesus Christ on the cross. On the cross----- Jesus said it is finished-----John 19:30.

Any church where grace is not the dominant theme is not safe to go to; otherwise every Sunday will be a judgment day. The key to experience God's grace is to acknowledge that we cannot save ourselves, that only God can save us and that our only hope is in the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ. I will like to leave you with a word from the Bible "For you know the grace of our lord Jesus Christ that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich." (2Cor. 8:9).





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## CHURCH & COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION

Church and Community Mobilisation, otherwise known as 'Umoja' (Swahili word for 'togetherness') is a dynamic way of helping local churches to work together with their community in addressing needs using their own resources. It has brought remarkable transformation to local churches and their communities around the world. –

It is about bringing energy and excitement to churches and communities concerning the positive changes they can make for themselves. It seeks to build on the resources they have and encourages the discovery of new skills and expertise within a community: inspiring and equipping local people with a vision for determining their own future with their own resource

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This is what eleven pastors and three church leaders went to Uganda to study for ten days to study and experienced.

The trip was organized by TEAR Netherlands to mark the 40th anniversary of their work against poverty.

This study trip to Uganda brought us into direct contacts with pastors and members of local churches in Soroja ( eastern part of Uganda) that are making a great difference in their communities.

The history of Umoja according the director of TEAR Netherlands could be traced back to widows in Engalnd that started parying for the poor .

Uganda therefore became a testing ground for this process called PEP. PEP means Participatory Evaluation Process. It is not a one time project of development, it a continuous participatory process with continuous evaluation. In order words, it is a 24hrs 7 days a week life of following Jesus in the community.

Umoja was designed to give the local church a vision for their community. Many local churches of the world have lost their purpose for existing. The situation of our world is a confirmation of this unfortunate state of the church. The church was established by the Lord Jesus Christ to engage the world to bring life wherever there is death. Jesus Christ established his church to bring hope to the hopeless and to set people free from every kind of oppression. This is what Umoja was established to recover. Through Bible studies and interactive activities, the local churches are empowered to engage their community in identifying and addressing needs with their own resources. God who created the world already provided resources we need to enjoy our time here on the earth. However, millions of people around the globe are living in abject poverty. Many of those that are leading the nations are so corrupt and have used their power to oppress the masses. If Jesus is physically in our world today, he will oppose

this oppression as he did while on earth.

We learnt while in Uganda that each members of the parliament earns twenty seven million shillings per month, an equivalent of about 15,000 euro, while a qualified trained medical doctor earns an equivalent of 500euro per month. This is absurd. The gap between the rich and the poor is enormous, just like in nearly all the other African countries. What about the rest of the world? I leave you to draw your own conclusion. In Addition to envisioning the church, Umoja is also designed to envision the community. The church

o n c e envisioned, works to bring the community together to discuss the need and resource of t h e community, to gather and a n a l y z e information, and to decide what needs to change.

The third stage of this process is to dream and plan for actions. In this stage the church and t h e community w o r k together in developing a vision for the future and planning how they can bring about this change, using their own resources.

This is followed with action plans as the fourth stage. The last stage is a review of how the church and the community have worked together to plan and run projects in their community

We were able to visit and experience all the five stages of Umoja during our time in Uganda.

What I saw gave me hope as I reflect on my dear continent. Umoja success in Uganda is a proof that the church is the hope of the world.

What about our western world? Can we also engage our community with Umoja? My unreserved answer is Yes. The Western society,





# THE UGANDAN EXPERIENCE

though rich in material goods is very poor spiritually and dry relationally.

In Uganda, and like in many other African countries we met people celebrating, singing, and dancing, without stress despite their material poverty. The material poverty is enormous. This is very difficult to explain. Our Western world though rich in material goods, is a society of depressed and unhappy individuals. My conclusion is that though the contexts are different, we all need the life that only Jesus can offer. And because of this the church is also



the hope of the Western world. I will like to challenge us to begin empowering our churches, to know their purpose as followers of Jesus, and start engaging our community/neighborhood in discovering our joint needs with the purpose of jointly discovering the resources we have in addressing the needs.

The word of God in Micah is

what the church have neglected and this what Umoja is designed to bring back to the church.

“With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup> Will the LORD be pleased with<sup>[a]</sup> thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

<sup>8</sup> He has told you, O man, what is good;

and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,<sup>[b]</sup>  
and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:6-8)

One of the big surprises of this trip is to discover that it is the Pentecostal Assembly of God that has become the champion of Umoja. Pentecostal churches are known for their emphasis on the personal salvation in neglect of the so-called cultural mandate. Holistic

approach to ministry has no place in Pentecostal theology. This is why I could not believe myself as I listened to the General Superintendent of the Pentecostal Assembly of Church in Uganda talking passionately about holistic Christian life and mission. According to Rev. Simon Peter, “The church is not the church for the community, the church is not the church with the community but the church in the community”. We learnt that more than 200 Pentecostal churches in Uganda are now using Umoja with tremendous result of transformation, and church growth.

When the church takes its place in the society, meeting the needs of the people, together with the people, the people will have no reason not to follow Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Umoja's process and Bible studies help the church to grow a positive influence within the community. It helps the church to reflect on the Bible and its role to meet the needs of others. It helps identify resources in the church. It enhances the building of relationship through various practical exercises and interactions, eventually resulting in church growth.

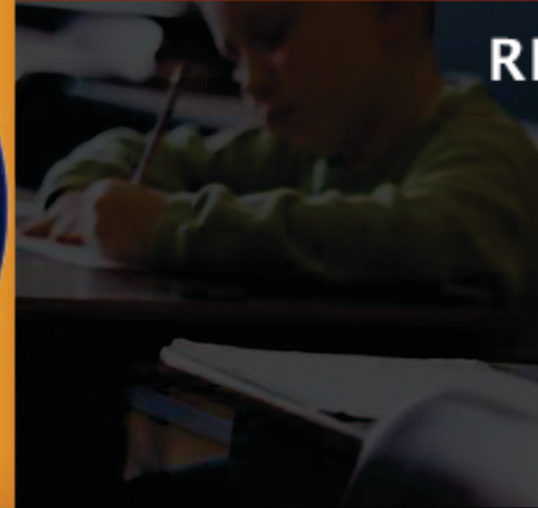
On the other hand, Umoja, helps the community become self reliance as they discover their resources for meeting their own needs. It gives the community sense of purpose, hope and well being. It empowers the community to engage in sustainable changes with greater ability to adjust to changes in culture and the environment increasing community relationships.

This trip was sponsored and facilitated by TEAR NETHERLANDS.

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## YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US IN

### Our vision as a foundation is to see Africa for the benefit

**M**any African countries are in disarray due to mismanagement and corrupt leadership. This has led to serious instability, underdevelopment, very high level of poverty, hunger, high rate of mortality, crime, mass displacement, mass migration and various problems associated with African immigrants in different European countries.

There are however several on-going development projects in different parts of Africa, but most of these projects address the symptoms of mismanagement and corrupt leadership, without offering a lasting solution to the perennial problems of poverty, hunger, underdevelopment etc.

Raising new generations of leaders is therefore crucial to the development of Africa in particular and the world in general. Our approach in addressing these leadership and development issues are as follows:

- Establishing primary and secondary schools for raising and developing a new generation with a new mindset.
- Mobilizing, raising and developing young adults as transformational leaders.
- Partnering with individuals and other organizations that share our vision.

The pilot project will begin in Nigeria with 200 primary school children and second phase with 100 secondary school students will take off in 2018. Nigeria is chosen because it has a great influence on

Africa. Its population is 1/5<sup>th</sup> of the total population of Africa.

The school will also provide a platform for regular meeting and brainstorming by young potential leaders in relation to development in the society. Regular on the job leadership training will also be provided. The school will also serve as a place where these young transformational leaders will continuously receive mutual support against corruption.

Our long-term goal is to extend this project to other African countries.



#### FUND

This project needs only a one time financial support to take off, after which it will be financially self-supporting.

#### The project will be self-sustaining.

80% of the student population will provide the income needed for running the school. This will provide educational opportunity for children from poor family and in addition, the school will provide the same study environment for children from rich and poor families.

#### WHAT MAKES THIS PROJECT DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS?

This school project is not only aimed at eradicating illiteracy, the ultimate goal is to intentionally raise and develop children with transformational leadership capability.



## REFLECTIVE

## MAKING A LASTING DIFFERENCE

a new generation of leaders serving  
of the population

In addition to the usual academic program, the following subjects will be taught in and outside the classroom (Theory/Practice)

### 2.1 Stewardship

Acknowledging God as the ultimate owner.

Issue of Identity

P e r s o n a l  
responsibilities/obligations.

Elements of management.

Accountability and Transparency

### 2.2 Relationalism

This subject will be taught to empower students to understand that Public and Private life can and should be seen not just through the financial and economic lenses but through the lens of relationships. Relationship affects community development and cohesion, and personal well-being and health of the society. Interdependence of life will be emphasized.

### 2.3 Leadership

Elements of Transformational leadership will be taught.

Calling/Purpose: Every individual is created with a purpose

Incarnation: Sharing the common experience of the people.

Reflective ability: Constantly defining the reality of prevailing situation for self and for the community.

Contextual: Understanding the local context

Global: Understanding the global pluralistic, urban economic and political landscape and its effect on the local situation.

### 2.4 Community Development

Skills to work with individuals in order to effect communities' position within the context of large social institution will also be taught.

Practical community development projects such as tree planting etc.



These four subjects will be taught at the elementary level in the primary school, while the secondary school students will engage in advance studies of these subjects.

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# Wat wil de Nationale Synode?

## What is the desire of the Nationale Synode?

*The foundation Nationale Synode finds it very important that the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ is heard today and in the future generation in our nation. This is not just a wish; it is an assignment that has been given to the church by the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— John 17:20-22*

*We need each other as Christians to be able to fulfill this assignment in the Netherlands.*

It is this assignment that motivates the establishment of the Nationale Synode. We need each other as Christians. The unity of the church is very important for the fulfillment of this assignment. We have received this unity in Jesus Christ. It is in our Lord Jesus Christ that we as Christians could find each other. The incarnation of our Lord is what brought hope to our world. Hope for all people. Hope for our community, and hope for the church in the Netherlands and in the world.

It is known that as Christians we are not always in agreement with each other. There should be no problem with different opinions, ways of worship, behavior etc. As the church, we need to learn to engage in regular renewal. Our differences and diversities should not divide us, but these should inspire us to engage in learning from each other.

The Nationale Synode will like to be a movement that facilitates discussion on small scales, in living rooms, dinnertime etc. In 2010 in the De Grote Kerk in Dordrecht, more than fifty different church denominations assembled together to pray for each other, discussed, worshipped and

celebrate the unity of the church. It was a memorable time of celebration.

In October 2013, the church is coming again together in Dordrecht. We shall continue the discussion as we aspire for the unity of the church in the Netherlands, trusting that the church will again become the light and the salt of our society.



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  - Vastly more urban as countries such as China are transferring 20 million people each year to urban centers to fuel the expected need for urban industrial workers;
  - Vastly more pluralistic – Ten-year-old assumptions of race and culture are obsolete.
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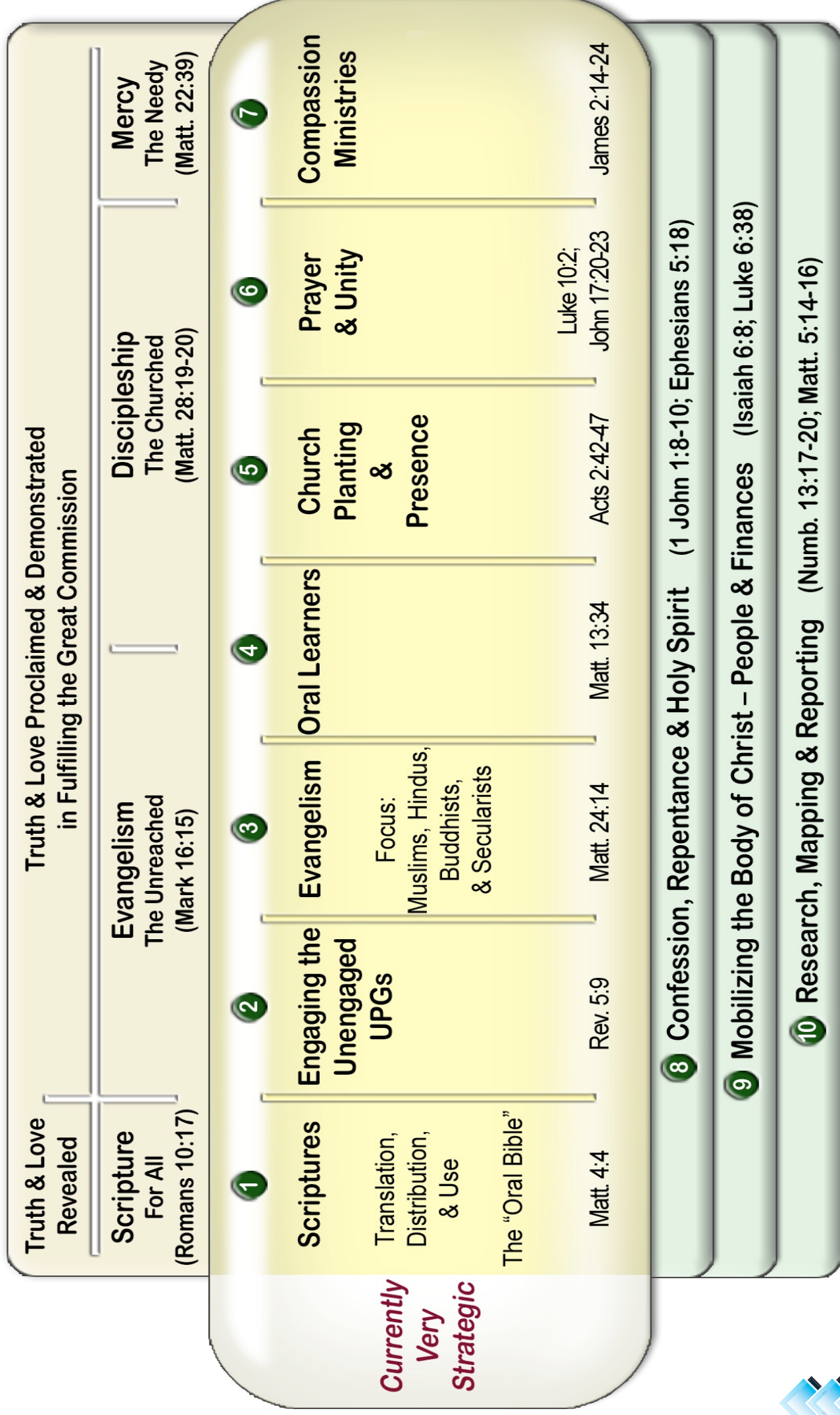
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