

RESURGENCE TRAINING CENTER:

TRAINING MISSIONAL LEADERS TO LEAD CHURCHES
TO TRANSFORM CULTURES FOR CHRIST



2009 2010 CATALOG

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The Resurgence Training Center reserves the right to change or withdraw courses; to change the fees, rules, and calendar for admission, registration, instruction, and graduation; and to change other regulations affecting the student body at any time.

It is the Resurgence Training Center's expectation that students will follow school policies and procedures. The student assumes personal responsibility for fulfilling the appropriate course of study and completing the graduation requirements for the Resurgence Training Center. Ignorance of a policy which appears in published student documents, particularly the catalog or student handbook, is not a valid reason for granting exception to any policy.

A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friend,

Thank you for taking some time to become familiar with the Resurgence Training Center. This is our inaugural year as we seek to train leaders and fuel the leadership engine of our multi-site and church planting movement at Mars Hill Church. We hope that as you read this catalog and browse our website (www.retrain.org) you will get a good picture of what the Resurgence Training Center is all about and how the Master of Missional Leadership we are offering may benefit you or someone you know.

The Resurgence Training Center will help develop thousands of pastors and deacons with a passion for the gospel and a love for people. The curriculum and educational philosophy will be unique—both practical and academic—with three areas of focus:

REFORMED. Gospel-centered sound doctrine based on the entirety of God's Word, the exclusivity of Jesus, and the absolute truth of his grace and sovereignty, mercy and justice, wisdom and love.

URBAN. Cities command great cultural influence and our hope is to direct that influence toward the honoring of Jesus. From the cities we want to see gospel-centered churches and campuses extend to suburban and rural areas.

MISSIONAL. Knowledge and education are useless without a practical, efficacious, and sincere love for people. In this way, the training center will help bring to fruition what the Resurgence has begun online. The school represents a significant effort to build a lasting legacy out of the ministry of Mars Hill Church in obedience to the Great Commission.

People need Jesus, and we've been called as a church to aggressively expand the preaching of the gospel and to train missional leaders to do the same. We believe that we are living in perhaps the most exciting time in the history of the church as the gospel penetrates the culture for Jesus' name and sake. Please feel free to contact us as you consider how you will prepare for the ministry to which God has called you.

For his glory and our exceeding joy,

Rick Melson

*Executive Director, Resurgence Training Center
Executive Elder, Campus Network Director, Mars Hill Church*

WHY THE RESURGENCE TRAINING CENTER EXISTS

The mission of the Resurgence Training Center is to train missional leaders to live for Jesus and lead their churches to effectively reach their cultures with the gospel by staying culturally accessible and biblically faithful.

MASTER OF MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Resurgence Training Center currently offers the Master of Missional Leadership, a 36-hour graduate program in missional leadership designed to fuel the leadership engine of our multi-site and church planting movement. This unique cohort program includes a spiritual leadership course in the summer (August), three missional leadership courses in the fall (Sept/Oct/Nov), three biblical leadership courses in the spring (Feb/Mar/Apr), and five praxis-oriented courses (three coaching courses led by a personal coach/pastoral mentor, a missional practicum course, and a master's thesis).

The core missional leadership curriculum for the fall will include a course in Missional Christology (September), a course in Missional Ecclesiology (October), and a course in Missional Missiology (November). The spring curriculum will include three biblical leadership courses, Leader as Prophet (February), Leader as Priest (March), and Leader as King (April). Our delivery system will be month-long intensive courses culminating in a Friday/Saturday seminar taught by a nationally recognized scholar in each field of study.

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TOTAL	36 hours

COURSE FLOW

AUGUST 16–20	FALL (SEPT/OCT/NOV)	JANUARY 10–14	SPRING (FEB/MAR/APR)	JUNE 6–10
SPIRITUAL FORMATIONS	MISSIONAL CHRISTOLOGY (SEPT)	MISSIONAL PRACTICUM	LEADER AS PROPHET (FEB)	MASTER'S THESIS
COACHING I	MISSIONAL ECCLESIOLOGY (OCT)	COACHING II	LEADER AS PRIEST (MAR)	COACHING III
	MISSIONAL MISSIOLOGY (NOV)		LEADER AS KING (APR)	

CALENDAR 2009–2010

SUMMER 2009

August 16–20, 2009 (*Orientation/Spiritual Formations* taught by Bill Clem)

FALL 2009 (COACHING I)

Sept 18–19, 2009 (*Missional Christology* taught by Bruce Ware)

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WINTER/SPRING 2010 (COACHING II)

Jan 10–14, 2010 (*Missional Practicum* taught by Mark Driscoll and Rick Melson)

Feb 26–27, 2010 (*Leader as Prophet* taught by John Piper)

Mar 26–27, 2010 (*Leader as Priest* taught by Sam Storms)

Apr 23–24, 2010 (*Leader as King* taught by Rick Melson)

SUMMER 2010 (COACHING III)

June 6–10 (Master's Thesis Presentation and Graduation)

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Our mission in all our courses is to train missional leaders to live for Jesus and lead their churches to effectively reach their cultures with the gospel by staying culturally accessible and biblically faithful. We pray that honest, humble, rigorous interpretation of biblical texts, as well as God-centered discussion of theological and practical ministry issues, will ignite this passion in our students.

Students who complete the following courses will be better equipped to:

- Faithfully live for Jesus by feeding their own minds and hearts with solid Biblical truth for the sake of stronger faith, deeper love, more satisfying joy in Jesus, and more effective ministry to others;
- Live on mission as missionaries in their context, effectively leading churches to reach their cities by staying culturally accessible and Biblically faithful by teaching the Word of God more skillfully and passionately to others to help engage the culture from a solid biblical foundation.

SPIRITUAL FORMATIONS

This course will seek to provide the student with basic skills associated with spiritual formation, continuous worship, redemptive community, and missional living to help the student begin the life long journey toward becoming an effective disciple-maker of God's people. The desired outcome is that each student will have a working knowledge of basic discipleship skills that can serve as a foundation for development missional leadership. *Three hours.*

COACHING I (LIFE PLAN)

For a leader to be successful in making a difference for Jesus Christ and help fulfill the command to make disciples of all nations, there needs to be ongoing learning and development. One of the most significant ways we can develop current and future leaders for missional impact is through coaching. Personalized one-on-one coaching will help create a plan to manage life and ministry with laser focus and purpose. The coach will address challenges and opportunities, and create an experience that allows for the maximum personal and professional growth.

This course will lead the student to develop a Life Plan so that they operate from health and strength as they pursue their God-given calling and vision for ministry. The Life Plan will address the following critical areas: faith, family, priorities, health, finances, friends, and service. With God's help, we need to take care of our personal life and family life in order to do well in our ministry life. *Three hours.*

MISSIONAL CHRISTOLOGY

Missional Christology will focus on aspects of the Person and Work of Jesus Christ which are central to the mission he fulfilled, by the ordination of the Father, and in the power of the Spirit. Primary attention will be given to the eternal relation of the Son to the Father, his incarnation and self-emptying for the sake of obeying the Father and dying for our sin, his sinless life lived in the power of the Spirit, the centrality of penal substitution to the range of the accomplishments of his atoning death, the resurrection and ascension of Jesus to the right hand of the Father to reign as victorious King over all and Lord of his church, and the return of Christ to vanquish all rebellion and establish the fullness of his kingdom in the new creation. Relevance to the mission of the church in expressing and extending the mission of Christ will be explored throughout the course. *Three hours.*

MISSIONAL ECCLESIOLOGY

When Jesus told his disciples, "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you" (John 20:21), he commissioned and launched the missional church. This course explores the identity, ministries, growth, government, and ordinances of the missional church. Particular attention will be paid to how and why the missional church is emphasized and actualized by Mars Hill Church and the Acts 29 church planting endeavors. *Three hours.*

MISSIONAL MISSIOLOGY

Transformational ministries in today's rapidly changing culture require churches that are "missional" from a biblical, theological, and cultural perspective. This course will help you better understand the cultural context in which you serve, and teach you how to apply biblically faithful and culturally relevant missiological strategies to your ministry. Special attention will be given to North American cultural shifts, the missional/sending nature of the church, effective communication in various cultural contexts, and emerging ministry patterns in North America. *Three hours.*

MISSIONAL PRACTICUM

The Missional Practicum will be a hands-on practical experience to lead the student in applying the concepts of leading churches to transform cultures for Christ. This mid-year course centers on a five-day on-site practicum in which the student will interact with a variety of leading missional leaders, pastors and churches. *Three hours.*

COACHING II (VISION PLAN)

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This course will lead the student to develop a Vision Plan. The Vision Plan will address the following key components of your ministry area: purpose, values, a vivid description of your future as you envision it, and some God-given, God-size goals you believe Jesus would have you pursue. The Vision Plan will demonstrate where are you going and what your dream and vision for the future of your ministry will be. *Three hours.*

LEADER AS PROPHET

This course is the first in a series of three that focus on the tri-perspectival nature, aspects and attributes of God, namely, the three offices of Christ as Prophet, Priest, and King. According to John Frame, Christ's kingship represents his control, his prophetic office represents his authority as the word of God, and his priesthood represents his work on behalf of his people in history, or what Frame calls his presence. This course will focus on the pastor as prophet. *Three hours.*

LEADER AS PRIEST

This course is the second in a series of three that focus on the tri-perspectival nature, aspects and attributes of God, namely, the three offices of Christ as Prophet, Priest, and King. According to John Frame, Christ's kingship represents his control, his prophetic office represents his authority as the word of God, and his priesthood represents his work on behalf of his people in history, or what Frame calls his presence. This course will focus on the pastor as priest. *Three hours.*

LEADER AS KING

This course is the third in a series of three that focus on the tri-perspectival nature, aspects and attributes of God, namely, the three offices of Christ as Prophet, Priest, and King. According to John Frame, Christ's kingship represents his control, his prophetic office represents his authority as the word of God, and his priesthood represents his work on behalf of his people in history, or what Frame calls his presence. This course will focus on the pastor as king. *Three hours.*

MASTER'S THESIS

The master's thesis will be the final praxis-oriented paper and presentation that will demonstrate the student's plans to live for Jesus and lead their churches to effectively reach their cities with the gospel by staying culturally accessible and biblically faithful. This paper will be a synthesis of the entire course of study and will culminate with the praxis-oriented Life Plan, Vision Plan, and Ministry Plan. *Three hours.*

COACHING III (MINISTRY PLAN)

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This course will lead the student to develop a Ministry Plan. In order to build on your strategic direction developed in your Vision Plan, you will need to create an operational plan to implement those goals as well as select and build a team of people to help you. The focus of the Ministry Plan is a strategy that will put feet to your Vision Plan. The Ministry Plan will demonstrate how you will implement your God-size goals and who will be on your team to help you achieve those goals. You need others to help you, as going it alone is unwise and unbiblical. *Three hours.*

ADMINISTRATION

RICK MELSON: Executive Director and Academic Dean

BILL CLEM: Dean of Students, Director of Spiritual Formation

DAVE KRAFT: Director of Leadership Development and Coaching

TIM SMITH: Director of Worship Development

CHARLIE WALDBURGER: Operations Director/Administrator

SARAH SIMON: Administrative Assistant/Admissions/Registrar

FACULTY



GREGG ALLISON

*B.S. – Northern Illinois University
M. Div, Ph.D – Trinity Evangelical Divinity School*

Dr. Allison is a Professor of Christian Theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. Previously he taught theology and Christian History for seven years at Western Seminary in Portland, OR. Additionally he served as adjunct faculty at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Judson College and Institute of Biblical Studies in Western Europe. Dr. Allison has 18 years of ministry experience as a staff member of Campus Crusade, as well as missions and pastoral work in Italy and Switzerland. He is author of *Getting Deep: Understand What You Believe About God and Why* and *Jesusology: Understand What You Believe About Jesus and Why*. Currently, Dr. Allison is also a member, book reviewer and serves on the editorial and membership committees of the Evangelical Theological Society.



BILL CLEM

*Dip. – Moody Bible Institute
B.S. – Warner Pacific College
M.A. – Western Seminary*

Bill Clem is a pastor at Mars Hill Church. His previous ministry includes church planting, serving as the North American director of student ministries for Son Life, leading high school and college ministries of over a thousand students, consulting at nearly one hundred churches, and teaching and serving as dean of students at the Northwest Baptist Theological College and Seminary, and teaching at the Association of Canadian Theological Seminaries.



MARK DRISCOLL

*B.A. – Washington State University
M.A. – Western Seminary*

Pastor Mark is the founding and preaching pastor at Mars Hill Church, co-founder and president of the Acts 29 Church Planting Network, and founder and president of The Resurgence. He has published numerous books,

including *The Radical Reformation: Reaching Out Without Selling Out* and *Confessions of a Reformation Rev.: Hard Lessons from an Emerging Missional Church*. In 2008 he published *Vintage Jesus: Timeless Answers to Timely Questions*, *Death by Love: Letters from the Cross*, and four books in the series called “A Book You’ll Actually Read”: *On the Old Testament*, *On the New Testament*, *On Who Is God?*, and *On Church Leadership*. He has also contributed to the books *The Supremacy of Christ in a Postmodern World*, edited by John Piper and Justin Taylor, and *Listening to the Beliefs of Emerging Churches*, edited by Robert Webber. In 2009 he published *Vintage Church* and will be publishing *Religion Saves* and *Doctrine*, along with *The Power of Words and the Wonder of God*, edited by John Piper and Justin Taylor. Mark and his high school sweetheart Grace have three sons and two daughters.



RICK MELSON

B.A. – Murray State University
M.C.M. – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Ph.D – Dallas Baptist University (candidate)

Pastor Rick serves as the Executive Director for the Resurgence Training Center and as an Executive Elder and the Campus Network Director for Mars Hill Church. Prior to coming to Mars Hill, Rick served as the Chairman of the Board and Director of Mentored Ministry and Worship Studies at the Bethlehem College and Seminary, and as a Campus Pastor at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Minneapolis, MN with Pastor John Piper. Rick previously served as a Pastor in Ohio, Alabama, Texas, and South Carolina, and as the Director of Admissions and Student Recruitment, with president R. Albert Mohler, Jr., at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY where he also received his Masters degree (1995). In addition, he holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Murray State University in Murray, KY (1991), has done post-graduate studies at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and is currently a candidate for the Ph.D. in Leadership Studies at Dallas Baptist University. Rick and his wife Tammy have been married since 1988 and enjoy spending time together with their three wonderful children.



JOHN PIPER

B.A. – Wheaton College
B.D. – Fuller Theological Seminary
D.theol. – University of Munich

Dr. Piper is the Pastor for Preaching at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Minneapolis, MN. He studied at Wheaton College and went on to earn degrees from Fuller Theological Seminary and the University of Munich. Previous to Bethlehem, he taught Biblical Studies for six years at Bethel College. John is the author of more than 30 books including; *Desiring God: Meditations of a Christian Hedonist*, *Don't Waste your Life*, *The Passion of Jesus Christ*, *Pierced by the Word*, and *What Jesus Demands from the World*. He is also founder of Desiring God Ministries. John married Noel Henry in 1968 and is father to five children and grandfather to several grandchildren.



ED STETZER

B.S. – Shorter College
MAR – Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary
D. Min – Beeson Divinity School
M.Div, Ph.D – Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Dr. Stetzer is currently Director of Lifeway Research and is Lifeway's Missiologist in Residence. Previously he was a professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and has taught at fifteen other seminaries. Ed has planted churches and trained pastors in New York, Pennsylvania, Georgia and on five continents. Ed holds two masters degrees and two doctorates. His writings include *Planting New Churches in a Postmodern Age*, *Perimeters of Light: Biblical Boundaries for the Emerging Church*, *Planting Missional Churches*, and *11 Innovations in the Local Church*.



SAM STORMS

B.A. – University of Oklahoma
Th.M – Dallas Theological Seminary
Ph.D – University of Texas at Dallas

Dr. Storms currently heads Enjoying God Ministries, a ministry of resources aimed at reversing the destructive trend of Christian deficiency related to knowledge of Scripture and experiencing God's power. Additionally, he is pastor at

Bridgeway Church in Oklahoma City. Prior to this, Sam was Professor of Theology at Wheaton College and pastored churches in Texas, Missouri, and Oklahoma. He holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma, Master's degree in Historical Theology from Dallas Theological Seminary, and a PhD in Intellectual History from the University of Texas at Dallas. His authored titles include; *Pleasures Evermore: The Life-Changing Power of Enjoying God*, *Chosen for Life: The Case for Divine Election*, *Convergence: Spiritual Journeys of a Charismatic Calvinist*, and a variety of daily mediations through the Bible. Sam married Ann Elizabeth Mount in 1972, and they have two daughters and two grandsons.



BRUCE WARE

A.S. – Judson Baptist College
Cert – Capernway Bible School
B.A. – Whitworth College
M. Div, Th.M – Western Conservative Baptist Seminary
M.A. – University of Washington
Ph.D – Fuller Theological Seminary

Dr. Ware is a Professor of Christian Theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. A highly esteemed theologian and author in the evangelical world, he formerly served as Associate Professor and Chairman of the Department of Biblical and Systematic Theology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Additionally, he taught at Western Conservative Baptist Seminary and Bethel Theological Seminary. A few of Dr. Ware's numerous writings include, *God's Lesser Glory: The Diminished God of Open Theism*, *God's Greater Glory: The Exalted God of Scripture and the Christian Faith*, and *Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Relationships, Roles and Relevance*.

ADMISSIONS

Application materials may be downloaded at WWW.RETRAIN.ORG.

Enrollment in the Resurgence Training Center will be limited to the number of students who can be coached by a personal coach/pastoral mentor (currently 50 students each year). Participation in individual courses and seminars is limited to those officially accepted into the Master of Missional Leadership program.

JULY 1 is the deadline for completed applications for the Master of Missional Leadership 2009–2010 program to be submitted to the Resurgence Training Center's office. Completed applications received after JULY 1 will be considered if there are still openings. Applicants normally will be notified by July 15 of the committee's decision.

Each application is evaluated based on the following criteria:

- **Application Form** (available at retrain.org)
- **\$35 Application Fee** (payable to "Resurgence Training Center")
- **Spiritual Autobiography** (2-page Conversion and Call to Ministry)
- **Church Affirmation** (available at retrain.org)
- **Official Transcripts** sent from all institutions attended
- **Three Recommendations:** professional, personal, pastoral (forms available at retrain.org)
- **Brief Resume or Vitae**

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL FORMS AND SUBMIT THEM VIA MAIL OR EMAIL TO:

RESURGENCE TRAINING CENTER
1411 NW 50TH STREET
SEATTLE, WA 98107
EMAIL: ADMISSIONS@RETRAIN.ORG

ACADEMIC POLICIES

ACADEMIC ADVISING

The primary academic advisor will be the Academic Dean of the Resurgence Training Center. The Academic Dean may assign advising responsibilities, as needed, to other staff and faculty as well.

ACADEMIC APPEALS

Appeal in writing within three weeks of the decision in question should be made to the Academic Dean who will then convene an ad hoc Appeals Committee that shall consist of the Executive Director, Academic Dean and Registrar/Administrator. Committee may also include other staff or faculty members as needed and appropriate.

APPEALS OF GRADES

If appealing a specific course-related issue, the student should speak directly with the faculty member for the course by the end of the following semester. If the issue is a clerical error or computation error, then the appeal can be made at any time. If the issue cannot be resolved at that level, then appeal can be made to the Academic Dean.

ATTENDANCE

Specific attendance requirements for courses are established by each instructor and will be explained in the syllabus for the course.

GRADING SCALE

A four-point grading scale is used. The quality point value per credit hour for each letter grade is as follows:

A	4.0	C	2.0
A-	3.7	C-	1.7
B+	3.3	D+	1.3
B	3.0	D	1.0
B-	2.7	D-	0.7
C+	2.3	F	0

INCOMPLETE GRADES

An Incomplete grade is given only if the instructor is satisfied that there is a valid reason for assigning such a grade (such as a prolonged illness). An incomplete grade is only given by prearrangement with the instructor and must be removed by the end of the following semester.

TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts are available upon written request to the Resurgence Training Center Registrar. Each written request should include the complete mailing address for the institution that should receive the transcript and a “needed by” date. A student must satisfy any outstanding financial obligations before final transcripts will be issued to or for the student.

Each semester, the Registrar will automatically email each student an updated copy of their transcript once all grades for the semester have been submitted by the Professor.

In-person attendance for all seminar sessions is mandatory.

PLAGIARISM

Students found plagiarizing are subject to discipline. The most common errors in handling written sources are the following: (1) failure to use quotations marks when quoting, (2) failure to make a thorough paraphrase when attempting to put someone else's idea into one's own words, and (3) failure to give credit to the source of the information.

The standard disciplinary response to substantial plagiarism is an immediate "F" for the course and the student placed on probation. This action may be either decreased or increased for reasons determined by the Professor or Academic Dean. Appeals for any such actions can be made to the Academic Dean and the ad hoc Appeals Committee.

TERMINATION OF ENROLLMENT

If a student needs to withdraw from the program, arrangements should be made as far advance as possible with both the Academic Dean and the Registrar/Administrator.

Violation of any student covenant may warrant disciplinary action or termination. Where possible and appropriate, we will introduce a progressive system of discipline that will include verbal warnings, written warnings, and suspension.

WITHDRAWAL FROM CLASSES

If a student desires to withdraw from a class, permission must be sought and received from the Academic Dean. Once approved, the Registrar must be informed within one week of being granted approval to withdraw.

TUITION AND FEES

The program fee for the entire Master of Missional Leadership program (36 semester units of graduate study) for the 2009–2010 academic year will be \$7,500. Students from an Acts 29 church will receive a \$2,000 scholarship reducing the cost to \$5500 and students from Mars Hill Church will receive a \$4,000 scholarship reducing the cost to \$3500. In order to receive the scholarship, the student must be a member of the church for at least one year prior to enrollment and submit a completed Church Affirmation form (available at retrain.org).

Program costs do not include miscellaneous fees for travel, required textbooks, housing, and living expenses. Applicants accepted into the Master of Missional Leadership program may pay in full by August 1 or in 10 monthly installments (beginning August 1).

A WORD ABOUT MARS HILL CHURCH

Mars Hill Church lives for Jesus as a city within the city—knowing culture, loving people, and seeing lives transformed to live for Jesus.

Mars Hill Church began in 1996 with a core group of 12 people in the living room of Pastor Mark and Grace Driscoll. Despite being in one of America's least churched cities, by God's grace, Mars Hill has been honored as one of the largest, fastest-growing, and most influential churches in America. Mars Hill currently has nine campuses in two states and intends to grow to 100 campuses around the nation and the world.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ABOUT THE RESURGENCE TRAINING CENTER

1. WHAT IS THE RESURGENCE?

RESURGENCE means to rise again, or return to vibrancy. We believe that the gospel of Jesus Christ must resurge in every generation of the church to meet the needs of people and their continually changing cultures. The Resurgence exists to network and serve the movement leaders God raises up to lead the resurgence of reformed complementarian missional theology.

Resurgence includes a host of resources intended to serve missional Christian leaders including:

Web Site – at www.theresurgence.com there are numerous free articles, free e-books, blogs, conference messages, and other audio and video content

Training – Re:Train is the formal ministry preparation provided by the Resurgence Training Center (retrain.org).

Conferences – Resurgence hosts numerous conferences with speakers such as John Piper, Tim Keller, Don Carson, Bruce Ware, Mark Driscoll, Matt Chandler, Darrin Patrick, Steve Timmis, Danny Akin, Bryan Chapell, and Tedd Tripp.

Books – Re:Lit publishes a growing list of books published by men such as Mark Driscoll and Gerry Breshears, Don Carson, Matt Chandler, Ed Stetzer, Steve Timmis, Tim Chester, and Darrin Patrick (relit.org).

Music – Re:Sound provides a line of worship music from Mars Hill Church and other like-minded churches (resound.org).

2. WHERE IS THE RESURGENCE TRAINING CENTER LOCATED?

The Resurgence Training Center is located in Seattle, WA, and is a ministry of Mars Hill Church. Our offices are located at 1411 NW 50th Street, Seattle, WA 98107 and the majority of our classes will be held at the Mars Hill Church Ballard Campus at 1401 NW Leary, Seattle, WA 98107.

3. WHAT IS MARS HILL CHURCH?

Mars Hill Church is a multi-site church in Seattle, Washington. More information at marshillchurch.org.

4. WHAT IS ACTS 29?

Acts 29 is a church-planting network with central offices at Mars Hill Church. More information at acts29network.org.

5. WHAT PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE RESURGENCE TRAINING CENTER?

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WINTER/SPRING 2010 (COACHING II)

Jan 10–14, 2010 (*Missional Practicum* taught by Mark Driscoll and Rick Melson)

Feb 26–27, 2010 (*Leader as Prophet* taught by John Piper)

Mar 26–27, 2010 (*Leader as Priest* taught by Sam Storms)

Apr 23–24, 2010 (*Leader as King* taught by Rick Melson)

SUMMER 2010 (COACHING III)

June 6–10 (Master's Thesis Presentation and Graduation)

7. ARE THE RESURGENCE TRAINING CENTER PROGRAMS ONLY OFFERED IN SEATTLE?

The one-year Master of Missional Leadership program is designed to be completed while in residence in Seattle. The program may be completed by distance; however, those at a distance will be required to travel to Seattle for three (3) week-long intensives in August, January, and June and six (6) Friday/Saturday weekend seminars in September, October, November, and February, March, April.

8. HOW MUCH WILL THE RESURGENCE TRAINING CENTER DEGREE PROGRAMS COST?

The program fee for the entire Master of Missional Leadership program (36 semester units of graduate study), for the 2009–2010 academic year, will be \$7,500. Students from an Acts 29 church will receive a \$2,000 scholarship reducing the cost to \$5500 and students from Mars Hill Church will receive a \$4,000 scholarship reducing the cost to \$3500. In order to receive the scholarship the student must be a member of the church for at least one year prior to enrollment and submit a completed Church Affirmation form (available at retrain.org).

Program costs do not include miscellaneous fees for travel, required textbooks, housing, and living expenses. Applicants accepted into the Master of Missional Leadership program may pay in full by August 1 or 10 monthly installments (beginning August 1).

9. HOW DOES ONE APPLY FOR THE RESURGENCE TRAINING CENTER DEGREE PROGRAMS?

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL FORMS AND MAIL OR EMAIL THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS TO:

RESURGENCE TRAINING CENTER
1411 NW 50TH STREET
SEATTLE, WA 98107
EMAIL: ADMISSIONS@RETRAIN.ORG

- **Application Form** (available at retrain.org)
- **\$35 Application Fee** (payable to “Resurgence Training Center”)
- **Spiritual Autobiography** (2-page Conversion and Call to Ministry)
- **Church Affirmation** (available at retrain.org)
- **Official Transcripts** sent from all institutions attended
- **Three Recommendations:** professional, personal, pastoral (forms available at retrain.org)
- **Brief Resume or Vitae**

10. IS THE RESURGENCE TRAINING CENTER ACCREDITED?

Currently the Resurgence Training Center is NOT accredited, but will be seeking accreditation (a several year process) through the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), the institutional accrediting body for colleges and universities in the Northwest region of the United States, recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

The Resurgence Training Center will be working closely with nationally recognized seminaries to seek partnerships whereby students can transfer the credits earned in the Master of Missional Leadership degree at the Resurgence Training Center toward a seminary degree.

Additionally, the Resurgence Training Center has applied to become a degree-granting institution with the Washington State Higher Education Coordinating Board for degree authorization.

11. WILL THE RESURGENCE TRAINING CENTER ACCEPT TRANSFER CREDIT FOR THE DEGREE PROGRAM?

Because the Resurgence Training Center is a cohort-based program, students will only be admitted if they intend to go through the entire program. So, in general, we will not be admitting students who are only seeking to complete programs started elsewhere.

12. WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT THE RESURGENCE TRAINING CENTER IS A “CHURCH-BASED” PROGRAM?

When we say the Resurgence Training Center is a “church-based” theological and missional training program we mean that the Resurgence Training Center is a ministry of Mars Hill Church. As a church and as a movement, we are wholeheartedly investing in the leadership through the preaching, teaching, and other ministries of the local church. The Resurgence Training Center students who reside in Seattle will be folded into the life of Mars Hill Church, using their gifts to benefit the body, and benefiting from the gifts of others in the body.

13. WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT THE RESURGENCE TRAINING CENTER IS A “COHORT-BASED” PROGRAM?

The Resurgence Training Center will offer the Master of Missional Leadership in a cohort-based format. This means that a limited number of students will be admitted to the program, and they will go through the entire program together. Cohorts will be anywhere from 12 to 20 people in size. It is anticipated that three to four cohorts will be formed including a church planter cohort, campus pastor cohort, and one to two mixed cohorts including worship pastors, community group pastors, biblical living pastors, administrative pastors, biblical families pastors, and those undecided.

14. WHERE DO STUDENTS LIVE?

Resident students are free to live anywhere in the Seattle area. Some students will choose to commute to Seattle for the classes and seminars. At this point the Resurgence Training Center does not own dormitories or married housing units; however, many people from Mars Hill Church rent out rooms and apartments in their homes or duplexes. The West Seattle campus may have some housing available for interns attending the Resurgence Training Center.

15. HOW IS THE RESURGENCE TRAINING CENTER GOVERNED?

The Resurgence Training Center is governed by the Executive Elders and Board of Directors of Mars Hill Church. Rick Melson, an Executive Elder and the Executive Director of the Resurgence Training Center, will oversee the Board of Directors for the Resurgence Training Center and will serve as the liaison to the Executive Elders and Board of Directors of Mars Hill Church.

16. WHO ADMINISTRATES, TEACHES, AND COACHES AT THE RESURGENCE TRAINING CENTER?

The administrators, teachers, and coaches in the Resurgence Training Center are men who gladly embrace the Gospel Coalition Confessional Statement, and are members of Mars Hill Church or other like-minded congregations and institutions.

All professors will be chosen because of their exceptional knowledge in their respective field of study and their ability to teach in a useful and practical way. All professors will be academicians in well-respected institutions or practitioner scholars who have the appropriate teaching credentials.

17. WHAT ARE THE BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL VALUES GUIDING THE RESURGENCE TRAINING CENTER?

As part of the founding council of The Gospel Coalition, Pastor Mark Driscoll was honored to participate in the authoring of the following confession of faith along with men such as Don Carson, Tim Keller, John Piper, Mark Dever, Ligon Duncan, CJ Mahaney, Joshua Harris, and James MacDonald. This confession serves as the doctrinal statement for Re:Train.

THE TRIUNE GOD

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who know, love, and glorify one another. This one true and living God is infinitely perfect both in his love and in his holiness. He is the Creator of all things, visible and invisible, and is therefore worthy to receive all glory and adoration. Immortal and eternal, he perfectly and exhaustively knows the end from the beginning, sustains and sovereignly rules over all things, and providentially brings about his eternal good purposes to redeem a people for himself and restore his fallen creation, to the praise of his glorious grace.

REVELATION

God has graciously disclosed his existence and power in the created order, and has supremely revealed himself to fallen human beings in the person of his Son, the incarnate Word. Moreover, this God is a speaking God who by his Spirit has graciously disclosed himself in human words: we believe that God has inspired the words preserved in the Scriptures, the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, which are both record and means of his saving work in the world. These writings alone constitute the verbally inspired Word of God, which is utterly authoritative and without error in the original writings, complete in its revelation of his will for salvation, sufficient for all that God requires us to believe and do, and final in its authority over every domain of knowledge to which it speaks. We confess that both our finitude and our sinfulness preclude the possibility of knowing God's truth exhaustively, but we affirm that, enlightened by the Spirit of God, we can know God's revealed truth truly. The Bible is to be believed, as God's instruction, in all that it teaches; obeyed, as God's command, in all that it requires; and trusted, as God's pledge, in all that it promises. As God's people hear, believe, and do the Word, they are equipped as disciples of Christ and witnesses to the gospel.

CREATION OF HUMANITY

We believe that God created human beings, male and female, in his own image. Adam and Eve belonged to the created order that God himself declared to be very good, serving as God's agents to care for, manage, and govern creation, living in holy and devoted fellowship with their Maker. Men and women, equally made in the image of God, enjoy equal access to God by faith in Christ Jesus and are both called to move beyond passive self-indulgence to significant private and public engagement in family, church, and civic life. Adam and Eve were made to complement each other in a one-flesh union that establishes the only normative pattern of sexual relations for men and women, such that marriage ultimately serves as a type of the union between Christ and his church. In God's wise purposes, men and women are not simply interchangeable, but rather they complement each other in mutually enriching ways. God ordains that they assume distinctive roles which reflect the loving relationship between Christ and the church, the husband exercising headship in a way that displays the caring, sacrificial love of Christ, and the wife submitting to her husband in a way that models the love of the church for her Lord. In the ministry of the church, both men and women are encouraged to serve Christ and to be developed to their full potential in the manifold ministries of the people of God. The distinctive leadership role within the church given to qualified men is grounded in creation, fall, and redemption and must not be sidelined by appeals to cultural developments.

THE FALL

We believe that Adam, made in the image of God, distorted that image and forfeited his original blessedness—for himself and all his progeny—by falling into sin through Satan's temptation. As a result, all human beings are alienated from God, corrupted in every aspect of their being (e.g., physically, mentally, volitionally, emotionally, spiritually) and condemned finally and irrevocably to death—apart from God's own gracious intervention. The supreme need of all human beings is to be reconciled to the God under whose just and holy wrath we stand; the only hope of all human beings is the undeserved love of this same God, who alone can rescue us and restore us to himself.

THE PLAN OF GOD

We believe that from all eternity God determined in grace to save a great multitude of guilty sinners from every tribe and language and people and nation, and to this end foreknew them and chose them. We believe that God justifies and sanctifies those who by grace have faith in Jesus, and that he will one day glorify them—all

to the praise of his glorious grace. In love God commands and implores all people to repent and believe, having set his saving love on those he has chosen and having ordained Christ to be their Redeemer.

THE GOSPEL

We believe that the gospel is the good news of Jesus Christ—God’s very wisdom. Utter folly to the world, even though it is the power of God to those who are being saved, this good news is christological, centering on the cross and resurrection: the gospel is not proclaimed if Christ is not proclaimed, and the authentic Christ has not been proclaimed if his death and resurrection are not central (the message is Christ died for our sins . . . [and] was raised”). This good news is biblical (his death and resurrection are according to the Scriptures), theological and salvific (Christ died for our sins, to reconcile us to God), historical (if the saving events did not happen, our faith is worthless, we are still in our sins, and we are to be pitied more than all others), apostolic (the message was entrusted to and transmitted by the apostles, who were witnesses of these saving events), and intensely personal (where it is received, believed, and held firmly, individual persons are saved).

THE REDEMPTION OF CHRIST

We believe that, moved by love and in obedience to his Father, the eternal Son became human: the Word became flesh, fully God and fully human being, one Person in two natures. The man Jesus, the promised Messiah of Israel, was conceived through the miraculous agency of the Holy Spirit, and was born of the virgin Mary. He perfectly obeyed his heavenly Father, lived a sinless life, performed miraculous signs, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arose bodily from the dead on the third day, and ascended into heaven. As the mediatorial King, he is seated at the right hand of God the Father, exercising in heaven and on earth all of God’s sovereignty, and is our High Priest and righteous Advocate. We believe that by his incarnation, life, death, resurrection, and ascension, Jesus Christ acted as our representative and substitute. He did this so that in him we might become the righteousness of God: on the cross he canceled sin, propitiated God, and, by bearing the full penalty of our sins, reconciled to God all those who believe. By his resurrection Christ Jesus was vindicated by his Father, broke the power of death and defeated Satan who once had power over it, and brought everlasting life to all his people; by his ascension he has been forever exalted as Lord and has prepared a place for us to be with him. We believe that salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name given under heaven by which we must be saved. Because God chose the lowly things of this world, the despised things, the things that are not, to nullify the things that are, no human being can ever boast before him—Christ Jesus has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness, and redemption.

THE JUSTIFICATION OF SINNERS

We believe that Christ, by his obedience and death, fully discharged the debt of all those who are justified. By his sacrifice, he bore in our stead the punishment due us for our sins, making a proper, real, and full satisfaction to God’s justice on our behalf. By his perfect obedience he satisfied the just demands of God on our behalf, since by faith alone that perfect obedience is credited to all who trust in Christ alone for their acceptance with God. Inasmuch as Christ was given by the Father for us, and his obedience and punishment were accepted in place of our own, freely and not for anything in us, this justification is solely of free grace, in order that both the exact justice and the rich grace of God might be glorified in the justification of sinners. We believe that a zeal for personal and public obedience flows from this free justification.

THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that this salvation, attested in all Scripture and secured by Jesus Christ, is applied to his people by the Holy Spirit. Sent by the Father and the Son, the Holy Spirit glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ, and, as the other Paraclete, is present with and in believers. He convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and by his powerful and mysterious work regenerates spiritually dead sinners, awakening them to repentance and faith, baptizing them into union with the Lord Jesus, such that they are justified before God by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone. By the Spirit’s agency, believers are renewed, sanctified, and adopted into God’s family; they participate in the divine nature and receive his sovereignly distributed gifts. The Holy Spirit is himself the down payment of the promised inheritance, and in this age indwells, guides, instructs, equips, revives, and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

We believe that those who have been saved by the grace of God through union with Christ by faith and through regeneration by the Holy Spirit enter the kingdom of God and delight in the blessings of the new covenant: the forgiveness of sins, the inward transformation that awakens a desire to glorify, trust, and obey God, and the prospect of the glory yet to be revealed. Good works constitute indispensable evidence of saving grace. Living as salt in a world that is decaying and light in a world that is dark, believers should neither withdraw

into seclusion from the world, nor become indistinguishable from it: rather, we are to do good to the city, for all the glory and honor of the nations is to be offered up to the living God. Recognizing whose created order this is, and because we are citizens of God's kingdom, we are to love our neighbors as ourselves, doing good to all, especially to those who belong to the household of God. The kingdom of God, already present but not fully realized, is the exercise of God's sovereignty in the world toward the eventual redemption of all creation. The kingdom of God is an invasive power that plunders Satan's dark kingdom and regenerates and renovates through repentance and faith the lives of individuals rescued from that kingdom. It therefore inevitably establishes a new community of human life together under God.

GOD'S NEW PEOPLE

We believe that God's new covenant people have already come to the heavenly Jerusalem; they are already seated with Christ in the heavenlies. This universal church is manifest in local churches of which Christ is the only Head; thus each local church" is, in fact, the church, the household of God, the assembly of the living God, and the pillar and foundation of the truth. The church is the body of Christ, the apple of his eye, graven on his hands, and he has pledged himself to her forever. The church is distinguished by her gospel message, her sacred ordinances, her discipline, her great mission, and, above all, by her love for God, and by her members' love for one another and for the world. Crucially, this gospel we cherish has both personal and corporate dimensions, neither of which may properly be overlooked. Christ Jesus is our peace: he has not only brought about peace with God, but also peace between alienated peoples. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both Jew and Gentile to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. The church serves as a sign of God's future new world when its members live for the service of one another and their neighbors, rather than for self-focus. The church is the corporate dwelling place of God's Spirit, and the continuing witness to God in the world.

BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordained by the Lord Jesus himself. The former is connected with entrance into the new covenant community, the latter with ongoing covenant renewal. Together they are simultaneously God's pledge to us, divinely ordained means of grace, our public vows of submission to the once crucified and now resurrected Christ, and anticipations of his return and of the consummation of all things.

THE RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS

We believe in the personal, glorious, and bodily return of our Lord Jesus Christ with his holy angels, when he will exercise his role as final Judge, and his kingdom will be consummated. We believe in the bodily resurrection of both the just and the unjust—the unjust to judgment and eternal conscious punishment in hell, as our Lord himself taught, and the just to eternal blessedness in the presence of him who sits on the throne and of the Lamb, in the new heaven and the new earth, the home of righteousness. On that day the church will be presented faultless before God by the obedience, suffering and triumph of Christ, all sin purged and its wretched effects forever banished. God will be all in all and his people will be enthralled by the immediacy of his ineffable holiness, and everything will be to the praise of his glorious grace.