A Three-Week Immersion in the ConneXions Model of Healthy Leader Development

Who should attend?
Experienced Christian leaders from around the world who are seeking new, holistic paradigms of leader development.

Why should you attend?
We are in a time of Renaissance concerning leader development. We know that our traditional methods do not work well and the lack of healthy leaders in the church, particularly in areas of rapid church growth around the world, is fast becoming a crisis. But what are the alternatives? The ConneXions model of healthy leader development presents an alternative.

This intensive immersion in many aspects of the ConneXions model will equip you with new skills and perspectives on intentionally building leaders the way Jesus and the early church leaders did.

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Elkhart, Indiana

What will this program cover?
We will explore cutting-edge leadership issues using spiritual, relational, experiential and instructional dynamics. What does a healthy leader look like? How are leaders built? How does one design leader development programs and experiences that will build healthy leaders? How can we evaluate improvement in a leader’s life and ministry, and the effectiveness of leader development programs? How do we connect biblical teaching and the leaders’ spiritual life and character development as well as the practical demands of everyday ministry?

In three weeks, we will explore all of these questions and more in depth, with the goal of equipping participants with new tools and perspectives to build Christian leaders.

The ConneXions model has been developed over many years by Dr. Malcolm Webber. It is field-proven as an effective way of developing fruitful, effective leaders for Christ’s church - His bride - around the world.
Leadership training for Christian service and ministry commonly consists of a series of how-to-do-it suggestions strung together in a neat package that can be quite impressive and yet far off-the-mark at the same time. In my fifty years of field experience in leadership development I have seen the best and the worst of various approaches. In my judgment a key mistake is trying to produce leaders with speeches and lectures. Hands-on experiences, especially in the actual day-to-day work of the church – in worship, in prayer, in service to others – building the community of faith as a partnership needs to be at the center of the leadership learning process. I have seen few efforts toward this goal that are more responsible to the teachings of the New Testament and more carefully modeled on the ways that Christ and the apostles used to establish strong churches than the ConneXions model developed by the LeaderSource SGA community in Elkhart, Indiana.

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Course Specifics
The first week is our Building Healthy Leaders course, where we explore what a healthy leader looks like and how healthy leaders are built.

The second week is Doing Design, where we dive into the practical aspects of learning experience design.

During the third week, we will do three different courses:

Advanced Design, where we continue to work on technical aspects of leader development design, tailored to the needs of the group.

Bringing Theology Back to Life, which introduces a living and biblical way to teach doctrine that is truly transformational!

Leader Development by Evaluation, which presents creative approaches to evaluating leaders and leader development programs.

The five courses that make up the ConneXions Intensive may be attended individually. Please visit www.LeaderSource.org/courses for more information.

ConneXions Intensive will be facilitated by senior members of the LeaderSource team, including the author of the ConneXions Model, Dr. Malcolm Webber.

Location and Cost
ConneXions Intensive takes place at Living Faith Fellowship, 2601 Benham Avenue, Elkhart, Indiana, USA.

The cost of the entire program is $995.

This cost includes course materials, food, weekend activities and accommodation with a host family.

Participants are expected to provide for their own travel expenses to and from Indiana.

To Apply
Participation is limited to a small number of qualified leaders. You must complete an application process in order to be accepted.

If you have questions, or if you would like to apply to participate in the ConneXions Intensive, please contact Sarah Webber at +1-888-258-7447 (ext. 208) or email sarah@LeaderSource.org.