



Mentoring Relationship

As part of the FEC Certificate of Theology plan, each participant is matched with an individual mentor throughout the program. This mentor is a seasoned veteran of ministry, often a pastor or retired minister in the Fellowship of Evangelical Churches, who has gleaned years of wisdom in applying the truth of God's Word to the practical challenges of life in the real world of ministry.

Why we do it

Academics, and in particular the study of theology, carries an inherent risk. While essential to the accurate handling of God's Word and truth, it can create a separation between scholarship and knowledge for their own sake, and the application of that knowledge to the issues of real people in real life. The Mentorship is designed with the singular purpose of helping the student make application of the truth he or she is learning to the world they are called to impact, as well as to their own personal lives.

How it works

As soon as a student is accepted into the FEC Certificate of Theology program, they will be matched with a volunteer Mentor for the duration of their course work. The Mentor will initiate contact, and together the Mentor and Mentee will establish an at-least bi-weekly interaction during the course of the semester. In each bi-weekly check-in the Mentor will guide interaction through questions and talking points that include:

- Personal updates
- Content of the course
- Personal impact of materials learned
- Application of materials learned to current ministry
- Encouragement
- Prayer

At the conclusion of each semester the mentor will complete a report indicating satisfactory involvement in the mentorship by the student, as part of ongoing qualification for participation in the certificate program.

Requirements

1. The student is responsible to ensure that bi-weekly contact with the Mentor is scheduled and completed.
2. A minimum of one interaction between Mentor and Mentee every two weeks of the semester is required.
3. The means of contact may be via email, text, or other written communication once per month, but must be either voice-to-voice (live telephone) or face-to-face (in-person or video chat such as FaceTime, Hangouts, Skype, ZOOM, etc.) at least once per month.
3. If repeated trouble reaching or receiving timely response from a Mentor occurs, the student should contact the FEC Education Coordinator.
4. The Mentor will complete a report logging the contacts and summarizing the interactions at the conclusion of each semester. Satisfactory involvement in the mentoring component is required for continued participation in the FEC Certificate of Theology program.



Mentoring agreement

As part of the FEC Certificate of Theology program, every participant is matched with a mentor—a veteran of ministry with connections to FEC—with whom bi-weekly contact through the course semester is maintained for the purpose of personal spiritual growth and practical application of the course materials to ministry.

By signing the agreement below, I affirm that I understand and commit myself to the following:

1. I will maintain at least bi-weekly direct interaction with my mentor throughout the semester of classes. I understand it is my responsibility to ensure this happens in the event schedules change or circumstances interfere with the scheduled interaction.
2. At least one interaction per month will be in the form of either face-to-face (in person or video link) or voice-to-voice (live phone) contact.
3. I will invite personal, honest interaction with my mentor to pursue both my own spiritual development while in the course, and my application of materials learned to practical, everyday ministry and life.
4. I understand that my mentor will log our interactions, and will report on both the regularity of our contact and the content of our interactions at the conclusion of each semester.
5. I understand that ongoing participation in the FEC Certificate of Theology program requires satisfactory participation in the mentoring component, and involvement deemed insufficient for any reason may result in my discontinuation in the program.

Printed Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ * Date: _____

* Electronic Signature option:

If signing this document electronically, please complete this section:

- I understand that checking this box constitutes a legal signature confirming that I acknowledge and agree to the above Terms of Agreement.
- By signing this application electronically, I certify under penalty of perjury and false swearing that my answers are correct and complete to the best of my knowledge

☐ By checking this box and typing my name below, I am electronically signing my application.

Typed name: _____ Date: _____