Discipleship Institute Student Handbook
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1. Our Purpose Statement

Discipleship Institute is a discipleship training center established to equip saints for service in the Kingdom of God.

Admissions to Discipleship Institute (D.I.) involve both a commitment to academic achievement and to a lifestyle commitment consistent with the values and objectives of DI. Therefore by registering for the DI classes each student certifies to abide by the ethical and moral principles of DI as well as accept the task of learning and obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ,

D.I. does not discriminate on a basis of handicap, sex, race, color, or national or ethnic origin in the recruitment and admission of students.

2. School Goals

Discipleship Institute is designed to be a training center that will equip the believer for service in the Kingdom of God. Discipleship Institute is a two year training program, with a one year focus on Biblical studies and a one year focus on Spiritual gifting. Students can progress through the program at their own pace.

At the completion of each one year program students will receive a certificate of completion. By completing the requirements for the two year program, students will receive a diploma from Discipleship Institute.
3. Affiliation
Discipleship Institute is a ministry of Christ Community Church and is directed by Board members of its congregation. Christ Community Church is affiliated with the International Fellowship of Christian Assemblies. (IFCA) - 1294 Rutledge Rd., Transfer PA 16154—724-962-1766. IFCA - Great Lakes District Overseer—Rev. Tim Tyler

4. Philosophy of Curriculum
A. The Word
The Word study portion of the school is based on writing and studying Scriptures daily. This is derived from the command to Israel’s Kings found in the Law of Deuteronomy 17:18,

“When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law, taken from that of the priests, who are Levites. It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the Lord his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees.”

B. The Spirit
The spirit filled studies are designed to train up individuals in the applied methods of prophetic ministry. Students will experience Biblical truths through the actual application and practice of spirit filled impartation and gifting.

1 Cor.14:1 – “Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.”
1 Cor. 1:7 – “Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.”

C. Speeches
D.I. also incorporates the regular exercise of public speaking in small groups. It is essential that the disciple of the Lord knows how to present the Gospel publicly to the World. Students will give two (2) five minute speeches in each course as they are assigned at the beginning of each course. D.I. hopes that at the end of two years the student will have the confidence and training to present a clear and spirit led presentation of the Gospel.

5. Tuition
A. $60 per class/ $120 per trimester
B. A one time only application fee - $15 (for administration costs)
C. Students are not registered until full payment is received at least two weeks prior to the course.
D. Tuition must be paid by cash or check or online credit card at www.distudent.org
E. Checks can be made out to Discipleship Institute or Christ Community Church.
F. Refunds are only available within the first week of the class, as deemed by the DI Board. (The Student may receive a full refund minus $10 for the cost of the book)
G. A tuition discount is given to family members living within the same household. The first student pays full price and remaining family members receive a 50% discount.
6. Financial Aide

Scholarships are available to those who meet the requirements. You may download an application online at distudent.org. Once it is filled out the application may be turned in to the registrar.

7. Registration

A. Student must be registered two weeks prior to the first class.
B. Registration may be submitted by mail, depositing in the church office, or online at distudent.org.
C. Forms may be obtained on the DI web site, (distudent.org) or by obtaining a brochure at the Welcome Center of Christ Community Church.
D. Complete payment must be submitted with registration form.
E. Courses must be registered per student not by family.

8. Course Information

A. Each trimester consists of two six week long courses (12 weeks) with three trimesters per year.
B. D.I. is a non-accredited institute of study.
C. Students may take courses at their own pace.
D. DI graduates may audit any course with permission of registrar before the class begins.
E. There are no prerequisites for Discipleship Institute; courses may be taken in any sequential order.
F. Students may only take one course at a time.
G. A Course may be cancelled if there are less than 3 students registered.
H. Books for each semester will be available at registration.
I. Course books are protected by copyright law so it is unlawful to make copies of any portion of the course books.
J. D.I. brochures will have regular scheduled updates of courses offered.
K. D.I. does not accept courses transferred from other institutions.
L. All information and correspondence for Discipleship Institute must be directed through the registrar.
M. Books must be picked up in advance of the first class in order to have the first assignment completed by week one of class.
N. Course work requires the use of the NIV 1984 edition of the Bible; other translations are valued for cross referencing and study. (KJV.NKJV, NASB, ESV etc.)

9. Course Completion Requirements

A. Assignments must be completed prior to each class.
B. Attendance Policy – three or more missed classes will result in a failing grade.
C. Course work must be submitted to Registrar on the sixth week of class for review.
D. There will be a final exam on the sixth week of class.
E. Students must achieve a passing grade of 60% or higher.
F. Students are graded on a pass/fail system. If requirements are not met, it will result in a failing grade. Student will have one week to meet requirement and obtain a passing grade.

10. Class Schedule
Classes start promptly at 7:00 p.m.
7:00—7:45 .................Lecture
7:50—8:10 ..................5 Minute Speeches
8:15—9:00 .................Q & A time.

Participation in all aspects of the school are mandatory for completion of diploma.

Week 1— Homework should be completed prior to each class. Students will also be placed in small groups and speeches assigned.

Weeks 2-5—Each student will be expected to give two (5) minute speeches per course in their small group.

Week 6—Final exam as well as an impartation service

11. Course Descriptions
A. WORD STUDIES
101—Theology of God - This is a study of the nature and character of the Godhead as revealed through the Holy Scriptures. (The Trinity, Deity of Christ, and the Person and work of the Holy Spirit.)
102—Church History – This study focuses on the history of the New Testament Church up to the twentieth century.
103—Survey of the Old Testament Pt.1 – This is a study of the key characters and covenants God established from Adam to Boaz.
104—Survey of the Old Testament Pt.2 – This is a study of the Kings and Prophets from Samuel to the Minor Prophets.
105—The Life of Christ – This is a study of the Life and ministry of Jesus through the four Gospels.

B. SPIRIT STUDIES
201—Spirit Theology- This is a study of the biblical basis for operating in spiritual gifts. This course will help students to provide sound doctrine and theological proofs that the gifts are still valid for the church today.
202—Hearing God's Voice - This course will teach students the art of listening prayer. Learn how to discern the voice of God. Journaling will be taught as a method on how to record the spontaneous flow of the Lord. This class will touch on the topics of dreams and visions.

203—The Fivefold Ministry Gifts – The Fivefold Ascension gifts were given to the church by the Lord Jesus to equip and perfect her into the full stature of Christ. This class examines each gift and the role they play in building the of the Kingdom of God. Each believer will find their particular gift mix in these fivefold applications of Christ’s ministry.

204—Divine Healing - This course is a how to class on praying for the sick. Students will learn to interview, pray and provide after care for those in need of healing. The notes are from the Healing Technician classes taught by John G. Lake and Curry Blake.

205—The Prophetic - This is a study of the importance of the prophetic ministry. Students will be trained using many different types of activation exercises. The class will study prophetic etiquette as well as pitfalls to the prophetic. A free e-book "Growing in the Prophetic," by Mike Bickle will be given to each student.

206—Spirit Led Ethics - This course takes the believer through God’s Law code, the ten commandments, Solomon's ethics in the book of Proverbs; Jesus teaching on Kingdom ethics from the Sermon on the mount, and finally the ethics of Paul. Ultimately to develop Spirit led ethics within each believer that to shape their life and testimony by the indwelling Spirit of Holiness.

12. D.I. Board and Instructors
   A. Instructors
      Instructors of DI are qualified and trained individuals approved by the DI Board. They are assigned to classes that exemplify their expertise and personal passion.

   C. How to interact with instructor.
      All DI interaction with teachers and Registrar are limited to Thursday classes or by phone or e-mail to the Registrar.

   D. The D.I. Board
      The Board of Discipleship Institute oversees the principles and directives of the institute, through regular meetings and continual improvement to insure quality and success in fulfilling our purpose.

13. Registrar
   Purpose - The purpose of the registrar is to oversee the administration of D.I.

   Responsibilities
      A. Create excel forms to keep track of student registration, attendance sheets and class completion
      B. Open and close building for D.I. on a weekly basis.
C. Prepare student workbooks as needed
D. Prepare mailings for promotional materials and communications with students
E. Retrieve and respond to questions about D.I. on a weekly basis (Questions may be in the form of voicemail or letter)
F. Prepare deposits from student registrations
G. All problems, concerns or absences should be discussed with the Church Administrator

14. Curriculum
The curriculum was written by Rev. Tim Tyler, Pastor Emily Snider and Pastor Ron Zetttle as identified in the course books. The following courses were written by Dr. RO Corvin.

Dr. R.O. Corvin
Dr. Corvin wrote 90 Bible courses for colleges, universities, local churches, evangelistic associations and missionary programs. Dr. Corvin was founder and first president of Southwestern Bible College in Oklahoma City for 16 years, the first Dean of the Graduate School of Theology at Oral Roberts University from 1962 until 1968, president of International Bible Seminars from 1969 until 1974, and founder and president of Modular Education, Inc. from 1974 until 1981

15. Tenets of Faith
The Bible
We believe and accept the entire Bible as the infallible Word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit. It is the only and perfect order of our faith and manner of living. This faith is the power of God unto salvation to the believer. The Bible is superior to conscience and reason. Nothing can be added or taken away from its content. 2 Pet 1:20; 2 Tim 3:16,17; Rom 1:16.

God’s Nature—Trinity
We believe in the One True God, perfect and infinite in His being, holiness, love, wisdom and power. He is transcendent above the world as its Creator, yet immanent in the world as the Preserver of all things. God is self-existent and self-revealing in the three divine Persons of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. They are equal in power, glory and nature. Eph 4:6, Matt 28:1, Acts 5:35, John 1:1, Isa 6:1-1, Psa 90.

Jesus—Son of God
We believe that the historical Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son of God, and Messiah. He is the image of the invisible God made flesh through the virgin birth. Being true God and true man these two natures are without confusion, without change, without division and without separation.
He lived a sinless life in which He taught and wrought mighty works, wonders and signs exactly as revealed in the four Gospels. He gave Himself in death upon the Cross as the Lamb of God not only for original sin imputed to man, but also for the actual sins of man. He bore sin and its penalty in our stead. After three days Jesus was raised and glorified in the same body in which He had suffered and died. He ascended as our Lord and Savior into Heaven and is at the right hand of the Father where He is head of the Church and intercedes for believers.

Jesus Christ will come again personally and visibly to raise and translate His waiting Church. He shall establish His Kingdom upon the earth over all nations. He will raise and judge those both alive and dead. John 1:14; Acts 1:11; Heb 1:1-4; Rev 19-21; 1 Cor 15:24-28.

Holy Spirit
We believe the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Godhead, the divine Life-giver and Artist in creation, history and redemption. He indwells, baptizes, seals, empowers, guides, teaches and perfects all those who become children of God through Christ. Acts 1:8, 5:3-5; John 14,16; Eph 4:30; Rom 8.

The Fall of Man
We believe man was the direct creation of God made in His divine image. By transgression man became a fallen creature, alienated from the life of God, universally sinful by nature and practice, and has within himself no means of recovery. Gen 1:27; Gen 3; 1 Cor 15:20-23.

Salvation
A. We believe that salvation is by grace through faith in the atoning work of Jesus Christ. Jesus was a perfect sacrifice for sin. He redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us. Therefore on the simple and single ground of His shed blood we are saved and justified. Perfect righteousness and every spiritual blessing needed for life and godliness are entirely apart from good works, baptism, Church membership or man’s effort. The forgiveness of sins, the impartation of a new nature, the adoption into the family of God and the hope of eternal life are all received through the grace of God. Eph 2:3-10; Rom 3:25; 2 Cor 5:21; Eph 1:7; 1 John 1:7.

B. The believer is assured of his/her salvation by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit. The outward evidence is a progressive life of righteousness and true holiness in confession and action. Godly love is the identifying mark of the Christian life. Rom 10:9-10; Heb 12:14; 1 Tim 2:2; Rom 5:5; Rom 8:16.

Sanctification
We believe the Christian is credited with Christ’s righteousness while in daily pursuit of righteous living. By the power of the Holy Spirit the Christian can live separate from voluntary sin, though not free from the temptation to sin. Rom 7, 8.
The Church Body
We believe the true Church of Christ is both a universal and local body of Christians that exists inter-denominationally but consists exclusively of those persons who through the New Birth are in Christ. The Church has been divinely commissioned as a holy priesthood to offer true worship to God. As ambassadors of His Kingdom it is called to show mankind the way of the Lord. Matt 13:24-30; Rev 2:1; John 3:3,5; 1 Pet 2:5; John 4:23,24; Matt 5:13-16; Acts 1:8; 2 Cor 5:30.

Spirit Life
We believe that all of the gifts of the Spirit are in operation today for the edification of the Church to operate decently and in order, so that the Church lacks nothing until the coming of Christ. 1 Cor 1:7, 1 Cor 14.

We believe that the Baptism in the Holy Spirit may be participated in by all believers for the endowment of divine power for life and service. This experience indicates that the believer at that moment has voluntarily surrendered his faculties to the Spirit’s control by speaking in tongues. Acts 1:4-8; 2:4,38-43; 10:44-46; 19:1-7; Jas 3:1-10; 1 Cor 12; 1 Cor 14.

Divine Healing
We believe healing and deliverance (including the services of a physician) are the will of God, provided for in the New Covenant as a privilege for all believers, and manifested according to God’s sovereign will. Healing may be administered consistent to New Testament precedent of anointing with oil by the elders and the laying on of hands, as well as through the believing prayers of the Church. Isa 53:4; Matt 8:16,17; Luke 17:14; John 9:6,7; Luke 18:42; Jas 5:14; Mark 16:18; Acts 19:12.

Christ’s Return, The Future
We believe Jesus Christ will return to this world physically to receive His Bride (the Church) in the air. The dead in Christ shall rise first and those alive will be caught up to be changed instantly into His likeness with glorified bodies. This is the first Resurrection or Rapture of the Church.

(D.I holds to a Post Tribulation Rapture, but since the timing of the Rapture is a peripheral doctrine other views are tolerated) Acts 1:9-11; 1 Thes 4:16,17; 1 Cor 15:54; 1 Thes 5:9.

Millennial Reign
We believe that Jesus Christ and His followers will rule the world in righteousness for 1,000 years in fulfillment of God’s promise to David and the prophetic image of the rise and fall of nations revealed in Dan 2:44,45; after which the earth will be cleansed by fire and a new heaven and a new earth will be established for eternity. 2 Sam 7:16; 2 Pet 3:7,10; Rev 20:1-7.

Satan
We believe in the presence of a personal devil, who is himself a fallen angel of God. With a highly organized host of evil spirits he seeks the control of mankind through obvious and devious ways, against which the Christian must daily fortify himself. The Devil was defeated through the finished work of Jesus, who disarmed the powers and authorities and made a
public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. Satan and his hosts are destined for eternal punishment in the Lake of Fire. Isa 14:12; 2 Pet 2:4; Eph 6:11-18; Dan 10:12,13; 1 Pet 5:8,9; 2 Cor 11:14; Jas 4:7; Matt 25:41; Col 2:15.

**The Lake of Fire**
We believe the devil and his angels, the antichrist, the false prophet, and whosoever does not have their name written in the Lamb’s Book of Life, shall be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone. This is the second death. Rev 19:20, 20:10-15.

**Eternity & New Creation**

**Human Sexuality**
Legitimate sexual relations are exercised solely within marriage. Hence, sexual activities outside of marriage (referred to in the New Testament as “porneia”) including but not limited to: adultery, premarital sex, homosexuality, and pedophilia are inconsistent with the teachings of the Bible and the Church. Further, lascivious conduct, transgender behavior, and the creation and/or distribution and/or viewing of pornography, are incompatible with the biblical witness.