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OF THE
COLLEGE OF PRAYER INTERNATIONAL

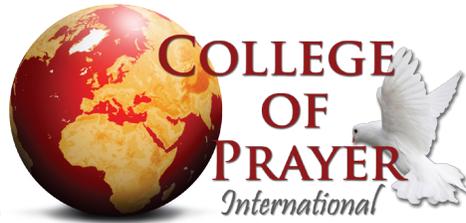
*To mentor, train & equip Christian pastors and leaders
who will reach a lost world through a revived church*

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the world of the College of Prayer! It is bigger than all of us.

The College of Prayer International is more of a movement than a program; more of an organism than an organization. We are fueled by a compelling vision: To reach a lost world through a revived church.

The specifics of this Manual are to serve the movement, not to stifle it. This Manual is a human tool designed to serve and steward the work of Christ in reviving His church and advancing His Kingdom. It contains our best thoughts to date on how to structure and sustain the movement in order to fulfill our vision. While this document holds us accountable, it itself is held accountable by Christ who sits above it. The policies and procedures, structures and systems that this Manual contains will always be upgraded to adapt to the upgrades of Christ's Kingdom. Like a wineskin, it serves today to hold the wine God is pouring into it.

Your servant and His,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred A. Hartley, III". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Fred A. Hartley, III

INTRODUCTION

The College of Prayer International exists to serve Christ and His church. We exist to lead the local church and church leaders to encounter the manifest presence of Christ and to help every congregation become a house of prayer for all nations. The entire College of Prayer ministry is modeled after the way Christ made disciples and built the Upper Room. Just as Jesus spent three years training His disciples to pray, so do we (Luke 11:1). Just as Jesus led His followers into the Upper Room to have a fresh encounter with His manifest presence (Acts 1:13), to fill them with His Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4) and then send them out to make disciples of all nations (Acts 1:8), so we are re-establishing this New Testament paradigm all over the world.

The College of Prayer is a highly transferable paradigm of discipleship and evangelism designed to revive the Church and advance the kingdom of God by the power of the Spirit of God. We are convinced that prayer is not the latest church growth program; rather, it is a way of life. The College of Prayer intentionally enables students to grow in their own spiritual formation. Today, we are seeing God pour out His reviving Spirit on His Church and His followers in the Church and the workplace all over the world. He is calling both His Church and His workplace leaders back to the Upper Room to be a house of prayer for all nations (Mark 11:17).

This College of Prayer Manual forms a standard for the establishment and evaluation of all current and developing campuses of the College of Prayer International. In order to maintain and pursue excellence in fulfilling our God-given mission, vision and purpose, we provide this Manual as an accurate assessment of the necessary components for campuses of the College of Prayer

I. CLARIFYING OUR VISION, OBJECTIVES AND DISTINCTIVES

The vision of the College of Prayer is to mentor, train and equip Christian pastors and leaders who will reach a lost world through a revived church. Fred A. Hartley, III, a local church pastor, founded the College of Prayer in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1996. The first module was hosted at the congregation of Lilburn Alliance Church. The vision for revival-prayer was taught to Hartley and many others by Armin Gesswein (1907-2001), who persistently called young pastors to create environments in which they encountered God. (For a fuller history of Gesswein's life and the ministry of the College of Prayer, see the book *Everything by Prayer*.)

Because of the extraordinary favor of God, the College of Prayer International is establishing campuses throughout the world. We expect each campus to have the following qualities:

Catalytic in our relationships (Heb. 3:12-14; 10:24-25)

Strategic in our methods (Eph. 3:10; 6:12)

Local in our actions (Acts 1:8)

Global in our thinking (Ps. 2:8; Matt.28:19-20; Acts 1:8)

Inclusive in our partnerships (John 17:22-23; 1 Cor. 12:27)

United in our purpose (Eph. 4:3-13; Phil.2:1-2)

Specific in our mission and vision to "mentor, train and equip Christian pastors and leaders to reach a lost world through a revived church." (Rev. 2:4-5; Acts 1:8; Matt. 28:19-20)

In order for this vision to be fulfilled, the College of Prayer has several essential elements.

A. Mentor, Train and Equip

The kingdom of God advances along relational lines. For this reason the College of Prayer International is committed to fostering life-giving relationships. Each campus of the College of Prayer is led by servant-leaders who have experience in revival-prayer and are committed to network with students. God is raising up praying people all over the world. It is our desire that, through the College of Prayer, we can link these people together and encourage our common passion to reach a lost world through a revived church.

Our purpose is to provide a safe environment for pastors, their wives and other Christian leaders to come together for two to three days, two or three times a year over a three-year period at gatherings called modules. Each module of the College of Prayer is designed so that students can become catalytic in nurturing each other's prayer life in unity with people of common passion (Acts 1:14). In addition, some of the foremost prayer leaders in the world are teachers during these modules. These leaders, who have years of experience in mobilizing revival-prayer, provide strategic principles to participants to implement in their respective ministry and workplace settings.

Training and equipping are important for the success of the College of Prayer, but our ultimate success depends on effective mentoring. It is in mentoring that life-on-life discipleship takes place in vital relationship between Christian leaders. Everyone involved in the College of Prayer is involved mentoring in one way or another. Our Board of Directors and Leadership Team are all in mentoring relationships along with our Regional Directors, Sub-Regional and National Directors, and every member of our Servant Leadership Teams.

B. Christian Pastors and Leaders

We are convinced that God's primary agent of redemption in this world is His local church, and pastors are the key. God's method is to work in people so that He might work through people. Because God's method is people – men and women – everything He does is relational (Eph. 3:20).

*"We are constantly on a stretch if not a strain, to devise new methods, new plans, new organizations to advance the Church and secure enlargement and efficiency for the gospel. ... Men are God's method. The Church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men.... The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but men. He does not anoint plans, but men—men of prayer." (E.M. Bounds' 1911 classic **The Preacher and Prayer**; now **Power in Prayer**.)*

We recognize that Christian leaders include local church pastors, workplace leaders, prayer mobilizers, intercessors, and young adults. When these groups of people in a region begin to put into practice Biblical prayer principles, we begin to see churches and communities transformed. We in the College of Prayer desire to intentionally provide a dynamic and catalytic environment for these people to network together in ongoing relationships. We provide the dynamic environment in which intensive study and one-on-one mentoring can intentionally take place. Unlike conferences, seminars, or even prayer summits, the College of Prayer offers a continuity of three years in which relationships can be nurtured and life-changing principles fostered. The

life-changing principles taught in the College of Prayer will impact the lives of Christian pastors and leaders, as well as impact their homes and marriages. Ultimately we want to see every local church and every family renewed.

C. Reaching a Lost World

Our purpose is not simply to come together and learn about prayer – our purpose is to reach a lost world. The final unreached people groups around the world will never be reached through a lukewarm Church. The Church will only fulfill the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20) to reach a lost world by being revived through the filling of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8). For this reason, we emphasize both fullness and fulfillment. Fullness is the reviving of our inner life and fulfillment is the extension of Christ's kingdom into the world and society. God's method is to always fill His people with His Spirit so that they will be empowered to fulfill His mission and purpose.

Revived churches are praying churches (Acts 2:42). Jesus told His disciples they were to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations, but in order to accomplish this mission they first had to be empowered by the Holy Spirit (Luke 24:47-49; Acts 1:8). Because Jesus taught that the key to being filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit is prayer (Luke 11:13), He commanded the disciples to wait and pray until they received the promise of the Father to fill and empower them with the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4). They gathered in the Upper Room (Acts 1:13), and when they were filled with the Holy Spirit, they went out to fulfill the mission to reach a lost world.

D. A Revived Church

Revival is God's agenda – it always has been and always will be. Revival comes when God's people are filled with the manifest presence of God the Holy Spirit. God promises, *"In the last days I will pour out my Spirit"* (Acts 2:17). That is His promise and He will do it. The College of Prayer exists to serve His last days revival purposes. The key to the success of the College of Prayer is bringing revival through the manifest presence of God into each local church so that believers will be empowered by the Holy Spirit to reach out and impact its community for Christ.

There are many helpful definitions of revival such as "the outpouring of the Holy Spirit," "the rapid advance of Christ's kingdom," "the awakening of the church to receive all there is in Christ," and "the knowledge of the glory of God." The definition of revival we find most helpful is quite simply "the manifest presence of God." Christians are largely aware of God's omnipresence, the glorious reality that God is at the same time everywhere present in the universe (Jer. 23:24). And every Christian, being born-again of the Holy Spirit, has God dwelling in them (Rom. 8:11). However, many Christians have tragically missed the reality of God's manifest presence (Ex. 33:14-15). God has declared that His ultimate purpose is that the whole earth be filled with His manifest presence (Hab.2:14). At this time in history, God's desire and purpose is to sovereignly and conspicuously reveal Himself in tangible and manifest ways to His people.

When the fire of God's manifest presence is missing, sin will prevail in the lives of Christians. In order for the flame of God's manifest presence to return, God's people must cry out to Him in confession and repentance. In his essay entitled, *"God's Law of Revival,"* Armin Gesswein effectively expressed the vital connection between revival in the church and evangelism and the advancement of the Kingdom of God in society. *He stated:*

"The Holy Spirit brings conviction of sin to the non-Christian to the measure in which He brings conviction to the Christian.

The unconverted feel their need of salvation when Christians first feel the need for them to be saved.

When Christians feel their deep need of the Holy Spirit, non-Christians will feel their need of Christ.

The church must be concerned for the world, if the world is to be concerned for Christ.

Non-Christians will deal with their sins according to the way Christians first deal with theirs.

When Christians repent, sinners repent.

When revival is strong in the church, evangelism will be strong in the world."

God has given us a clear and compelling vision in His Word that fuels our passion. We burn with a white-hot desire to see Christ's manifest presence known and experienced in His Church and then through His Church to reach a lost world. And God promises He will do it.

"In the last days, God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.'" Acts 2:17-18

"Be filled with the Spirit." Eph. 5:18b

"If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" Luke 11:13

"Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, until He comes and showers righteousness on you." Hos. 10:12

"I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Luke 24:49

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses..." Acts 1:8

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better." Eph. 1:17

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Rom. 15:13

"Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord rises upon you." Is. 60:1

God is pouring out His Holy Spirit in these days and He is mobilizing a mighty movement of revival prayer. There is, however, a tendency for the movement to be *a mile wide and an inch deep*. The College of Prayer is designed to deepen the prayer movement within the local church. It is not enough for a church to be a praying church. We want to see each local church revived so that God can work through that church to powerfully and effectively impact its community and their

world. As Andrew Murray wrote in his landmark book, *Key to the Missionary Problem*, we need to return to Pentecost.

“Let us give ourselves anew to prayer that the church may be restored to her Pentecostal state. Let us by faith yield wholly to the Spirit and receive Him by faith to fill us. Let us give ourselves to prayer for the power of the Spirit in the life and work of the church at home and abroad. The Pentecostal command to preach the gospel to every creature is urgent, all the more from having been neglected so long. Prayer brought Pentecost. Prayer still brings it. But few feel how weak our power in prayer is.” (Christian Literature Crusade, 1979)

OUR OBJECTIVES ARE CLEAR.

- » To build strong **praying churches** led by praying pastors and leaders committed to reaching a lost world through a revived church. We are equally committed to build strong, praying workplace leaders who build robust prayer meetings in their workplace environment.
- » To mentor **pastors and Christian leaders** to cultivate an inner prayer life and to lead their congregations and workplaces to become a house of prayer for all nations.
- » To build healthy, praying **marriages** for pastors, workplace leaders and intercessors and to teach parents how to bless their children.
- » To empower intercessors, **workplace leaders**, and leaders of Christian ministry to minister transformation to their sectors of society.
- » To disciple regional churches and **nations, teaching them** to reach unreached peoples through a revived church.

DISTINCTIVES

The College of Prayer International serves the broader body of Christ in a unique way. It is distinct from prayer summits, conferences, seminars, or classes. We don't do events; we do process because mentoring is a process. The College of Prayer is designed to lead leaders to a fresh encounter of the manifest presence of Christ. Most pastors and leaders are hungry for such an authentic encounter with God. A Prayer Summit is also designed to lead participants to a fresh encounter with God, yet unlike a Prayer Summit, the College of Prayer gathers the same participants together over a three-year period providing them with solid biblical training, ongoing mentoring, accountability and coaching which are not offered in the typical Prayer Summit.

The College of Prayer provides dynamic, biblical teaching from some of the greatest prayer leaders in the world. A Prayer Conference also offers good teaching, yet in distinction to a Prayer Conference, which is often a one-time event, the College of Prayer gathers those same participants together for three years. In addition, College of Prayer modules always include one-third of the time in prayer, intercession, repentance, healing and personal ministry.

The College of Prayer provides a balance between fullness, focusing on God's reviving working in us, and fulfillment, God moving through us to reach the world. This balance enables the College of Prayer to be missional. Most prayer ministries focus only on the inner life to the neglect of the

outward mission. The first upper room that Jesus established in Jerusalem was entirely missional with 3000 added to the Church in one day (Acts 2:41) and others day by day (Acts 2:47). Then we again see the same upper room paradigm in Antioch which sent forth Paul and Barnabas (Acts 13:1-4).

Because it is a highly transferable paradigm, the College of Prayer is not bound by cultural barriers. For this reason, it is growing rapidly all over the world including Asia, Africa, Europe, Middle East and North and South America.

II. ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS

When we refer to a campus of the College of Prayer, we are not referring to physical facilities. The College of Prayer International does not own land or buildings or pay faculty salaries; we train leaders. A campus of the College of Prayer is built on a strong Servant Leadership Team who shares the vision of the College of Prayer, have the influence to gather a minimum of 50 people at least twice a year for three years and teach the College of Prayer curriculum. The strength of each campus depends on the strength of the Servant Leadership Team.

A. Servant Leadership Team

The Servant Leadership Team (SLT) shall consist of a minimum of 3-5 people who are committed to the College of Prayer vision, and who have the influence to gather at least 50 people for three years of study in the College of Prayer. Members of the SLT should model a lifestyle of prayer and have participated in the College of Prayer. Each SLT will serve Christ under the blessing and in the full support of the College of Prayer International. Because the prayer movement is propelled by healthy, enriching friendships, the relational unity of each SLT is vital.

Each SLT is required to have the following three officers:

(a) President

The President operates as the Chief Executive Officer of the SLT and the local College of Prayer campus. He is the visionary-leader and primary spokesperson of the local College of Prayer campus. He provides vision and direction for fulfilling the mission and goals of the campus. This person develops relationships that will cast the College of Prayer vision for the growing circle of influence. The President maintains the integrity of the individual College of Prayer campus making sure it complies with this Manual. The President works closely with the Dean in all decisions regarding staffing the SLT, scheduling modules, etc. Each College of Prayer President is accountable to the Regional Director of the College of Prayer International. While most campuses will use the title President, some campuses may choose to substitute the title Director or Coordinator.

(b) Dean

The Dean works closely with the President and gives direction to the overall functioning of the local College of Prayer campus and the SLT. The dean is normally a Pastor or relational care-giver of the SLT. He oversees speaker selection, assigns SLT responsibilities, and cares for the relational health of the SLT. The Dean also tracks the progress of all students toward the completion of all

requirements in order to ensure academic excellence. The Dean is responsible to complete and submit to the Regional Director The Annual Accreditation Report Form each December.

(c) Registrar or Event Coordinator

The Registrar or Event Coordinator handles all registrations for each module, keeping track of registration fees, updating the data base, maintaining records of attendance towards fulfilling graduation requirements, updating the website, and overseeing all mailings and promotion. The Registrar or Event Coordinator oversees the entire event coordinating scheduling, facility, food, sound, recording, room set-up, etc.

The following officers and positions of the SLT are optional:

(a) Worship Leader

The Leader of Worship provides leadership in the area of worship during each College of Prayer module and works to develop students of the College of Prayer who have a passion for worshipping the Lord and leading others in worship.

(b) GAP Group Leader

GAP stands for growth, accountability and prayer. Campuses may choose to meet during each module in pre-assigned GAP Groups in order to care for personal needs of the students, process the material, and establish mentoring relationships among the campus community. The GAP Group Leader gives direction and leadership to the development of all GAP Group Leaders and assigns those who will meet within each of the specific GAP Groups. The GAP Group Leader provides training to leaders of the GAP Groups who then care for and minister to individual students in their small group settings.

(c) Leader of Intercession

The Leader of Intercession recruits and trains all intercessors within the local campus of the College of Prayer. In addition, this leader will recruit and disseminate intercessory support as needed within the SLT and the larger student body of the local College of Prayer campus.

(d) Dean of Students

The Dean of Students assists in the overall development of the College of Prayer ministry by meeting the needs of College of Prayer students, assisting in mentoring relationships, networking, publicity, promotion, and helping oversee the support staff.

(d) Leader of Pastors

The Leader of Pastors provides care and mentoring for the pastors who attend the College of Prayer. His assignment is to recruit pastors to attend the College of Prayer and then develop and maintain communication with each of them.

(e) Workplace Leader

It is the responsibility of the Workplace Leader to care for and mentor the other workplace leaders among the student body. He/she will creatively use his/her sphere of influence to promote and expand increasing participation by workplace leaders in the College of Prayer.

(f) Young Adult Leader

We encourage every SLT to have a Leader of Youth or Young Adults who will recruit, empower and shepherd the young adult students in each campus.

There is a great need for additional support staff who are not official members of the SLT yet who take care of needed administrative jobs as volunteers.

(a) Transportation Coordinator

The Transportation Coordinator, working closely with the Registrar, coordinates all ground transportation needed by those attending the College of Prayer from out-of-town, shuttling students to and from the airport to the module site.

(b) Housing Coordinator

The Housing Coordinator, working closely with the Registrar, coordinates free housing for those students traveling from out-of-town.

(c) Sound Technicians

The Sound Technicians oversee running the sound system and recording the teaching sessions. They report to the Leader of Worship and oversee all tape duplication and distribution in communication with the Registrar.

(d) Duplication Technician

The Duplication Technician handles all duplication and distribution of audio or video orders, working in conjunction with the Sound Technician and the Registrar.

(e) Resource Table Coordinator

The Resource Table Coordinator works closely with the Registrar and handles the set-up, sales, and tear down of the resource table at each module. The Coordinator will provide a summary report of all items sold, with a financial breakdown to be submitted to the Registrar and the President.

B. Modules

The College of Prayer provides a safe environment for pastors, their wives and other Christian leaders to come together for two or three days, two or three times a year over a three-year period at gatherings called modules. Each module of the College of Prayer will normally include these three key components in equal measure.

(1) Intercession

Approximately one-third of each module is spent in God-encountering prayer and worship. Personal and corporate prayer time should be implemented and include opportunities for repentance.

(2) Instruction

Approximately one-third of each module is spent in Bible instruction. Each College of Prayer module offers excellence both in instruction and impartation. Christian leaders give strategic

training using our three-year curriculum. In addition, the SLT members and other College of Prayer participants give ongoing, practical mentoring, training, and equipping.

(3) Interaction

Approximately one third of each module is spent in interaction with each other. Often this is done in GAP Groups. Mentoring is a unique and vital component of the College of Prayer. We work hard to provide an environment where healthy relationships are developed to enhance learning, encouragement, and accountability. Every student has access to all members of the SLT as well as to all expert presenters.

The primary goal of every module is to encounter the manifest presence of Christ. While we do not seek an experience, we do seek to encounter the manifest presence of God. We have discovered that an encounter with God usually includes the following five elements:

High worship

Deep repentance

Forgiveness from sins and freedom from evil strongholds

Being filled with the Holy Spirit

Empowerment for ministry as you go home

It is important that each module maintain a flexible structure that demonstrates sensitivity both to the leading of the Holy Spirit and to the needs represented in the lives of the students. Always give preference to the spirit of contrition. As God brings brokenness and repentance, give it as much time as it requires. We as Christian leaders always need a safe place to go to confess, repent and be cleansed of sin.

C. Format

Each College of Prayer campus shall adhere to the stated format of at least two modules each year with each module lasting 2-3 days or 15-18 hours together, unless provisions are made by the Regional Director of the College of Prayer International. Modules are required to emphasize both fullness and fulfillment:

- Fullness is receiving personal revival, with an emphasis on the in-working of the Holy Spirit in the believer and in the church.
- Fulfillment is releasing God's Spirit through us to advance Christ's kingdom through the church into various sectors of society, reaching out to impact our communities, fulfilling our calling to reach a lost world through a revived church.

We encourage each College of Prayer campus to identify a model church that reflects the values of the upper room in revival prayer. This model church would preferably host a module of the College of Prayer each year.

D. Curriculum

The following three-year curriculum is required of each campus:

Year One: *"Lord, Teach Us to Pray"*

Year Two: *"Lord, as Families, Teach Us to Pray"*

Year Three: *"Lord, as Churches, Teach Us to Pray"*

We require the completion of three years of modules for graduation certification.

E. Build Your Prayer Shield

We require that every leader of the College of Prayer build a personal Prayer Shield. A Prayer Shield is a team of intercessors who are recruited to consistently pray for the leader. Everyone who serves in the College of Prayer International is required to have a Prayer Shield including our Board of Directors, our Leadership Team and every member of a local Servant Leadership Team. This should be a matter of accountability between the College of Prayer campus Presidents and their SLTs. We, in the College of Prayer, are actively advancing Christ's Kingdom, and we need protection and empowerment. (See Appendix B.)

III. OVERSEEING A CAMPUS

All authority is from God. Clarifying lines of authority are to provide protection, structure, clarity and accountability for all God's work.

A. Board of Directors

The College of Prayer International is a 501(c)(3) non-profit tax-exempt organization formed under the legal name of Revival Prayer Institute. We are governed by a Board of Directors, which has the responsibility for ultimate oversight and cares for the health, growth and purity of the College of Prayer International all over the world. Being the governing body of the College of Prayer, the Board looks after the ends of the ministry, its financial integrity, provides prayer-covering for and the relational well-being of the College of Prayer International Leadership Team. It has the power of executive limitation.

B. International Leadership Team

The Leadership Team is the managing body of the College of Prayer International. Its purpose is to oversee the daily operations and steward the world-wide ministry of the College of Prayer by responding prayerfully to all the opportunities that arise to the ministry as well as deal with concerns it encounters. The Leadership Team functions as Prayer Team, a Pioneer Team, Provision Team, and it ensures academic excellence.

The Leadership Team is the managing body that oversees all the campuses of the College of Prayer. Its purpose is to nurture existing campuses, pioneer new campuses, and approve those who will become Regional, Sub-Regional, and Local Directors over campuses. The President's Cabinet is responsible for mentoring and equipping leaders, accountability and the reporting by the campuses that maintains accreditation.

C. Regional Directors

Regional Directors are responsible for the oversight of all campuses of the College of Prayer. Serving with them are Sub-Regional and National Directors. Together the Regional Directors have the primary responsibility to maintain healthy relationships with the Presidents and Deans of the campuses and to ensure the health and integrity of every campus. They hold campus leadership accountable to comply with all standards.

IV. SECURING ACCREDITATION AND CERTIFICATION

To ensure on-going quality as we continue to grow and start new College of Prayer campuses around the world, we require proper certification for all campus leadership and annual accreditation of every campus.

A. Leadership Certification

The College of Prayer requires every official SLT member to be properly certified. Certification is received by completing the Examination of Excellence at the Advanced Leadership Training. Until SLT members are duly certified, they are given provisional status as Servant Leaders. The Advanced Leadership Training is a 2-3 day intensive training and equipping taught by our College of Prayer leaders each year around the world. (See the website for more details.)

B. Campus Accreditation

We require annual accreditation of every campus in order to assure quality of each campus and as we continue to grow and start new College of Prayer campuses around the world. In order to maintain accreditation, the following is required of each College of Prayer campus.

- (1) A Servant Leadership Team with a minimum of 3-5 leaders, who are committed to the College of Prayer vision, and who have the influence to gather at least 50 people for three years of study in the College of Prayer using our three-year curriculum.
- (2) The Annual Accreditation Report Form must be completed and submitted to the Regional Director in December of each calendar year including the Financial Report Form.

SUMMARY OF THE STANDARDS FOR A HEALTHY CAMPUS

A Strong Servant Leadership Team

- » At least 3-5 members who are committed to the College of Prayer vision and have the influence to gather at least 50 people for three years of interaction in the College of Prayer using the three-year curriculum.
- » Pray for each other consistently.
- » Communicate with each other at least monthly.
- » Every member of the SLT is required to have active Prayer Shields.
- » Commit to expanding participation in the College of Prayer across denominational, generational, racial and gender lines.

God-Encountering Modules

- » At least two modules are held every year.
- » College of Prayer format that emphasizes Fullness and Fulfillment and includes the three key components of intercession, instruction and interaction.
- » An upper-room God encountering environment of prayer and ministry.
- » Use the core three-year curriculum of the College of Prayer.

Accountability

- » Submit Annual Accreditation Report Form and Financial Report to the Regional Director in December of each year.
- » To be financially self-sustaining.

C. Student Certification

The College of Prayer offers two levels of certification.

(1) Student Certification

Students who participate in all three years of our core curriculum are recognized by the President, Dean and members of the SLT as having demonstrated life-transformation and an excellent grasp of the material.

(2) Seminary/Bible College Certification

Seminaries and Bible Colleges which have adopted the College of Prayer as part of their curriculum, include several other vital elements for students who receive credit. Some seminaries and bible colleges who are providing credit require these students to submit a written Project Proposal as a research paper with a strategic plan of prayer mobilization that they intend to implement when they graduate.

V. UNDERSTANDING OUR CORE VALUES

These core values of the College of Prayer International have not changed over the years. They keep us focused as we continually move forward into new and uncharted waters.

1. Christ Exalting

The singular goal of the College of Prayer is for the knowledge of the glory of the Lord to cover the earth as the waters cover the sea (Hab. 2:14).

2. God's Presence Manifesting

We appreciate God's omnipresence, but what defines the church is the manifest presence of Christ. We exist to lead the church to a fresh encounter with God's manifest presence and to teach it how to receive the manifest presence.

3. Bible Teaching

The Bible is the Word of God and serves as our only ultimate rule of life and practice (2 Timothy 3:16-17). All College of Prayer teaching is Bible-based.

4. Repentance Facilitating

As we lead students to a fresh encounter of God, we always give preference to the spirit of contrition. The College of Prayer is a safe place for students to engage in life-transforming repentance.

5. Kingdom Advancing

We are advancers of Christ's Kingdom. We joyfully serve inter-denominationally throughout the broader Body of Christ.

6. Satan Evicting

As Christ's kingdom advances, demonic strongholds are exposed and eradicated. Practical teaching is provided to equip leaders with tools to engage and set people free from the enemy.

7. Local Church Transforming

We are committed to partnering with pastors and local churches, leading them to an upper room, fresh encounter with God.

8. Nation Discipling

We are passionate about training national leaders and national churches to reach the final unreached peoples of the earth.

9. Relationship Nurturing

People are God's method. The Kingdom is advanced through Christians in vital union with other Christians. We are committed to crossing denominational, generational, racial and gender barriers to bring unity to the Body of Christ.

10. Marriage Rebuilding

We teach husbands and wives to cultivate a robust prayer life with each other. We equip parents to bless their children.

11. Pastor and Leader Mentoring

As goes pastors and leaders, so goes the Body of Christ. The greatest teaching method was modeled by the Lord Jesus Christ who met with his followers for three years.

12. Workplace Leader Empowering

We empower workplace leaders to advance the Kingdom of Christ in their particular spheres of influence in media, education, medicine, government, religion, business and the family.

13. Intercessor Affirming

What will take place in the future is dependent upon the intercession of God's people. We identify, equip and elevate intercessors to their proper place (Is.62:6-7).

We take seriously our assignment to train and equip the next-generation of Christian leaders. College aged students are always encouraged to participate; they infuse a much-needed zeal. We also are committed to teaching children to pray based on Jesus' command "do not hinder the children from coming to me, for such is the kingdom of God" (Matt.19:14)

14. Next Generation Empowering

We take seriously our assignment to mentor the next generation of Christian leaders. College-aged students are always encouraged to participate; they infuse a much-needed zeal. We are also committed to teaching children to how to pray, based on Jesus' command to "Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matt. 19:14; 2 Tim. 2:2).

15. Literature Distributing

Writing, publishing, and distributing good Christian literature is a central part of fulfilling our mission. We believe in equipping Christian leaders with biblical material that will drive them deeper into the knowledge of who God is.

Appendix A

ANNUAL ACCREDITATION REPORT FORM

OF THE COLLEGE OF PRAYER INTERNATIONAL

Campus Location _____ Date _____

Name and Position of Person Submitting Report: _____

(The purpose of this report is for accountability and accreditation. Please note the reference to sections in the College of Prayer Manual for further clarification. The completion of the Annual Accreditation Report Form is required for your continued certification as a College of Prayer campus.)

1. Names and positions of all members of your Servant Leadership Team? (Section II)

2. What other support people and positions serve in your campus? (Section II)

3. How did you lead in an “Upper Room” encounter with God at your module? (Section V) What were the signs of Christ’s manifest presence? Be specific (i.e., level of worship, genuine repentance).

4. How are you employing the Fullness and Fulfillment format in your Modules? (Section I)
(Give specific examples.)

a. Fullness - receiving personal revival.

b. Fulfillment - releasing God’s Spirit through us and the extension of Christ’s kingdom.

5. How did you include the three critical elements of instruction, intercession and interaction? (Section II B) Approximately what percentage of time was given to each emphasis? (Should add up to 100%.)

a. Instruction: _____

b. Interaction (GAP Groups): _____

c. Intercession: _____

- 6. Each year a different theme has been picked for a special emphasis.** Year 1 “Lord, Teach us to Pray”; Year 2 “Lord, as Families, Teach Us to Pray”; and Year 3 “Lord, as Churches, Teach us to Pray.” How have you incorporated these? What was your emphasis this year? Are you using the coinciding notebooks?

- 7. How many students did you certify this year?** Approximately how many students will be certified next year? (Section IV C)

- 8. How many students are currently enrolled and attending your College of Prayer campus?**

- 9. What are some stories of transformation in lives of attendees?**

- 10. What campuses do you anticipate planting in the next year or two?**

FINANCE REPORT FORM
OF THE COLLEGE OF PRAYER INTERNATIONAL

Name and Position of Person Submitting Report: _____

Current Account Balance \$ _____

Income

1. Fees & Tuition \$ _____

2. Donations \$ _____

3. Resource Sales \$ _____

4. Other: _____ \$ _____

Total Income \$ _____

Expenses

1. Food \$ _____

2. Lodging \$ _____

3. Transportation \$ _____

4. Honorariums \$ _____

5. Promotion \$ _____

6. Scholarships \$ _____

7. Printing/Resources \$ _____

8. Allocation to CoPI \$ _____

9. Other: _____ \$ _____

Total Income \$ _____

Complete these forms at the end of the year and submit to your Regional Director by December. You may also complete and submit these forms online at www.collegeofprayer.org/admin/admin.php.

Appendix B

BUILDING YOUR PRAYER SHIELD**HOW TO ASSEMBLE A TEAM OF PERSONAL INTERCESSORS**

"We require every College of Prayer Campus President to have a Prayer Shield, and we strongly urge every Servant Leadership Team member at every campus to also have a Prayer Shield. When you're involved in a nation-discipling, kingdom-advancing ministry, you need protection and empowerment. I am most grateful for over 300 intercessors who faithfully pray for me." ~ Fred Hartley *President, College of Prayer International*

A prayer shield is a team of intercessors who consistently and intelligently pray for the well-being of a Christian leader's spirit, soul, and body; to protect a leader from the plots of the evil one; and to call down the advancing of Christ's Kingdom through this leader.

The Apostle Paul understood the significance of having a personal team of intercessors. Five times the Bible records that he solicited prayer partners.

"Brothers, pray for us." 1 Thessalonians 5:25

"I urge you brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me." Romans 15:30

"... as you help us by your prayers." 2 Corinthians 1:11

"... for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance" Philippians 1:19

"I hope to be restored to you in answer to your prayers." Philemon 22

FIVE GOOD REASONS TO BUILD A PRAYER SHIELD

1. It's biblical.

The apostle Paul built a prayer team as did countless other Christian Leaders through church history.

2. It's efficient.

All God's works are done by prevailing prayer. All Christian leaders involved in Kingdom ministry would benefit from an effective team of personal intercessors.

3. It's humbling.

To ask for prayer is not egotistical. On the contrary, it is a way of humbling ourselves.

4. It builds teamwork.

God loves to draw His people into tighter relationship with each other. Rather than people randomly praying on their own, it is more helpful to build them into a group with a common purpose to pray in the same direction.

5. It's a blessing.

Calling people to prayer is calling them to spend time before the Father and nothing is a greater blessing than that. When people pray for our ministry, they share in the reward of the fruit Christ will produce through us.

HOW TO BUILD YOUR TEAM

1. Humble yourself before the Lord.

Admit to God that you desperately need intercessors; ask Him to help you build your team.

2. Listen to God.

Let God shape your vision. God will speak to you about whom to recruit for your prayer team. He will give you a clear vision and key Scriptures that will guide your prayer team. He may give you a word picture that will describe the mission of your prayer team.

- List the names of specific people you can invite to join your team.
- Let them know how you expect them to pray consistently.
- Clearly define the specific commitment you expect.
- Identify your commitment to them. (Write to them once a week, once a month, etc.)
- List specific requests you will pass on to your intercessors and ask them to continually cry out to God on your behalf. These requests should be specific, measurable, challenging, and biblical.

3. Begin recruitment.

It is always good to make certain personal invitations by phone or in person to build a core of intercessors and then cast your net to a larger group. Once your team is recruited, no matter how small it is, begin affirming them, communicating with them, sharing your struggles as well as your victories.

4. Honor your intercessors.

Most intercessors do not want to be acknowledged publicly by name but they like to know they are appreciated even by indirect reference. For your core intercessors, it is good to periodically give your core intercessors a gift, treat them to dinner or in some way express your deep personal appreciation.

5. Select a leader.

If possible, select a leader for your Prayer Shield Team who will assist in overseeing communication.

6. Pray for your intercessors.

Each week, by name, pray for your intercessors. Just as you need their prayers, they need your prayers. There are few people in ministry with whom you will share a more intimate partnership!

Appendix C

THE UPPER ROOM MANIFESTO

“From The Upper Room To The Nations”

Adopted February 10, 2012 at our Annual Leadership Summit

In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, we declare and confess that it is the sovereign purpose of God that the glory of His manifest presence fill the earth [Habakkuk 2:14]. Because prayer is the highest priority to accomplish this, the risen Lord Jesus Christ gave the mandate in Acts 1:4 not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for the promise of the Father. In obedience to this mandate, the disciples gathered together and prayed in what would become known as the upper room. While they were praying, God poured out His Holy Spirit; and out from there, He sent forth His empowered Church. It is in the upper room that we ask for the nations [Psalm 2:8].

We are called by the Lord Jesus Christ to make upper room disciples among the nations so that the church experiences genuine revival and becomes a house of prayer for all nations. We seek the Presence of God, not titles or positions. We prefer action to mere words, compassionate service instead of control, and effective prayer rather than religiosity. We assume responsibility rather than placing blame, and we want to invest what we have rather than to seek handouts.

Our vision is clear – to mentor, train and equip Christian pastors and leaders to reach a lost world through a revived church.

Our assignment is compelling – to build God-encountering upper room disciples and to build upper room prayer environments among the nations.

Our strategy is specific – to plant campuses of the College of Prayer in every nation as the Lord opens doors.

We have not chosen this assignment for ourselves; Christ has entrusted this to us. He has appointed and anointed us, therefore we whole-heartedly give ourselves to fulfill this assignment with all the energy Christ supplies to us.

The revival we are working toward is not superficial, short lived, or limited to one place or people group. This revival will be pride-breaking, sin-removing, Satan-evicting, stronghold-overthrowing, life-transforming, leader-developing, church-awakening, and nation-discipling. We realize this call is worth any sacrifice, and we resolve in advance to pay the price required; and by the grace of God we will persevere until the job is done.

We earnestly desire this revival of God’s manifest presence in our generation, and we give ourselves fully to see this vision fulfilled.