

**SERVANT  
LEADERSHIP  
SCHOOL**  
of  
**Charlotte, North Carolina**

**Spiritual Formation Program**

- 9 months beginning September 10-11

Monthly weekend seminars, weekly small group meetings, and daily spiritual disciplines help explore the dynamics of servant leadership.

Leaders: SLS Mission Team

**Being with the Poor**

- 8 Thursdays beginning September 23

Experiential course in listening and learning from people who are poor.

Leaders: Carrie Graves, Ed Singletary & Valerie Stepp

**Disciples in the Midst of Empire**

- 8 Mondays beginning September 27

A study of what Revelation teaches about discipleship amid the power and seductions of global empire.

Leaders: Terri Alsop & Paul Hanneman

**Listening Hearts Covenant Group**

- 6 Sundays beginning September 26

Ways to discern God's call to ministry.

Leader: Debra Smithdeal

**Money and Faith Retreat**

- November 19-20

Examining the impact of money on our lives.

Leaders: Ministry of Money Team

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Church home \_\_\_\_\_

θ I wish to register for the 9-month Spiritual Formation Program - \$450, includes all materials and meals for the seminar weekends. A payment schedule can be arranged and scholarship assistance is also available.

I wish to register for:

- θ Being with the Poor - cost: \$60
- θ Listening Hearts Covenant Group - cost: \$50
- θ Disciples in the Midst of Empire - cost: \$60
- θ Faith and Money Retreat - cost: \$100

If you can afford to contribute a little more than the cost of the course, we'll use it to provide scholarships for those who cannot afford the full cost. Make checks payable to the "Urban Ministry Center - SLS" and send to: The Urban Ministry Center, 945 N. College St., Charlotte, NC 28206. Please return this form by September 3rd. If you are in need of financial assistance, contact Paul Hanneman by August 23rd at 704/347-0278 or phanneman@urbanministrycenter.org.

## **Servant Leadership School of Charlotte, North Carolina**

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**The Urban Ministry Center**  
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The call to be a disciple of Jesus Christ is a call to servant leadership. Trusting in the guidance of the One we call Lord, the Servant Leadership School seeks to train servant leaders. These are people willing to commit to the possibility of being transformed toward the image of Christ through:

- **practice of daily spiritual disciplines**
- **commitment to a Christ-centered community**
- **building relationships with people who are on the margins of our society**
- **willingness to help transform the world through courageous and sacrificial living.**

It is through both the inner and the outer journeys that we become servant leaders. The inner journey is one of prayer, contemplation, and study. The outer journey moves us into God's world in service to the world.

The Servant Leadership School is heir to over a half century of vision and experience by the ecumenical Church of the Saviour, whose ministries have touched the lives of tens of thousands of people in the poverty-stricken Adams Morgan section of Washington, DC.

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## **CORE CURRICULUM**

**Community:** Learning to form and deepen community is key to both the inward and outward journeys. In Christ-centered community, we develop greater self-awareness and can experience the working of grace in our lives as we are reminded whose we are.

**Being with the marginalized:** The Good News is that God is with the poor and marginalized in our society; if we want to stand with God, we must learn to live in deepening communion with the poor.

**Scripture:** Growing in relation to Scripture grounds us in God. True servanthood is rooted in and always consistent with biblical truth.

**Nature of Divine Power:** Jesus personified God's power as a pouring out of life in sacrificial love. His 'third way' is about compassion, not coercion or control; as Jesus' disciples, we are called to claim this self-giving power of servanthood.

Call: God has work for each of us to do. Claiming one's call takes place through prayerful listening and affirmation by community. It is marked by deep peace and joy.

Prayer/Spiritual Life: Prayer is the spring from which all viable ministry flows. Servant leaders cultivate a daily connection with God's overflowing love through disciplines of prayer, silence, and intercession.

### **The 9-month Spiritual Formation Program**

This intensive nine-month training cultivates two inter-related dynamics: a prayerful inward journey with God, self, and others; and a committed outward journey of service, especially to society's poor and excluded members. Participants meet together for seminars one weekend a month to explore the core themes of the curriculum through seminars and small group sharing.

They also gather in small groups each week throughout the nine months to share one-page papers based on the weekly readings, to pray for one another, and to build a compassionate community. Participants are given training and encouraged to practice the daily disciplines of prayer, reflection, and meditative Scripture-reading which help ground our lives in God's love.

### **Short Term Courses**

Not everyone has the ability to commit to a rigorous nine-month course of study, so the Servant Leadership School also offers courses on the core themes that run for several weeks.

These courses will allow for a longer focus on the topic for those interested in a deeper immersion into the issue following the Spiritual Formation Program or for those simply with an interest in the topic. There are no prerequisites for these short term courses.

Something powerful is happening—something we dare not miss. In many places and circumstances a quiet revolution is underway. This revolution is rooted in biblical faith and is committed to nurturing a new breed of leaders—servant leaders, those who follow Jesus Christ and serve God's dream for a transformed world.

—Dick Busch, Co-director  
Servant Leadership School  
Washington, DC

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