

### CDM BIBLE COLLEGE www.cdmbc.cdmworld.org



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### about CDMBC

CDM Bible College (CDMBC) is an interdenominational institution that aims to produce Christlike disciple-makers from every Bible-centered church background who know their specific calling from God and have enough urgency for the Great Commission to reproduce strategic and faithful disciple- makers who will be labourers for finishing the Unfinished Task within our generation.

We seek to teach, train and build Christlike character and reproducible but biblical models who will be pillars of truth in their generations.

CDMBC began in 2010 in the house of Aps. JFK Mensah with a first batch of seventeen students. From this humble beginning, the Bible College has now relocated its headquarters to the CDM Retreat Centre at Ayi-Mensah (Accra), and by God's grace, has extended into several other cities and regions in Ghana, Togo, Benin, and Ivory Coast, touching thousands of lives. These satellite campuses are in line with the mission of both CDM and CDMBC to evangelize the world within one generation.

One of our greatest aims is to produce an unceasing stream of Bible students who shall be ever-learning, ever-growing and ever-transforming into the image of Christ. Our goal is to instill into every student that passes through our gates, a supreme passion and hunger for God, an unshakeable commitment to Christlikeness in personal character and ministry, an eternal devotion to Bible reading, memorization, study and obedience, and a divine conviction of the urgency of finishing the Great Commission through multiplicative disciple-making and church-planting across ethnic and tribal lines.

By the end of your period of study with us, we hope that you will have discovered your specific gifts and calling from God which you will apply in reaching the Unreached, snatching the lost from the fire and saving them with the same grace and mercy that was extended to you by Christ. It is also our prayer that you will grow in mastery of the Scriptures and rightly divide the Word of Truth, alongside growth in all other spiritual disciplines and the holiness without which no man shall see the Lord.

### our seven core values

CHRISTLIKENESS CDM exists to model and reproduce Christlikeness worldwide. We recognize that all spiritual growth must end in becoming more like Christ (Rom. 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18; 1 Jn. 3:2; Col. 1:28).

**FINISHING THE TASK OF WORLD EVANGELISM** We pursue Jesus' command to preach the gospel to all creation and make disciples of those that respond to the good news (Mk. 16:15,16; Matt. 24:14; 28:19,20; Acts 17:30,31). None must die without hearing the Gospel.

MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES CDM emulates the Master's master strategy of prayerful selection and fierce concentration upon a few, so that multiplication and reproduction can replace ordinary addition to the Church (2 Tim. 2:2; Acts 6:7).

**GIFT IDENTIFICATION, USAGE & INCREASE** We are committed to helping people discover their purpose, and helping them to grow and use their individual uniqueness to benefit God and man (Eph. 2:10; Jer. 1:5; 2 Tim. 1:6; 1 Tim. 4:14).

**JESUS IN THE MARKETPLACE** CDM is committed to teaching, training, and coaching all our members for discipling, planting cells and churches in homes, schools, workplaces and neighbourhoods (Acts 8:1-4; 2 Cor. 5:20). This is our priesthood (1 Pet. 2:4,9).

MINISTRY TO THE POOR & NEEDY We work towards respect for the vulnerable and unreached in all races, nationalities, tribes and ethnic groups without any prejudice because God is no respector of persons (1 Cor. 1:25-28; Jas. 2:5; Rom. 2:11; Acts 10:33,34).

**PREPARING THE CHURCH FOR THE SECOND COMING** Our training sessions are geared towards waking up every church member to be conscious of a global responsibility to God (Acts 1:8.; Eph. 4:11–13).

# why every Christian needs a Bible college experience

We're often tempted to think that only "spiritual" people go to Bible College, reasoning that it means you would have to leave everything and work for God. CDMBC believes otherwise. Here's why:

#### JESUS TRAINED ALL HIS DISCIPLES

Jesus spent about three years giving his twelve disciples intensive training (Mk. 3:13-15; Lk. 6:12,13). He taught, trained and supervised them to do the same works he was doing: preaching and healing the sick (Matt. 10:1,7,8). The weekly Sunday church service is insufficient and too general for this kind of training.

#### FOR EFFECTIVELY WORKING FOR GOD

We see a largely backslidden, nominal and pew-warming worldly Church that is not ready to meet her King. They do not know their gifts and calling. They sit and watch a few others do ministry. Unless we multiply our training base for more Christian workers, we are dreaming when we imagine that labourers for the harvest will suddenly emerge. The only way to increase the number of quality labourers -- after praying for more -- is by training more church members.

#### FOR RECOGNIZING AND REFUTING FALSE DOCTRINE

Today's world is more complex, and false doctrines and deviations are multiplying daily. The average believer is bombarded by cults and the occult on the phone, internet, Whatsapp, TV and what-have-you. Jesus told a whole sect, "You do err, not knowing the scriptures nor the power of God" (Matt. 22:29). Thus, it is in your own interest to master the basic and major bible doctrines of your faith in order to detect deviations. This demands some training.

#### FOR PERSONAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND MATURITY

Are you satisfied with your growth in Christ over the past years? Are you becoming more Christlike? Is your Bible study feeding your soul adequately? Is your prayer and fasting life increasing? What about soulwinning and disciplemaking? Dissatisfaction with your spiritual growth ought to drive you to a good Bible school where you can be challenged to grow spiritually.

#### FOR FINISHING THE TASK OF THE GREAT COMMISSION

Jesus commanded the church to make disciples of all ethno-linguistic people groups, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey all he has commanded us (Matt. 28:19). How would you feel if you were in the shoes of Jesus Christ and 2,000 years after your command, 41% of the world today is unreached by the gospel? How can the over 2 billion hear without a preacher? How can they preach except they are trained and sent (Rom. 10:14,15)? You must be trained so that you can be sent.

#### FOR WORKING FOR GOD IN THE WORKPLACE

Finally, there is the case of the busy professional or student or housewife who wants to work for God. Work schedules prevent you from a three-year residential Bible College, but you may feel strongly called to work for your Lord in the marketplace. Your profession is your parish, but you need some amount of training to have a cutting edge ministry.

If you continue like this, all your life will be spent just laboring for food that perishes without eternal investment. But you can be equipped. You can become a disciplemaker, church planter and Christian leader at home, in your neighbourhood, and your workplace.

Now, why CDMBC in particular?

## why come to CDMBC?

The CDM Bible College is an epitome of the truism that big things sometimes come in little, unassuming packages. It is truly one of a kind, and there is no other place for Christlike learning. Here are a few reasons why you should join us:

**CHRISTLIKENESS** An awakened commitment to a lifelong pursuit of transformation and emphasis on Christlikeness changes our students' lives. Spiritual growth in every aspect of Christianity ensues.

**BIBLICAL EMPHASIS** Our strong Biblical emphasis and requirements to read and meditate on the Word help you to grow in Bible mastery, the recognition of truth, and the detection of error for yourself.

**MISSIONS EMPHASIS** CDMBC awakens in you a zeal and urgency towards missions, and fulfilling the Great Commission within one generation.

**GIFTS & CALLING** We emphasize active pursuit of your God-given call and ministry until you identify, develop, use, and shine in it. Through CDM, outlets are provided for your service according to your gifts and passion.

**FRUITFULNESS** Our focus on your making and mentoring at least one disciple a year forces you to bear fruit for God wherever you are, so that you will no longer be an unproductive Christian in school, at work, in church, or at home.

**PERSONAL SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES** We insist on a minimum of one hour of prayer and intercession daily, and other appropriate spiritual disciplines which build lifelong habits of seeking God personally and corporately.

**PRACTICAL** Our curriculum is intentionally crafted to be as hands-on as possible, teaching every Christian how to lead a person to Christ, baptize them, and take them through the other basic experiences of Christianity.

**MENTORING** Our staff and faculty are dedicated to continuous mentoring and discipleship, and are always available for any kind of discussion about your spiritual life, growth and ministry. Lifelong friends and ministry partnerships are nurtured in CDMBC.

## our structure and departments

CDM Bible College is organized into four main departments which handle the accredited courses across the sessions.

The **Department of Christlike Studies** plays a critical role in ingraining students with character that conforms to the moral and spiritual standards of the Bible, and driving a focus on Christlikeness in life and ministry. From Levels 100 to 300, students are schooled to commit themselves to growing in Christlikeness daily.

The **Department of Doctrinal Studies** strengthens the doctrinal backbone of students in order to release them in their churches and the Body of Christ as resources who are rightly dividing the Word of Truth, equipped and ready for every good work. Much emphasis is also placed on encouraging students to identify their various God-given gifts and callings, grow in them, and make strides in that path to achieve God's call on their lives, and consequently, contribute to the work of God on this earth.

The **Department of Evangelism & Missions** arms students with a handson approach to presenting the Gospel and establishing new converts in the faith, including evangelism practicals. Students are also taught about God's eternal interest in lost souls, as well as how to deal with Islam and other religions and cults that hinder the spread of the Gospel.

Without adequate preparation, the Word of God cannot be clearly and effectively communicated to transform lives. The **Department of Communication & Ministry Studies** attends to this chink in students' armors by addressing some of the most basic and common challenges to communication. The Department also shines a light on the importance of growing the various ministries in the Body of Christ to deal with specific issues related to men, women, youth, and children. Students are taught how the characteristics and even challenges of each group can be addressed and wielded effectively to transform lives with the applied Gospel.

There are two consecutive options for CDMBC.

#### **OUR STRUCTURE**

The **Certificate Program** leads to the award of a **Certificate in Missions and Disciplemaking.** It requires:

- 1. The **Course Work** of twenty-four (24) courses. These courses are handled by our faculty across three intensive modular sessions of one/two weeks each, depending on which session you attend.
- 2. **Project Work** CDMBC also places a strong emphasis on the practical aspects of Christianity. Before you are graduated, you are therefore required to:
  - Read and summarize each chapter of the Bible into four words. You will be taught how to do this.
  - Submit a report on your proven ministry project. This demands an account of what you have been doing before, during, and after the Bible College training towards the fulfillment of your heavenly calling and ministry. You will be taught on this especially in Module 2.
  - Present a disciple you have personally taught according to CDM standards. The person will be assessed to ensure that you have really taught and discipled them.

These requirements mean that from the break after your first trimester, you are supposed to have begun work on your Bible summary, project work, and disciplemaking.

We also offer an **Advanced Diploma Program** in **Biblical Studies and Disciplemaking**, similarly made up of three (3) intensive residential modules, each lasting two weeks at the CDM Retreat Center. The Diploma course is only available to people who have graduated from the certificate course offered by the College. It comprises:

- 1. The **Course Work** of forty-two (42) courses taught within three intensive modular sessions of two weeks each.
- 2. **Term Papers** Instead of exams, Advanced Diploma students submit assigned term papers on each of the taught courses before they are graduated. Diploma students are required to choose one department of the CDMBC to understudy as facilitators. They also learn to practice by serving as mentors and facilitators in CDMBC sessions and other CDM events.

## our sessions & program options

The CDM Bible College runs programs designed to suit all schedules. The following provide a brief overview of the various programme options of CDMBC, depending on your location and availability. Since we aim at reproducibility of our training, a student may take a session in each of these options and continue in another session of another type.

#### Residential Main CDMBC Campus Apply at <u>www.bit.ly/cdmbc</u>

Week-long modules for the Certificate and Advanced Diploma programmes are ran in January, May and August of every year at the CDM Retreat Centre, and are specifically tailored not to conflict with the academic calendars of the major tertiary institutions in the country. This intensive program is therefore ideal for tertiary students and workers who can spend the time to be saturated for a week at a time.

#### Satellite CDMBC Campuses

Satellite CDMBCs exist for those who find it more convenient to experience Certificate-level training outside of Accra. There are currently several sessions organized in Winneba, Kumasi, Tamale, Togo, Benin, Ho, Nkwanta, Hohoe, and Sogakofe, among others. These may/may not be residential depending on the situation. It is ideal for people who prefer not to have to travel to Accra for each session.

#### Online Bible College (E-CDMBC) Apply at <a href="https://www.bit.ly/cdmbconline">www.bit.ly/cdmbconline</a>

E-CDMBC was developed in the COVID era, but has proved to be a blessing in disguise. It aims to convey CDMBC Certificate-level training to those who are either too far away or too busy to join our residential sessions. The session is held exclusively online, lasting 2 weeks each. Sessions are open in March and October of every year.

#### Missions Bible Colleges

CDMBC organizes Missions Bible Colleges as a follow-up to outreach programs in areas where evangelism has been carried out. Such sessions are usually highly subsidised/free and reserved for less-endowed people who

have lower academic backgrounds. More often than not, the session is carried out in the heart language of the area, eg. Tatale, Kete-Krachie, Chakali.

#### Discipleship Training for Missionaries/Churches/Christian Groups

CDMBC also offers exclusive training for specific groups, eg. churches, fellowship groups, etc. CDMBC also has a special funded project dubbed National Service Persons in Missions (NASPIM) to train National Service personnel who are willing to serve in basic or secondary schools across the country as disciplemakers. We also train missionaries who are going to serve on the mission field. If you would like to request such specific training, please contact us via phone or email.

## what our students say about CDMBC

- 66 Thanks to CDMBC, I know that I want to be a missionary.
  - Attending CDMBC shaped my life as an individual. I was enlightened about the urgency of not just believing in Christ but imitating him. I can now boast of a concrete ultimate goal for my life on earth.
- I remember in Level 100, I just loved evangelism, but I knew some way, somehow the fire was quenching. CDMBC just ignited something in me.
  - 66 CDMBC changed my life. I hadn't wanted to come at first, because I thought I was fine with my Christian life. It's only after the time I spent there that I realised how much I needed it to fire up my passion for prayer and zeal for an intimate relationship with God. I recommend it to anyone who really wants more out of God.

The passion and love the facilitators have for the work of God has made me desire strong love for the work of God. I was made to pray for someone for Holy Spirit baptism; now I know I can pray for people to receive the baptism.

My Christian life would have been meaningless if I hadn't met CDM. Their teaching actually exposed me to what I used to do and know about Christianity. In fact, I now know and practice the real Christian life through their Christian Foundation, Growth and Maturity teachings and training.

Although I was called to ministry, it took the CDM Bible College for it to be discovered, developed, and for its fulfillment. Their training enabled me to be ordained into ministry. Indeed, I would have wasted my life on this earth had I not been saved and become fruitful with the help of this noble institution.

Through CDM, I was also able to read through the Bible cover-to-cover yearly. Glory be to God for CDM as the pivot for world evangelism. I'm proud to be part of CDM. I recommend it to you if only you want to be saved and be fruitful as a Christian.

66 I've been thirsty to know more about the word of God, doctrines of Christ and its significance. Joining CDMBC got me inspired and empowered to know God and experience him outside the borders of my denomination.

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I was greatly inspired by [a female facilitator], knowing she is a female but doing equally what men do in ministry.



I must confess all the facilitators were so down to earth and indeed I will call them the Christlike facilitators.

- Frustration was an understatement on my first day at CDMBC, but today, my life has been reshaped by the CDM and CDMBC vision. I see my life taking on a more eternal cause than it used to. Thanks to CDMBC. I must confess that, I never imagined that I could be useful to God in anyway, if not for my CDMBC training. I say it to myself that I am the reason CDM and CDMBC were formed.
- Everything taught at CDMBC has just been enough to clear all my confusions and questions. I'm thirsty to go to the next level and experience more. Please help me to fully join CDM
  - Facilitators and students' relationship was very good. Though the class was online, I realized that the facilitators had patience for us the students.
- I loved how every teaching or doctrine taught was backed by scriptures. The facilitators knew what they were teaching, and most importantly, they allowed the students to also chip in when they wanted to. They allowed for questions to be asked and did not judge at all when the person was wrong. I absolutely loved that.
  - Joining the E-CDMBC has been a blessing. My quiet time life has been very consistent and well observed. Following the format taught at CDMBC on how to have a quiet time has really proven to be very effective as it has helped me overcome some weakness in my spiritual Life. It has began to shape my way of thinking and purpose in life. Though, the semester was short-lived and online, the facilitators being rich in word and their Christlike way of handling the classes has really set up some zeal and commitment to the reading of the word of God and to pursue Christlikeness.

The last two weeks enrolled in the E-CDMBC is already the highlight of my year. There is so much I have learned in this period that will be important in my walk with God going forward. I have had the wonderful privilege of being tutored by some very matured christians. Just being able to experience the authority with which they present the truth of the gospel is inspiring and encouraging. Second, the opportunity to study with other believers is a major positive. The company we keep is very consequential in our eternity decision. Therefore, being exposed to future long term relationships with other believers through this platform is an experience I hold dear and treasure.

## other CDM events and activities

**Retreats** A weekend-long Quality Control retreat is held in February, and a week-long major retreat is held in the second week of every August. Our retreats aim to ignite the fire for spiritual growth and Christian ministry.

**Ministry Academy and Prayer Festival** Our focus on developing the fivefold ministry gifts to power the growth of the body of Christ is expressed in a week-long training session in each of the gifts, combined with intensive prayer sessions.

**Year-Round Mentoring for Ministry Gifts** Opportunity is also provided for training and mentoring in the use of the fivefold ministry gifts (Eph. 4:11–13) through a one-hour weekly session for each of the various gifts.

#### Online Broadcasts (links shared on social media)

- Time with JFK Mensah: every Thursday from 8.30pm on Zoom
- Christian Apologetics with JFK Mensah: every Wednesday from 8.30pm on Zoom

#### **Ministry Outlets**

**CDM Continental Outreach** Each batch of graduating CDMBC students is commissioned to ministry towards a particular continent, through prayer, mobilization, or strategization. Call Louis at 0542009312 for more info.

CDM Apostles Call Jethro at 0246535286

CDM Prophets Call Dora at 0200209904

CDM Evangelists Call Israel at 0243531099

CDM Shepherds Call Selassie at 0558218949

CDM Teachers Call Kofi at 0245453469

**National Service Persons in Missions** (NASPIM). Call Jake at 0557897258 for more info.

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