



SoCAL SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

Where the Call is Just the Beginning

Ministry Mentoring

The mission of the SoCal School of Ministry (SOM) is to assist people in exploring and preparing for the ministry to which God has called them in an easily accessible manner. As part of that preparation, the SOM wants to facilitate the creation of a growing relationship between SOM students and the leadership of the church they attend. It is hoped that out of this growing relationship opportunities for leadership and ministry will emerge.

Ministry flows out of relationship. Before a person can be entrusted with a leadership position, the existing leadership must have trust in him or her. And before a person can be trusted, existing leadership must know the person.

In order to assist students to develop a growing relationship with the leadership of the churches they attend, each SOM class contains a mentoring component whose purpose is to assist SOM students to be able to learn from and develop a relationship with their pastor or someone their pastor will approve. The way the program works is this: each month students are assigned a topic to discuss with their pastor or someone he/she might designate. Students are given questions regarding the topic that can aid in the discussion. Sometimes the questions will relate to an article or a sermon. The idea is for each student to meet with their ministry mentor for forty-five minutes to one hour discussing the topic. Use of the questions by the mentor is optional. If he/she wants to do something different with the time spent together, it is his/her prerogative.

The mentoring need not be one-on-one. If there are several people attending the church who are SOM students, the students can meet with the mentor as a group. If the pastor is not able to do the mentoring, he/she may designate someone else to do it. If the SOM student is the pastor of a church, he/she needs to locate a mentor who is an ordained pastor.

Completion of the mentoring session will count for ten percent of the grade for each class. That means that a student can still pass the class if they do not participate in the ministry mentoring, but the highest grade that a student can receive is a B. Credit that the mentoring session has been completed will be given by the mentor signing the student's exam in the appropriate place.

Students can be waived from the mentoring requirement if the church they attend already has an ongoing mentoring program that the SOM student is participating in or if they are meeting with the pastor on a regular basis. Requests for waiver are at the bottom of the Mentor Designation/Waiver Form.

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