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We are pleased to offer a robust Doctor of Ministry program focused on transformational leadership for the global city. These few words, ‘transformational,’ ‘global,’ and ‘city’ mean a great deal to us. We are convinced that Christian leaders today need to understand the realities of ministry in difficult places, where clashing cultures, diverse peoples, and unjust systems converge. The rapidly growing cities of our world are the most profound human laboratories of our time, and we believe Christians need to be there, present and fully engaged. Whether you serve in a rural or urban setting, you are living and leading in a complex world impacted by globalism.

I highly recommend that you consider this program for your life of leadership and learning!

Blessings on the Journey,
Grace Preedy Barnes, Ph.D.
Academic Dean
Professor of Leadership Studies

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Doctor of Ministry in Transformational Leadership for the Global City

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The **Transformational Leadership for the Global City Doctor of Ministry (DMin)** is a 40-credit degree program designed to enhance the leadership skills of individuals engaged in Christian ministry. The degree program is appropriate for pastors, parachurch leaders, urban ministry leaders, educators, and mission leaders. The DMin is distinct from the PhD or ThD in that its primary focus is on implementing and strengthening effective ministry, rather than preparing the participant for research or teaching in purely academic arenas.

BGU follows the medical model of preparing doctors for surgery in the operating room. At BGU the cities are the labs, and practitioners become professors. Although the DMin is not designed as simply a research degree, in recent years many seminary educators have chosen the DMin degree to enhance their ability to provide training relevant to practical issues in Christian ministry. The DMin degree is structured around developing Transformational Leadership for the Global City.

BAKKE GRADUATE UNIVERSITY'S FOCUS

Bakke Graduate University (BGU) looks beyond itself to embody the commonly-held vision of an international network. BGU serves and is served by this global network of urban leaders and partners. BGU's vision includes the following key components:

1. **Emerging and Experienced Transformational Leaders**
2. **Whole Gospel, Whole Church, Whole World**
3. **Kingdom Sharing**
4. **Perspective and Values Education**

BGU'S MISSION STATEMENT

Bakke Graduate University strengthens leaders who steward resources with and for vulnerable people and places, by means of contextual, Christian-based education innovatively delivered throughout the urban world.



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"Through God's grace I am making a significant contribution to insure there are no women and children on the mean streets of Skid Row . . . I was not quite prepared nor did I have everything I needed to take this great challenge on until I came to BGU. BGU has helped me better understand my role as a transformational servant leader, and I am not only confident in taking on the task ahead of me, but I have a group of fellow students in my cohort providing friendship and encouragement along the way."

Andy Bales (Executive Director, Union Rescue Mission, LA)
BGU DMin Student

YEAR ONE: Core Courses (16 credits)

- **OVI 701 — Overture I** (Offered January and June in Seattle)
DMin Overview (8 credits)
(Soon to be offered internationally as well)

- **OVII 702 — Overture II China** (8 credits)
Focus: Nature & Mission of the Church in China

OR

- **OVII 703 — Overture II India** (8 credits)
Focus: Nature & Mission of the Church in India

YEAR TWO: (16 credits)

- **Research Bridge: The Dissertation Journey**

This four-credit course is designed to introduce the Doctor of Ministry student to the dissertation-writing process. It will help the student get organized, prepare a dissertation timeline, develop effective writing strategies, choose or refine a dissertation topic, work with a dissertation proposal, and interact with other Doctor of Ministry students in the course, using online asynchronous and synchronous communication.

- **Three Tracks: Courses – Coaching – Consultation**

Courses: Student chooses and develops his or her second year to best fit their own created program with courses that inform their dissertation.

OR

Coaching: Student selects one professor who has expertise in the student's area of study to coach them by helping the student develop their second year courses and working together on the dissertation phase of their program.

OR

Consultation: Student becomes an expert in his or her city by doing research in their city, which eventually leads to a city-wide Signs of Hope Consultation that other students can attend. The dissertation is the write up of this entire process.

YEAR THREE: Dissertation / Ministry Project (8 credits)

Entrance requirements for the DMin degree assume that the essential foundations of theological education have been established in the life of the participant. The program provides the student with the opportunity to focus on specialized areas of skills and knowledge relevant to practical leadership issues related to various forms of Christian ministry.

The DMin program concludes with a Dissertation Project, which focuses on the student's area of concentration and ministry concept.