



**THE MASTERS COMMISSION**

**HANDBOOK**

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*"I recommend without reservation this program as the most fruitful youth discipleship program I have ever observed."*

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## MASTER'S COMMISSION INTRODUCTION

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Thank you for your inquiry about The Master's Commission—"A generational call to character"

We have enclosed an information packet for you to look over and decide if you want to further explore the possibility that this may be what the Lord has for you. The call to the Master's Commission is a high call, with a high price—your life for one year being totally dedicated to the Lord. Pray and consider what God's will is for you!

The Master's Commission is a one-year discipleship school for single young adults between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five. God has spoken to us and given us a mandate to not only train our youth, but to raise up an entire generation of young people in the United States and around the world. God is calling young people to a relationship with Him, so that they can touch the lives of those around them. It is a radical call to humility. It is a call to servant-leadership and to be world changers and history makers. It is the call to The Master's Commission.

We have found young people who need healing, as well as those that range from the extremes of being carnal Christians to those who are religious. During the year they have been changed by God's transforming grace into compassionate, mature, bold, and anointed sons and daughters of the Kingdom.

Please read through the following pages of information to gain a better idea of what we are about and various other specifics about The Master's Commission. If after reading this you would like more information or an application please contact us in The Master's Commission office at 425.814.6303 or at [masters@cckirkland.org](mailto:masters@cckirkland.org).

For The Next Generation,

Pastor Kevin McCuen  
Master's Commission Director

## WHAT THE MASTER'S COMMISSION IS AND IS NOT

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### A DISCIPLESHIP SCHOOL

The Master's Commission, "A Generational Call to Character", is a one-year, full-time, discipleship-training program for men and women between the ages of 18 and 25. It serves as a 'boot camp' of intense Biblical training to prepare each student for a life of servanthood that they might be '...vessels of honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, and prepared to do any good work.' (II Tim. 2:21) The Master's Commission is an opportunity for each student to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ by abandoning themselves to the pursuit of the Kingdom of God, expressed through the disciplined lifestyle of prayer, worship, Bible study, and practical service.

The primary goal of the Master's Commission is to develop a relationship with Father God that is real, life-giving, intimate, and growing and to develop covenant relationships with other believers who will challenge, encourage, and call each other up to the high calling of following Christ. In addition, the importance of having the character of Christ developed in us is always emphasized. As those who will one day be the leaders in our churches, businesses, and communities, we also focus on servanthood and work ethic. The year consists of academic instruction, leadership training, intensive Bible study, many outreach and service opportunities, and experience ministering in a variety of situations.

Academic Training includes memorizing 10-12 Scripture verses per week, reading through the Bible in a year, personal Bible study with written reports, studying curriculum books, oral presentations by the students, writing papers based on class topics, training in practical living skills (cooking, basic car care, communication techniques), and attending seminars and conferences.

### A PLACE TO GROW IN SERVICE

Although academics are a big part of the Master's Commission, we also emphasize serving and learning to be a leader through service. The serving opportunities include working in community elderly homes, volunteering at government offices, partnering as lunch buddies with local elementary students, and serving in the local church through cleaning, child care, and conference support. Jesus presented the cost and reward of becoming a servant in John 12, 25-26: "He who loves his life loses it; and he who hates his life in this world shall keep it to life eternal. If anyone serves me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant also be; if anyone serves me, the Father will honor him."

The Master's Commission is a school of the Spirit to begin or continue the life-long process of losing one's life. The exhortation in John 12:25 is to find your life by losing it. As the Master's Commission students replace the action of a servant with the heart of a servant, they begin to find their identity and purpose. We have found that servanthood is a door to intimacy with the Father. The reward of verse 26 is honor from the Father. As the Master's Commission seeks the place of intimacy with the Father, we see Him releasing His honor on servants. The heartbeat of the Master's Commission is young men and women becoming servants from which they become leaders.

### A LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

We do not believe that leadership is limited to one or two select students, or limited to certain areas of ministry. There is a leader in each person waiting to be released, and the leader in each student will come alive as they discover their God-given purpose in life.

Though not all students are called to the "governmental ministries" such as pastor, teacher, apostle, etc., all are called to leadership in areas of self-government, family life, worship, integrity, obedience, using gifts, prayer, accountability, church involvement, and every other area of daily living. All Master's Commission students are trained to be leaders because all are called to lead. The next generation has an acute shortage of leaders operating out of the local church. The Master's Commission is instrumental in filling that gap.

### **NOT A TYPICAL BIBLE COLLEGE**

The Master's Commission is not a typical Bible College. It is based in the local church, and can be adapted to the vision of the church, whether that vision is evangelism, missions, ministry, community outreach, leadership training, or politics. The purpose is to build character, personal disciplines, and skills that will be foundational to the rest of the student's lives.

These skills then can be utilized to facilitate the vision of the local church. We strongly encourage each MC graduate to draw near to their pastor's side as they return to the local church to become their armor bearer and develop a greater depth of faithfulness. If the MC graduate's destiny requires college, they will find themselves better prepared and focused on the call of God on their lives. During the college years we again encourage the graduates to stay close to their pastors.

### **NOT AN ISOLATED MINISTRY OR "PARA-CHURCH" ORGANIZATION**

The Master's Commission is not an isolated ministry of discipleship apart from the local church membership. Most members of the congregation will have some kind of direct or indirect contact with the students throughout the year. The entire church will pour into the students' lives and will also see the fruit of their labors as the students serve the church and grow in maturity, both individually and as a group. All members can pray, many can offer financial support, and some may want to provide housing for an MC student. These homes become an environment where the Lord continues to mold, shape and transform both the students and the families all year.

### **NOT A "REFORM SCHOOL" OR A PLACE FOR A NEW CHRISTIAN**

The Master's Commission is intense discipleship for young adults who are serious about their commitment to Christ and want to grow and mature and be prepared for what ever calling their destiny requires of them. We suggest that a fairly new Christian be plugged in to a local church and be discipled for a season before they consider the Master's Commission.

The Master's Commission theme verse is: "Vessels of honor, sanctified, useful to the master, prepared for every good work." li Timothy 2.21

## MASTER'S COMMISSION CORE VALUES

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**Christ Centeredness:** With Christ being the motivation of all we do, we will produce true value. He is the One we model our lives after, and so He is the one whom all of our values must be derived from. Keeping Christ as the center of our lives prevents our pursuits from revolving around the promoting of self, and enables us to be purposeful and productive sons and daughters of the Kingdom.

**Generational Vision:** God's heart is for joining the generations, and generational transfer is the very means by which He determined His purposes to be extended throughout time. Generational transfer is an issue of the heart. It enables us to embrace the responsibility to impart to the ones coming behind, the life and deposit of Christ entrusted to us by preceding generations.

**Fathering:** God's plan from the beginning was that His truth was to be taught and lived out in the context of family. The students in the Master's Commission don't live in dormitories, but stay in host homes. They are surrounded by spiritual mothers and fathers who speak identity into them, and provide a safe place for them to grow and learn. As they learn to become mature sons and daughters, relationships in their own families are impacted and blessed.

**Discipleship:** God's pattern for spiritual growth and maturity has always involved the need for mentors and those willing to be mentored. A discipleship relationship enables life purpose and destiny to be discovered and defined. The pattern of discipleship provides the context for accountability, self-discipline, and spiritual authority.

**Covenant:** Walking in right relationship with God, and with His people, means being a people of covenant, who walk openly before each other and God, establishing relationships that are built on firm principles and agreements that will last a lifetime.

**Christ-like Character:** What we build with our giftings can easily be destroyed by our lack of character. As Christ's life and character is the pattern for us to follow, the Master's Commission is committed to training up those who live lives of service, love, sacrifice, faith, obedience, and genuine joy.

**Representation of Christ:** Everything we do, is to be done with all of our might and as unto the Lord. Therefore, we endeavor to be those whose excellence in faith, work ethic and passion, represent Christ accurately.

**Leadership:** Those who serve, lead, and are given positions of increasing influence. Leadership training is accomplished in the Master's Commission through practicing servanthood and laying down one's life for their friends. Practical training in leadership principles is experienced throughout the year.

**Training in "The way" of the Lord:** There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death, and a lack of fruit. God has a way for us to live, and He has given us His word, His Holy Spirit, and each other, to discover it. His way makes it possible to live lives that are Spirit-led and undistracted in our devotion to Christ. We seek His way so that we can walk in His enabling grace, and live lives of holiness and righteousness unto Him.

## GOALS FOR MASTER'S COMMISSION GRADUATES

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- To live a Christ-centered, rather than self-centered, lifestyle
- To have an undistracted relationship with the Lord that is real, life giving, intimate, and daily
- To form and maintain covenant relationships with the Lord and other believers
- To be equipped in basic theology through Bible College classes
- To have a love for God's Word and God's way
- To be expressive worshipers and see worship as a lifestyle
- To have a conviction and a desire to represent the Lord accurately in every situation
- To have a correct view of who God is as a loving, caring Father and as a ruling King
- To deal with any performance mentalities in their life and to be the person God created them to be no matter what others may do
- To have the heart of a servant
- To have a vision and revelation of joining the generations together and generational transfer so as to further the purposes of God on the earth
- To be transformed more into the image and character of Christ and to develop a love for transformation
- To be self-examining, self-revealing, and a self-feeder
- To become a self-disciplined person, where all procrastination, apathy, and laziness are dealt with.
- To have a Godly work ethic with a pursuit of excellence
- To understand the principles of Christian Worldview and be equipped to apply it to current issues in our world
- To be equipped to speak publicly about the Gospel message through personal testimony and the teaching of Biblical truths
- To have practical ministry experience
- To build a Biblical foundation in their life upon which they can launch in to what God has for their destiny
- To be trained and equipped to be a leader of people
- To have the desire to give their heart continually to the Lord and to the leaders in their lives
- To have a desire to be a reformer and problem solver in our culture and our world

## **SCHEDULE AND ACTIVITIES**

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### **MORNING SCHEDULE TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY**

#### **Devotion\\Worship\\Prayer: 8:00-9:30AM**

Since our primary motivation is to develop intimacy with the Father and grow in relationship with Him, we start the day with an hour and a half of devotion, worship and prayer. We do not want to begin a day without thanking and worshipping the Lord for Who He is and what He is doing in all our lives.

The format we most often follow:

- 30 Minutes Devotion from “The Seeking Heart” by François Fenelon
- 30 Minutes Worship
- 30 Minutes Prayer on various topics

#### **Class Time: 9:30AM-12PM**

Students present teachings based on their assigned chapter of the book being studied. A class discussion follows to insure life application and not just more “head knowledge” gained. Other times we will have guest speakers, videos or tapes, or reading books aloud.

#### **Current World Affairs: 9:30AM-12:30PM**

On Friday mornings the students are taught Current World Affairs. CWA is designed to educate the students on how to interpret current issues and pervading world religions. When the students graduate and move on to what God has for them, they must be able to understand what they are up against in the world system and know how to combat it with the way of the Kingdom of God, specifically through the development of a strong Christian worldview.

### **AFTERNOON SCHEDULE TUESDAY THRU FRIDAY**

#### **Lunch: 12:00-1:00PM**

Students are free to leave to get lunch, but most stay and eat a sack lunch. We encourage students to use lunch as a time to build relationship with one another and the staff.

#### **Outreaches\\Drama & Arts: 1:00-5:00PM**

Tuesday afternoons are for practical classes and/or drama and arts practice.

Wednesday afternoons are given to group outreaches. The students are put in work groups of 2-6 people, depending on the need of the outreach they serve at. The group outreaches include: Boys & Girls Club, Assisted Living Home, Special Delivery [a local ministry house for unwed mothers], etc.

Thursday afternoons are for Lunch Buddies [investing in students at a local public elementary school], Prayer Walking [praying over our local cities], and drama and arts practice.

Friday afternoons are the time when we clean CCK and set up for Sunday services. The students practice drama on this day as well.

### **WEEKEND SCHEDULE**

Saturday mornings from 9AM-12PM is reserved for chores at home, unless there is a church event or service project. Students are asked to do chores for their host families because we want them to invest in the home that is allowing them to do Master’s Commission and be a normal part of the family.

Saturday afternoons are used for various work projects. Sometimes we do fund-raisers or benevolence work or service projects for the church.

Sundays are busy days for the students. They are required to attend all Sunday services and clean afterward. There are also occasional Sunday evening meetings the students attend or serve in childcare for.

Mondays are the students’ full day off. We ask them to rest and play and spend time with their families. We want them to be refreshed for the week to come. Sometimes their Sunday Club may need to be completed on this day.

## **VACATIONS AND UNSCHEDULED TIMES AWAY**

The Master's Commission year begins the last weekend in September and ends the last weekend in August. The student has made a commitment to give this entire year of dedicated service to the Lord. Vacations are scheduled for one week at Christmas as well as one week in the spring. The MC schedule does not break for most other holidays. Time may be given for family emergencies if they arise.

The students do not take a break from their MC commitments while on vacation. Curfew is 12 midnight. Rising time is no later than 9am. They continue with Scripture memory, journaling, prayer and Bible reading. Our goal is to develop a lifestyle. This year in MC is a once in a lifetime opportunity that the student is encouraged to give his or her all to. There is a lot packed into this brief year and we don't want any student to miss anything the Lord might have for them.

## **MASTER'S COMMISSION ACTIVITIES**

The Master's Commission students are regularly involved in numerous ministries within the church body as well as those outside of the classroom. These include the following:

**CHRIST CHURCH ACADEMY CHAPEL:** Occasionally on Thursday morning the Master's Commission joins with the secondary students from our K-12 Academy. This is one of many scheduled times available for the students to get to know and impact the generation following behind them.

**GENERATIONS CHURCH:** The Master's Commission students join the parents and youth group on the first Wednesday evening of each month to worship and train together.

**DRAMA & ARTS TRAINING:** At a date selected by the director, the students will begin to train in the area of the arts. A few hours a week, the students will be instructed in both the biblical foundation for the arts as well as practical application. This will include, but is not limited to dance, drama, skits, rhythm, songs, and mime. This time of training will increase in the spring in preparation for the summer tour.

**MINISTRY TRAINING:** Students will gain training and practical experience in corporate and one on one ministry. They will learn to; express and minister the gifts of the spirit, correctly handle words of knowledge, deliver prophetic words maturely, receive and process prophetic words they receive personally. They will also learn to prepare and deliver relevant personal testimony professing what God has done in their life and what He has accomplished in them during their year of Master's Commission.

**ZIKLAG:** Ziklag is a ministry which seeks to train men to walk with integrity, accountability, responsibility and honor, equipping them to be godly leaders in their homes and communities. Led by the Pastors and intern men, the course lasts for three months, and involves Bible study, face to face accountability and strong relationship building.

**VIRTUA:** This is a seven week course where the student and intern girls gather together in the director's home one night a week. Led by the director's wife, they enjoy worship, waiting on the Lord, and personal ministry. There is also teaching, discussion, and prayer concerning such topics as identity, purpose, and the role of a woman.

**SUMMER TOUR OF MINISTRY:** As well as various opportunities through out the year at local churches and schools, the Master's Commission goes on an extended ministry trip in the spring or summer. This trip can last from 4-6 weeks and travel can be around the U.S. or abroad. This is definitely one of the highlights of the year as the students get the opportunity to give out what they have received during their year.

**SOCCER CAMP:** During the summer the students serve as counselors at Heavenly Goals Soccer Camp in the Seattle area, and lead the evening chapel services.

**CORPORATE PRAYER MEETINGS:** Students attend various weekly corporate prayer meetings through the year. They learn the purpose of prayer, strategies in prayer, and their authority in prayer.

**FUNDRAISING:** Several times a year Students participate in Business Conferences as hired temporary labor to raise money supplementing their tuition. They are primarily hired through EventForce, a local company.

## FORMS AND COMMITMENTS

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We give forms to the students on the first day and explain what is required of them. The forms are helpful for accountability, keeping records and/or history of progress or problems, organization and consistency. They help develop responsibility and discipline in students, and provide a link between the Master's Commission staff and house parents or outreaches on a regular basis. Weekly forms are turned in on Tuesday mornings when the students meet in their intern groups and recite their memory verse for the week.

**TIME LOG:** Students must record how they spend their time during the week. This log makes them and the MC leaders aware of how well they use their time. Over the course of the year, most students make a radical change in the number of hours spent wasting time.

**BUDGET SHEET:** Each student is required to have \$100 per month for gas money and spending money. The budget sheet makes them aware of how they spend their money. They learn to budget and make their \$100 last all month, as well as learning to be good stewards. Tithing is required as a basic component of covenant and many students give generously beyond their tithe in special offerings. We ask them to account for all money received and not to borrow or loan money. The budget sheet is turned in every Tuesday morning, along with the other forms, for a check-up. They may receive money beyond their monthly stipend as gifts or for special needs. We ask them to account for how it is spent. We advise them to save surplus money for the Summer Tour.

**PERSONAL OUTREACH FORM:** Students are expected to meet new people in church or elsewhere, disciple younger people, or help needy families every week. The responsibility to meet new people and invest in friendships falls upon the student's shoulders. This is one of the most challenging requirements given to the students since it compels them to take initiative and reach out to those who need to be drawn in to the body

**HOUSE PARENT FORM:** This weekly form is filled out by the house parent. We encourage house parents to be honest about their student's progress and let us know of any serious problems. It is the student's responsibility to make sure the form gets to the house parent every week by Sunday or Monday night so they have time to fill it out before it is due back on Tuesday.

**M.C. CLUB FORM:** If students are late for meetings, or do not complete assignments on time, they get M.C. Club which they serve on Sunday afternoon/evening. We don't like to give M.C. Club. Students choose it by not getting work done or by their actions. The goal over the year is for students to become self-governing, not just to avoid M.C. Club.

**LEADER OF THE WEEK [LOW] REPORT:** Each week a student will have the opportunity of being "LOW". One of the most rewarding L.O.W. responsibilities is morning devotion, worship, and prayer. They lead the devotion discussion, select the worship playlist, and lead the prayer time.

The LOW is responsible to make sure the classroom is set up and ready for class and have the students quiet and in their seats while in class or study time. They are responsible for delegating and overseeing cleanup in the MC area and assigning workers for daily duties. The LOW takes attendance each morning and before any meetings to note if people are on time or late. An Intern or Staff member will meet with the L.O.W throughout the week to give instruction and encouragement. After the week is over the LOW answers a number of questions to report how the week went.

**MEDICAL POLICY:** Chronic health problems can significantly affect the student's participation in the MC. For that reason, it is helpful if the students seek healthcare locally. We ask that they make medical and dental appointments during their time off. We also ask them to schedule any major procedure during scheduled vacations. Medical Insurance is required.

**GUIDELINES FOR RELATIONSHIPS:** The MC year is one in which students give themselves wholeheartedly to seeking God. This type of commitment does not allow for the kind of time necessary for developing a dating or courting relationship. The guidelines are given to help protect their commitment to be set apart for the year, both personally and corporately.

**AGREEMENT TO RETURN TO HOME CHURCH:** Our commitment is to build the local church body. Returning MC graduates are a strength to their home church. We consider it a trust to follow through on the commitment to send them home. This is referred to often throughout the year, mentioning their pastors and the vision of their home church.

## **FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN**

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The total cost of the Master's Commission program for the year is **\$6,500.00**

This amount is due by Student Orientation night in September.

All tuition and student monthly support monies must be given or sent directly to the Master's Commission. The individuals giving the money will not receive a contribution credit due to Internal Revenue Service requirements.

### **Included in Tuition**

#### **Application Fee:**

- \$100 non-refundable application fee **to be sent in with application.**
- This fee is subtracted from the total cost if the applicant is accepted into the program

#### **Tuition:**

- All curriculum costs
- Most school supplies
- General church liability insurance
- Graduation expenses (diploma, ring, etc.)
- Summer Mission Trip
- Uniforms for Drama & Arts ministry
- **Personal Monthly Support**
  - \$100 of monthly support given to the student on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month to be used for transportation and personal needs.
  - Each student is required to have \$100.00 per month of support, which is included in their tuition cost. However, students may choose to raise, up to an additional \$100.00 per month of support, either through personal savings or outside contribution.

### **Refunds**

A partial refund may be granted should a student not complete a full year in the Master's Commission. The amount refunded during the initial two weeks is 80% of the total fees. During the third, fourth, and fifth weeks after induction, the refund decreases to 70% of the total fees. During the sixth and seventh weeks, the refund decreases to 60% of the total fees. Finally, the amount refunded will decrease to 40% of total fees during the eighth and ninth weeks. After the ninth week, if a student chooses not to complete the year, there will be no refund.

### **Housing**

Housing is provided by host families of Christ Church Kirkland at no cost to the students.

