

Redeemer City to City: City Ministry Year FAQ's

What is the CMY?

CMY is a certificate program to develop leaders seeking practical ministry training. CMY is a training course of (1) class room study, (b) peer and tutored learning cohorts, and (c) mentored ministry experience—to equip students for gospel ministry especially in urban settings.

Who are the Instructors?

Instructors are experienced urban practitioners in their ministry fields. Most will be men and women also with extensive urban ministry and life experience. Instructors include Dr. Tim Keller, CTC staff, NYC pastors, and other ministry leaders from the US and the world.

How does this compare to practical theology offered at a seminary?

CMY covers what is called “practical theology” and corresponds roughly with those courses offered in US M.Div. programs. However, CMY will provide more coverage of practical subjects as well as some—such as justice and faith-work integration—not usually covered in MDiv programs. Another difference is that *all* classes will assume an urban context for ministry. In addition, since the goal is ministry effectiveness rather than just academic knowledge, assignments will often be not traditional papers, but include field-based research, reflection on mission experience, or actual ministry products such as Bible expositions and sermons, ministry designs and plans, pastoral case studies, and so on. There will be an opportunity to write and publicly present Bible expositions for feedback.

Who should apply?

- + Students that complete the MABS from RTS NYC may apply
- + Applicants with theological/bible degrees from other institutions seeking further urban ministry practical training
- + Applicants who have not yet completed their theological/bible degree that are seeking further urban ministry practical training
- + Applicants with non-formal theological/bible education that are seeking further urban ministry practical training

What are the requirements?

- + Completed application
- + Serve in at least a 15 hour a week ministry role (paid or unpaid) that provides pastoral/ministry supervision and/or mentorship
- + Called to serve the movement of gospel ministry in NYC or a CTC targeted global city

What the enrollment options?

Students have 3 options to takes courses:

- 1) full time in one year
- 2) part time in two years
- 3) take one or more areas of concentration over 1 to 2 years

What are the areas of concentration?

- + preaching
- + mission
- + pastoral ministry
- + leadership

What are the program fees? *

\$9,800 full time in one year

\$4,900 part time per year over two years

\$2,450 per concentration area (includes one required foundation course)

Financial need-based scholarships are available. If interested in a scholarship a completed *scholarship application* is required.

* books not included in program fees

What is basic calendar?

Semesters last 12 weeks, roughly from early September to early December, and from the beginning of February to the beginning of May. There will be a 2 -four day early Fall Term starting the end of August, and several weeks in Winter Term in mid-January as well as several weeks of sessions during the May term for classes, electives and special intensives.

What is the time commitment?

The CMY can be taken in one year, two days a week. This will require 12 hrs a week of class/lecture, 4 hours a week in cohorts plus 15-18 hrs of reading and assignments (total 31-34 hrs per week). Mentored ministry time should be 15-25 hours a week if PT role and 30+ hours a week if FT ministry role

If the student has a full-time (40 hrs +) ministry position or job, then the CMY could be taken over two years, which would require weekly 6 hrs of lecture/class, 2 hrs in workshops and cohorts, and 7.5-9 hrs of reading and assignments (total 15.5- 7 hrs per week).

What is a daily schedule look like?

- 8:15 am - Morning Prayer (optional)
- 9-10 am - *Cohorts (of 4) with tutors*
Student expositions/sermons and feedback from tutor and cohort
- 10am-1pm- Morning Class time
- 1-2 pm- *Lunch with cohorts – peer and sometimes includes tutored reflection*
Case studies/reflection on ministry experience; presentation of research and projects.
Discussion of main required texts and crucial passages.
- 2-5 pm- Afternoon Class time

What are the courses of study?

These are the areas of study or concentration for the morning and afternoon lectures that include workshops, discussion, etc. from 10am-1pm; 2pm-5pm

Foundations

Church and Ministry – How Reformed ecclesiology and theology practically effects how we do ministry today. Realities of the church and ministry; perspectives, features, marks of the church and ministry; functions and objects of the church's ministry; church and models and ministry; church and culture; church and politics—local, national, global; leadership, gifts, and government of the church.

Center Church – A comprehensive treatment of how the gospel changes a person, church and community. What does it mean to be the church today, in the great global cities of the world or wherever late modern western secularity and pluralization are dominant

Urban Ministry – Biblical theology of the city; History of urbanization; Understanding cities: urban social and political systems, civic culture; Urban anthropology: ethnography, demographics; Understanding, engaging, and empowering a neighborhood; Race, gender, and power; Poverty and justice; Cross-cultural communication and ministry; Urban church models; Non-western Christianity.

Preaching

Exposition - Theology of preaching; theories of exposition; practice of exposition: exegesis, choosing themes, outlining, writing, delivery. Cross-cultural communication and preaching.

Preaching Christ – Law and gospel; redemptive-historical preaching.

Preaching to the culture – Persuasion; contextualization; understanding a culture; understanding late modern culture. Cross-cultural skills and preaching.

Preaching to the heart – Imagination; application; preaching and the Spirit

Pastoral Ministry

Pastoral Theology – Overview of pastoral ministry; theology of the heart and Christian life (reading in the *Institutes*); spiritual conditions and their diagnosis and treatment; renewing; guiding; healing. Also pastoral ethics.

Reformed Spirituality - Extensive readings in John Owen, Jonathan Edwards, John Newton, Martin Luther, and others. Topics: understanding your heart; dealing with sin; meditation and prayer. Also pastoral ethics.

Pastoral Counseling – Models of Christian counseling; relationships of psychology to theology; approaches to an array of common pastoral counseling issues. Cross-cultural skills and counseling.

Worship – Biblical theology of worship; History of Christian worship and its traditions; theology of the sacraments; relationship of worship to all other ministry; worship planning and practice.

Leadership

Catalyzing – Biblical theology of leadership; leadership and the doctrine of the church; vision-casting; entrepreneurship. Cross-cultural skills and leading.

Organizing - Understanding organizational behavior; strategic planning; designing organizations within one's Biblical framework and theological tradition; recruiting and evaluating new staff and lay leaders.

Managing – Supervising and developing individuals; managing an organization; motivation, morale, and relationships; communication.

Finance – Basic budgeting and financial management; teaching and promoting generosity and stewardship; fund-raising and development.

Mission

Evangelism and apologetics – Evangelism and apologetics with secular people; elenctics; evangelism and apologetics with non-secular people and adherents of other faiths.

Justice and Mercy – Biblical framework and practical ways to do mercy/justice ministry.

Faith and Work – Biblical framework and practical ways to do disciple people for the integration of faith and work.

How are the Morning cohorts organized?

Over the period of the year, in the morning cohorts of 4, each student will have the opportunity to turn in and deliver Bible expositions on assigned passages and themes for feedback. They will include:

1. Biblical genres:

- Old Testament narrative
- Law
- Prophets/apocalyptic
- Wisdom/Psalms
- Gospels/Acts

- Epistles

2. Biblical themes:

- Covenant
- Kingdom
- Exile
- Temple

3. Biblical text forms:

- Short statements
- Longer passages

How are the afternoon cohorts organized from 1pm-2pm?

During lunch cohort sessions will include case study discussions, ministry project interactions, as well discussion of the following topics:

- 1. Calling and the Cost of Discipleship.** Evaluating individuals' calls to the ministry. Evaluating the willingness to sacrifice and the cost of discipleship.
- 2. Prayer and meditation.** With the goal of praying through all the psalms, discuss and share the experience and the practical implications for spiritual life and growth. (Much of this is done in weekly meetings for prayer and worship together as well as set times of individual solitude, both on class days and all during the week.)
- 3. Bible.** With the goal of reading the Bible through together during the year, discuss and share the experience and the practical implications for spiritual life and growth.
- 4. Gospel change.** With a goal of identifying besetting sins, characteristic idols, deep set attitudes toward life that set you up for wrongful behavior, greatest fears and discouragements, discuss their spiritual remedies and how to drive gospel truth into the deep parts of your soul for pervasive change.

- 5. Soul curation.** Evaluate one another -
- (a) *Igniting spiritual experience:* How real has God been this week (or period) to your heart? Do you see God working in you/teaching you things that lead you to praise and thanks? In what ways is God working *through* you and your church/team in the lives of others?
 - (b) *Coaching ministry and life practices:* Are you praying regularly? Are you doing personal reading/study? Are you over-working (report number of hours, nights out)? How strong is your marital relationship? Are Is any lack of self-control (in thought, word, or deed) negatively affecting your family, church, life? Are you finding satisfaction in your work/ministry? How are you doing in parenting? What challenges are you facing with any of your children? Are you getting rest/recreation? Are you tithing on your gross income?
 - (c) *Treating other spiritual conditions:* issues of conscience, guilt, and regret; temptation (“What temptations are you facing, and how well have you faced them?”); spiritual dryness; inward conflict; disappointment, disillusionment, and discouragement; fear and anxiety; doubts; guidance and decision-making; handling sickness, grief, failures, and other forms of suffering (“What burdens need to be cast on the Lord, and how well are you doing that?”)
- 6. Pastoral wisdom.** With a goal of developing discretion, insight, practical know-how, and spiritual discernment, discuss practical pastoral situations and cases.
- 7. Life Together.** Conduct in relationships for pastors: giving and receiving criticism, affirming and challenging, bearing with difficult people, sharing weaknesses with others, handling betrayal and persecution, forgiving and helping others forgive, reconciling and helping others reconcile, making themselves accountable and holding others accountable.
- 8. Witness.** Effective witness to others is based largely on an open heart, home, and life toward all, the ability to form real friendships with those who do not believe, and wisdom about effective urban community involvement. Is the city part of the warp and woof of your life? Are you building relationships with neighbors and learning about how to promote the local “common good” as a citizen?

What is the schedule for 2017-2018?

Early Fall Term

Center Church: August 28 - August 31, 2017

A comprehensive treatment of how the gospel changes a person, church and community

Instructors: Timothy Keller, Mark Reynolds, and CTC staff

Day 1 Monday, 9am to 4pm with daily lunch break from noon to 1pm

Day 2 Tuesday, 9am to 4pm

Day 3 Wednesday, 9am to 4pm

Day 4 Thursday, 9am to 4pm

Church and Ministry: Sept 5-8, 2017

How Reformed ecclesiology and theology practically effects how we do ministry today

Instructors: Timothy Keller, Charlie Drew and Mark Reynolds

Day 1 Tuesday, 9am to 4pm with daily lunch break from noon to 1pm

Day 2 Wednesday, 9am to 4pm

Day 3 Thursday, 9am to 4pm

Day 4 Friday, 9am to 4pm

Semester 1, Fall 2017

Tuesdays

Week 1 : Sept 12	Preaching: Exposition - Timothy Keller
Week 2 : Sept 19	Preaching: Exposition - Timothy Keller
Week 3 : Sept 26	Pastoring: Pastoral Theology – Timothy Keller
Week 4 : Oct 3	Pastoring: Pastoral Theology – Timothy Keller
Week 5 : Oct 10	Preaching Christ – Charlie Drew
Week 6 : Oct 17	Preaching to the Heart - Sam Allberry
Week 7 : Oct 24	Preaching to the Heart - Sam Allberry
Week 8 : Oct 31	Pastoring: Pastoral Theology – Timothy Keller
Week 9 : Nov 7	Pastoring: Pastoral Theology – Timothy Keller
Week 10 : Nov 14	Preaching Christ – Charlie Drew
Week 11 : Nov 28	Preaching Christ – Timothy Keller
Week 12 : Dec 5	Preaching to the Culture - Timothy Keller

Wednesdays

Mission: Faith and Work - David Kim
Mission: Justice and Mercy - Robert Guerrero et al
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January Term, 2018

Urban Ministry: Biblical theology of the city; history of urbanization; understanding cities: urban social and political systems, civic culture; urban anthropology.

Tuesdays

Week 1: Jan 9 Urban Ministry – Mark Gornik and Maria Liu Wong
Week 2: Jan 16 Urban Ministry – Mark Gornik and Maria Liu Wong
Week 3: Jan 23 Urban Ministry – Mark Gornik and Maria Liu Wong
Week 4: Jan 30 Urban Ministry – Mark Gornik and Maria Liu Wong

Saturdays

Urban Ministry – Mark Gornik and Maria Liu Wong
 Urban Ministry – Mark Gornik and Maria Liu Wong

Semester 2, Spring 2018

Tuesdays

Week 1: Feb 6 Preaching to the Culture - Timothy Keller
Week 2: Feb 13 Preaching to the Culture - Timothy Keller
Week 3: Feb 20 Pastoring: Counseling
Week 4: Feb 27 Pastoring: Counseling
Week 5: Mar 6 Pastoring: Counseling
Week 6: Mar 13 Pastoring: Counseling
Week 7: Mar 20 Preaching: Exposition - Vaughn Roberts
Week 8: Mar 27 Preaching: Exposition - Vaughn Roberts
Week 9: Apr 3 Preaching to the Heart - Timothy Keller
Week 10: Apr 10 Preaching to the Heart - Timothy Keller
Week 11: Apr 17 Pastoring: Worship
Week 12: Apr 24 Pastoring: Worship

Wednesdays

Leadership : Introduction / Catalyzing
 Leadership : Catalyzing
 Leadership : Catalyzing
 Leadership : Catalyzing
 Leadership : Organizing
 Leadership : Organizing
 Leadership : Organizing
 Leadership : Finance
 Leadership : Finance
 Leadership : Managing
 Leadership : Managing
 Leadership : Managing

May Term, 2018

Tuesdays

Week 1: May 8 Pastoring: Reformed Spirituality – Timothy Keller
Week 2: May 15 Pastoring: Reformed Spirituality – Timothy Keller
Week 3: May 22 Pastoring: Reformed Spirituality – Timothy Keller
Week 4: May 29 Denominational polity

Wednesdays

Engaging Late Mod Culture
 Engaging Late Mod Culture
 Pastoring: Reformed Spirituality – TK
 Denominational polity

Saturdays

Engaging Late Mod Culture
 Engaging Late Mod Culture

If taken over two years, Center Church course and Urban Ministry course required in the first year

If an area of concentration is taken, the following foundation course is required:

- Preaching concentration requires Center Church course
- Mission concentration requires Urban Ministry course
- Pastoral ministry concentration requires Church and Ministry Course

If take the mission, pastoral ministry or leadership concentration only, then the 9-10am morning cohort session is optional

ELECTIVES:

Engaging Late Modern Culture: An analysis of western culture and a look at ways of responding to it - a recommended elective for students that did not graduate from RTS NYC.

Church Polity: Overview of church polity for students seeking ordination in the PCA *and/or* other confessional denominations

Who are the instructors?

Timothy Keller – Founding pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church and Co-Founder of Redeemer City to City

Robert Guerrero – Church Planting Catalyst for NYC, pastor of Trinity Grace Church in Washington Heights.

David Kim – Executive Director for Center for Faith & Work / Pastor of Faith & Work

Mark Gornik – Director, City Seminary of New York

Maria Liu Wong- Dean, City Seminary of New York

Vaughn Roberts - Rector of St Ebbe's Church, Oxford.

Mark Reynolds – VP of Leadership Programs and Operations at CTC

Sam Allberry - pastor and writer based in Maidenhead, UK and a global speaker for Ravi Zacharias International Ministries

More instructors will be scheduled for the Spring semester