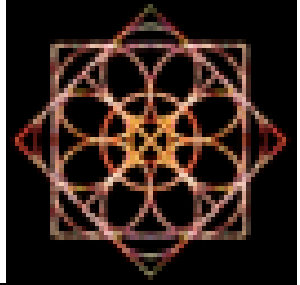


# Ministerial Apprenticeship

*Through The New Dream Foundation*



*"It is clear that "to serve God" is equivalent to serving every living thing." -Albert Einstein*

## Introduction to Ministerial Apprenticeship

This apprenticeship program has been designed to support individuals called to greater spiritual leadership and ministry in her or his community (as he or she defines their community). Each spiritual leadership apprenticeship is created with the apprentice in order to ensure the training meets their specific needs as a spiritual leader. If you choose, through this apprenticeship you can prepare for ordination through the New Dream Foundation.

The apprentice submits their training proposal to an advisory council, selected by the apprentice. The council makes appropriate suggestions, until together the apprentice and council agree upon a plan of action.

## The Program

Design Your Program — You are the designer of your apprenticeship. You can choose to take classes concurrently as you prepare for a quest or fulfill other aspects of your apprenticeship. You can choose to take classes outside the scope of what is offered through New Dream and you can apprentice with anyone you feel is qualified to mentor you in your area of interest. This will depend entirely on where and how you place your emphasis in your training program.

*Previous experience will be considered. Many of these requirements can be completed in combination. Special requirements may be considered appropriate for specific types of ministerial service. (For example someone who wishes to lead vision or song quests may be*

*asked to complete more than one quest for themselves.) These are highly recommended elements of the program you design:*

- Selection of classes offered through or outside of the New Dream Foundation that you believe will best prepare you for your ministry
- Apprenticeship – 1 year with a mentor, chosen by the apprentice and approved by the advisory board
- Service Project – created by student (oversight by the advisory board and possibly a mentor)
- Sacred Site visitation – site selected and reporting or application of learning determined by student
- Quest—for a sacred vision or song, Ayawaska ceremony, 24 hour sweat lodge, firewalk, or burial for example
- Participate in a week-long ceremony, meditation, or pilgrimage (can be your quest)
- Spiritual Counseling Project – created by student with a chosen mentor includes guidance and practice in counseling a member of your community; as well as a one-year minimum of personal spiritual counseling for the ministerial training student.
- Application for ministerial certification for Ordination through the New Dream Foundation or any other church of the apprentice's choosing.
- Ordination Ceremony

### **Your Apprenticeship Advisory Council**

Includes the Head of the Spiritual Leadership Training Program and two individuals chosen by the apprentice, who have significant experience in spiritual leadership. The Advisory Council will meet with the apprentice quarterly in person or by phone for progress reports from the apprentice. The council may at that time offer suggestions and guidance to the apprentice. When the apprentice has completed her/his goals with the approval of the Advisory Council, the apprentice will be ready for Ordination.

At no time can the council approve or deny ordination, the council can only approve that the apprentice has met his or her intended training goals, and recommend to the apprentice whether they believe he or she is ready for ministerial service.

## Investment in Your Journey

It is recommended the apprentice make appropriate contributions in relationship to the services requested of the advisory board and appropriate mentors. Since this will vary with each apprenticeship, there is no set fee. However, some guidelines can be considered.

Preparation for a Quest – The intercessor/mentor should be given a donation commensurate with what most intercessors are receiving today, or in compliance with the intercessors donation guidelines.

Apprenticeship Counselor, Service Project Mentor, Spiritual Counselor – These individuals or this individual should be given monetary compensation commensurate with her/his usual hourly rate, or a pre-negotiated hourly rate, or service in exchange for their services.

Advisory Council – Each advisory council member should be given monetary compensation commensurate with her/his usual hourly rate, or a pre-negotiated hourly rate, or service in exchange for his or her time and input as a member of your council.

Volunteer Work Trades — You may find some mentors or counselors would prefer to receive services from you in lieu of monetary compensation. For example, if your spiritual counselor runs a non-profit organization and you are doing a service project for the organization, your volunteer time and effort may count as payment.

**It is our goal to make the program as accessible as possible for anyone called to be a Minister.** There are work-study trades available and the Foundation is currently working on a scholarship fund. We have people with limited income making completing the program, so if this is your calling, we'll work with you to make it happen.

You can complete the program in just over two years; however most expect to spend 4-6 years in training depending upon the scope of their ministry, time and funds available.

The cost of completing this program is very much dependent upon the apprentice's:

- Direction and specific goals as a minister in the development of their apprenticeship program with their council

- Decision about attending SpiritQuests or even questing themselves
- Interest in becoming a minister of the Women's Water Ceremonies

We recommend you contact us for more specific investment estimates.

*To acquire more information and express your interest in the Ministerial Training Program, contact us at:*

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