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**The Mission and Purpose of Messenger College**

To educate and train leaders to effectively and efficiently change their world.

***Four Foundational Planks:***

The rationale for the mission statement of Messenger College originates out of four foundational needs Messenger College senses it must address.

* We must strive to compassionately understand the substructures and underpinnings of our contemporary society.
* We must make an authentic expression (communication) of the Gospel/Truth. Truth, genuinely stated and authentically expressed, will save the present generation, ensuring the future.
* We must find an effective way to confront our contemporary society with the rational content and authentic personal expression of ultimate and objective truth (God’s Word-the Gospel).
* We must develop ministers, spiritual leaders, preachers, and communicators of character and integrity, who are prepared, able, and willing to rise to this contemporary occasion and meet the above challenge.

***Understanding the Four Foundational Planks:***

The four foundational planks are understood and interpreted in terms of Mission, Method, Message and Messenger.

* The first plank speaks to Mission. Mission has to do with the process of education. It is the process of education, which enables one to understand life universally, and to discover one’s purpose. Mission and education have to do with the body of foundational knowledge that is necessary to fulfill one’s calling in life. This relates to the academic side of the process of education and training.
* The second plank speaks to Method. This plank has to do with the process of training. It is the process of training that enables one to understand and acquire a skill to accomplish the mission (call). This includes several varied, but inter-related skills and disciplines and relates to the practical side of the process of education and training.
* The third plank speaks to Message. This plank has to do with effectiveness. Effectiveness is doing the right thing in order to accomplish the mission. Therefore, this plank has to do with the nature and concept of truth (God’s Word the Gospel). Knowing and doing the right thing, as opposed to an expedient thing, is a quality of leadership.
* The fourth plank speaks to the Messenger (the person). This plank has to do with efficiency. Efficiency is doing the right thing in the right way. It has to do with whom and what the messenger is relative to issues of character, integrity, and authentic spiritual formation. Doing things in the right way, as opposed to an expedient way, is a quality of management.

*Out of the above rationale emerges the mission statement of Messenger College:*

Messenger College is committed to educating ministers and community leaders who will be:

* Academically equipped with the essential knowledge,
* Well-versed in the prerequisite skills,
* Experienced in the fundamental practicalities necessary to authoritatively and effectively respond to the need of the church and the world in which we live.