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## UCCD Internship Program: Training Up Pastors and Church Leaders in the 10/40 Window

*By John Folmar, Senior Pastor.*

UCCD has launched its Pastoral Internship Program with the goal of training and equipping ministers to serve more fruitfully in local churches in this part of the world (the 10/40 window—see related article within). For 9 months they will be with us—observing, studying and serving in various ways. Here are some reasons why we are investing in these men.

1. The church is the appointed means for ***advancing the kingdom of God***. Jesus said, “I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” It is not seminaries or synods, but the church that possesses “the keys to the kingdom” (Matt. 16:18-19). As such, we are called to look for ways to advance the cause of the Christ wherever we can.

2. The church is ***called to equip others***. The internship is aimed to “make disciples of all nations,” as Jesus commanded (Matt. 28:19). Paul instructed Timothy, “the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others” (2 Tim. 2:2). This is what the internship is all about.

3. Our location in Dubai—the hub of Southwest Asia—means that we have ***unique opportunities to serve strategic churches*** and ministries throughout the region. Historically, UCCD has enjoyed natural connections with friends throughout the Middle East, extending over the Gulf into India and neighboring countries. To equip pastors and send them into these regions is a priceless opportunity.

4. The 10/40 window is that part of the world between Morocco in the west and Indonesia in the east which has proven most resistant to the good news of Jesus Christ. There is a ***strategic priority for building churches in these regions*** because Jesus said, “This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come” (Matt 24:14). Since UCCD is situated in the very middle of this deprived geographic window, we have a particular stewardship for this, the greatest cause.

5. Since UCCD is one of the largest evangelical churches in the Middle East, we have the ***resources and the responsibility to be a blessing*** to other bodies of believers throughout the region. “From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded” (Luke 12:48).

6. Partnering with other pastors and churches in the region will ***strengthen us as a church***. A pastoral training environment will be beneficial as we grow and seek to plant churches in Dubai and neighboring emirates. It should also remind us that we are part of a global movement - something greater than ourselves.

### **What Will the Interns Do?**

Our goal is to unveil a biblical model for doing ministry as these men are exposed to the inner workings of our church. In the process we desire to equip leaders for more fruitful ministry

in the future. The interns will:

1. ***Observe***. For better or for worse, much of pastoral training consists of watching how others carry out ministry. The interns will attend staff meetings, elders’ meetings, all public services of the church, staff reading and prayer times, weddings, wedding rehearsals, funerals (if any), weekly service reviews, intern accountability and supervision times, U.A.E. Council of Evangelical Church meetings, and any spontaneous meetings that occur during the week.

2. ***Study and Practice***. Much of the interns’ time will be spent reading subjects like systematic and biblical theology, pastoral leadership, spiritual formation and the church. Reflection papers will be written and critically discussed among staff and elders. Interns will listen to and compare sermons by different preachers, develop sermon outlines of their own, and receive practical training in preaching and teaching.

3. ***Engage***. Not all of the interns’ training will be theoretical. They will attend Care Life Groups, help out with general office administration, and schedule lunches with elders, leaders and other church members. These times provide the interns with an opportunity to learn about various aspects of the church’s history and life.

### **What Can You Do?**

Please get to know these interns. Invite

them into your homes. Take them to lunch. Pray for them especially. Share your experiences and insight with them.

We desire, by God's grace, to expose them to a healthy church so that over time other healthy churches will be established in our part of the world. Only through your prayer and support will this goal be achieved.

*"You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God."*

—3 John v. 6.

*"We ought therefore to show hospitality to such men so that we may work together for the truth."*

—3 John v. 8.

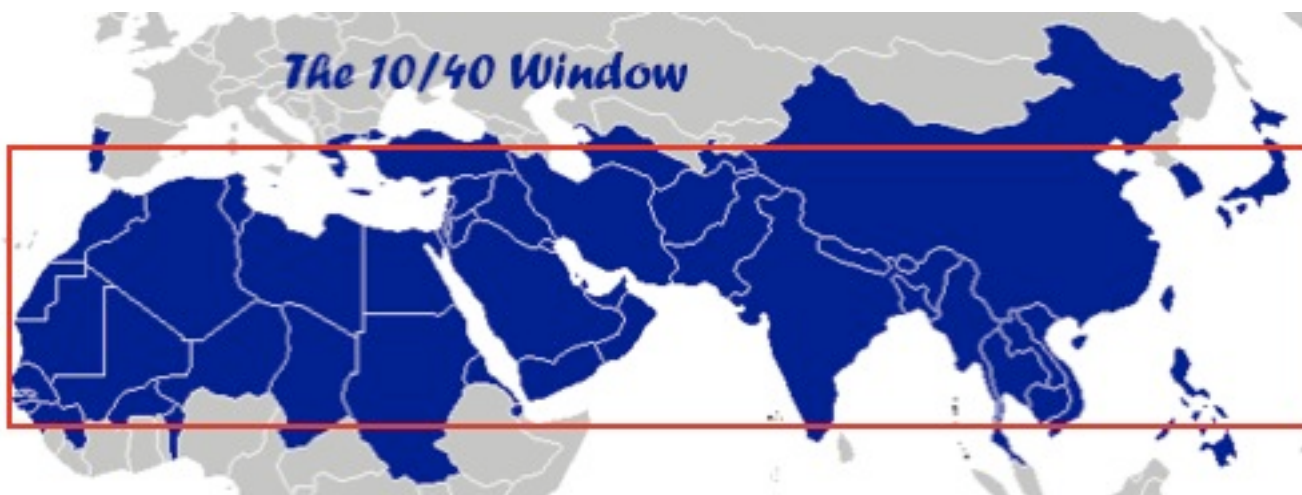
## What is the 10/40 Window?

### The 10/40 Window: What is it?

The 10/40 Window is the rectangular area of North Africa, the Middle East and Asia between 10 degrees north and 40 degrees north latitudes. Major world religions in part of the world include Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism. An estimated 4.08 billion individuals residing in approximately 7,030 distinct people groups are in the 10/40 Window. The 10/40 Window is home to some of the largest people groups in the world who have never

heard of the possibility to have a right relationship with God and forgiveness of sin through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ upon turning to Him for salvation in repentance and faith.

While the 10/40 Window constitutes only one-third of earth's total land area, nearly two-thirds of the world's people reside there. Countries comprising the 10/40 Window have at least 50% of their land mass within 10 and 40 degrees north latitude.



# Raising Up Pastors is the Church's Work

*An Interview with Pastor Mark Dever.*

**9Marks: Why do you think raising up the next generation of pastors is the local church's responsibility?**

**Mark Dever:** To begin with, we see this in Scripture. In the book of Acts, Paul and Barnabas were sent out by the local church. Paul tells Timothy, the pastor at Ephesus, to entrust gospel truths to other faithful men who will teach others (2 Tim. 2:2). Jesus gives the church the keys of the kingdom, and he promises that the church will prevail (Matt. 16:18-20). At no point does he make the church's victory contingent upon financially viable and doctrinally faithful seminaries (and I hope they are viable and faithful!). I'm not opposed to seminaries, although they are unknown among Protestants before the eighteenth or nineteenth century. I'm simply saying that in the Bible, the local church—a community where people are known, their conversion is testified to, and their gifts are witnessed—is the appropriate place to make that kind of heavy statement about God's gifting and calling in somebody's life. Raising up leaders is part of the church's commission.



**9M: What resources does a local church have that a seminary doesn't have for the purposes of equipping ministers?**

**Dever:** A 360-degree view of somebody's life. Friendships. Multiple people who relate to a person differently, as opposed to being one of 62 people in a class for a professor to know. The local church has been the place where God has committed the clarity of his Gospel, both in the preaching and those who are admitted to the Lord's Supper and removed from it. Schools have no such ability and no such commission. Also, you have in the local church a whole series of lives that affect the person in question. So he's seen the examples—as it says in Hebrews 13:7—of the elders or leaders. He's been able to consider them and they him. So there's a natural life-on-life experience of learning.

**9M: Are a pastor and a church being irresponsible by not taking measures for equipping future pastors?**

**Dever:** Well, my basic answer is "Yes." I want to be gracious and realize that there are some churches that are too

small or are not equipped. But basically, yes, you should realize that raising up future ministers is an opportunity the Lord has set before you; and you should aspire and pray toward this work.

**9M: When you talk about the importance of a church having a 360 degree view of person's life, you are relying on a certain philosophy of ministry. What assumptions are you making about how ministry and Christian growth work? Why not just train me in Greek and homiletics and put me behind a pulpit, like a seminary can do?**

**Dever:** That's a great question. I'm assuming that ministry is more than simple proclamation. Simple proclamation is essential to ministry—it's a non-negotiable. But then that proclamation takes place in the context of a community of people who know each other. They're geographically in the same place; they assemble regularly together; and, as a consequence, they know each other.

There seems to be the presumption in the New Testament of pastoral authority accompanying pastoral relationships, as in Hebrews 13, where the members are told to consider the lives of the leaders (in verse 7) before they are told to obey those leaders (in verse 17).

The importance of knowing one another also fits with what we hear the

Lord say in John 13 about our witness: that the world will know we are his disciples by the love we have for one another. I in no way want to denigrate the centrality of preaching the word. But if we just preach the Word without having this relational web context for ministry, which is the local church, then we don't know how to do membership, how to do discipline, how to disciple; we're not going to be a very good witness either (or if we are, it's accidental).

The fruits of the Spirit that Paul talks about in Galatians are virtues expressed to other people. There's a relational context in the reality of the church which is absolutely perfect for identifying who is gifted to be a minister, for challenging such individuals, and for raising them up. So, if I can be personal for a minute, listening to you teach a Sunday School class taught me some things about your ability to be a pastor. Watching you disciple other people, watching you inconvenience yourself, watching you take your Bible study to Helen's room when she was recovering from her stroke - that lets me know more things about you and commends you to me as a pastor in a way I would never know if you were merely a student in a class I was teaching.

\*Article taken from the 9 Marks E-Journal

## Our New Logo: The Ghaf Tree

*by member and designer John Ayliffe*

1) The Ghaf tree (also called the umbrella tree) is native to the region, and is widely considered to be the national tree of the UAE. It is much loved by the local population, especially those of Bedouin descent. This represents UCCD's status as a locally-grown organism, with a strong and inseparable connection to its geographic base - the UAE.

2) The Ghaf tree is known for its tenacity in adverse conditions, and its ability to flourish in environments when other desert plants fail. This symbolizes UCCD's health in an environment where (in human terms) churches would not normally be flourishing.



3) The Ghaf tree is biologically famous for its extraordinary root system, which can go down as far as 30 metres (90 ft) to reach the underground water sources. This suggests our deep roots in the region. It represents our commitment to a deep digging into Scripture for spiritual nutrition and sustenance.

4) The Ghaf tree's method of reproduction is also unusual - instead of relying on seed dispersion, surface roots feed out from the tree, and then disconnect and form new trees in the area. This reminds us of UCCD's commitment to (and method of) future church planting in the region.



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**NEW**  
**FRIDAY FOUNDATIONS**  
**BEGINS TODAY**

9:30-10:20 am

Classes offered:

1. **Membership Class** (Sept 4- Oct 2). Led by: Various elders and staff.
  
2. **God's Big Picture: Tracing the Storyline of the Bible** (Sept 4- Nov 6). Led by: Ken Harman & Dave Furman.
  
3. **How People Change** (Sept 4- Nov 20). Led by Jeremy Yong, Richard Ngwisha, and Theo Aryee

**INTERESTED IN**  
**JOINING OR LEARNING**  
**MORE ABOUT**  
**UCCD?**

Come to Membership Class (Sept 4- Oct 2)! Membership Class will give you a good idea about who we are as a church and what we believe.

When: 9:30-10:20 am

Where: Near UCCD Church offices. Look for the signs.



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**September Calendar**

**Sept 3, 2009**

7:00 pm Thursday Bible Study on Galatians

8:00 pm Surge Mission Report

**Sept 4, 2009**

8:00 & 10:30 UCCD church gathering

9:30-10:30 Friday Foundations

6:00 pm First Friday Prayer & Praise

**Sept 10, 2009**

7:00 pm Thursday Bible Study on Galatians.

7:00 pm Oasis Youth Ministry

**Sept 11, 2009**

8:00 & 10:30 UCCD church gathering

9:30-10:30 Friday Foundations

**Sept 16, 2009**

7:30 Young Adults Ministry

**Sept 17, 2009**

7:00 pm Thursday Bible Study on Galatians

7:00 pm Oasis Youth Ministry

**Sept 18, 2009**

8:00 & 10:30 UCCD church gathering

9:30-10:30 Friday Foundations

**Sept 24, 2009**

7:00 pm Thursday Bible Study on Galatians

7:00 pm Oasis Youth Ministry

**Sept 25, 2009**

8:00 & 10:30 UCCD church gathering

9:30-10:30 Friday Foundations