

## TEEN CHALLENGE MINISTRY INSTITUTE

**“Where becoming the temple is more important than building a temple”**

The Teen Challenge Ministry Institute concept was developed by David Wilkerson at Tyler, Texas, where the Twin Oaks Leadership Academy trained hundreds of young men and women for Teen Challenge type ministries. When that school closed in 1980, David Wilkerson and his staff approved the creation of the Teen Challenge Ministry Institute to succeed the Twin Oaks Leadership Academy.

TCMI is located in Southeastern Los Angeles County. We have purchased a new campus in 2004 and no longer have to rent space from a church which we did for 18 years. The community is multi-ethnic, with a Hispanic predominance. These factors provide for excellent ministry opportunities for the students.

The women students are housed in apartments owned by TCMI which one apartment building is a few blocks from the main campus and the men are housed on the campus.

Because of our relationship with the overall Teen Challenge ministry, TCMI students are able to get insight into many areas of effective ministry.

It is also an advantage that the streets of Hollywood and of the Los Angeles inner-city are very close by.

TCMI graduates are now ministering in Teen Challenge centers and many other ministries throughout the United States and also in some foreign countries. Some ministries have even required all of their potential staff members to successfully complete TCMI as a prerequisite for employment.

At TCMI, our emphasis is on *Character Development* and *Ministry Preparation*.

*Character*, because we understand that this is the first and foremost component in the life of anyone desiring to minister the Gospel.

*Ministry*, with an emphasis on touching humanity at its need.

Would you invest one full action-packed year of your life in order to become an effective worker, an informed believer, and an established disciple of Christ?

If you have the *time, the dedication, and the leading of God*, TCMI will provide:

- The place: meals, lodging, and group transportation
- The curriculum and faculty
- The means for you to earn the money to cover tuition, meals and lodging while you are training

## **TCMI CURRICULUM**

- **Biblical Studies** - Teaches you what God wants you to know.
- **Practical Skill** - Training you to do the things God wants you to do.
- **Personal Development** - Helping you to become the disciplined person God wants you to be.

### *Partial List of Courses*

#### To Know:

Acts of the Holy Spirit, Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine, Introduction to Hermeneutics, Synoptic Gospels, and Prison Epistles

#### To Do:

Biblical Counseling, Crisis Counseling, Evangelism, Certification for Teaching and the National Teen Challenge Curriculum, Homiletics.

#### To Be:

Personal Spiritual Development, Leadership Development, Christian Family, Staff Relationships, Residential Discipleship, Biblical Principles.

### *TCMI will teach you to:*

- 1) be a leader
- 2) raise and manage money for the ministry
- 3) counsel others
- 4) communicate the Gospel through various means
- 5) develop inter-personal relationships
- 6) know God's Word and sound doctrine

Here at Teen Challenge Ministry Institute we are convinced that some of the greatest works of God are yet to be born, and are being conceived in the hearts of many of our committed students.

## **TCMI Faculty**

The faculty of TCMI represent over 40 years of front-line Christian ministry. They are highly experienced and dedicated teachers, advisers, and pastors with a calling upon their lives to help train others for a life of ministry for our Lord.

## **ENDORSEMENTS**

### **Dr. George O. Wood**

Former Assistant Superintendent

Southern California District Council of the Assemblies of God

“Jesus told us two things about the longing of the human heart for God. First, there is a vast throng of people who want to know Him (‘The harvest is plentiful’). Second, ‘The workers are few’. TCMI is all about answering the prayer request of Jesus for an increase in the number of workers (Matthew 9:35-38)! If you feel the Lord is tugging at your heart your life in reaching others for Him, then I encourage you to come to TCMI!”

### **Charles Snow, ED.D.**

Executive

"I deeply appreciate the fact that God has given the Teen Challenge Ministry Institute a vision for training urban missionaries. Having served seven years as Director of Training for David Wilkerson Crusades, I am well aware of the need for competent and committed workers in the inner-city. It is an honor to have a part in the initiation and ongoing development of Teen Challenge Ministry Institute."