

Missions track

Vision and Content

CFC residencies are led by experienced ministry practitioners who embody the CFC core values of loving shepherd leadership, gospel-centered theology and multiplication-minded vision. Residencies run from September-May with a holiday break and include practical ministry experience, group discussion, teaching, applicable reading and assignments.

The residency provides practical evangelism tools, covers contextualization of the gospel in a Muslim context, a brief history of missions and a focus on Paul's missionary methods in Scripture.

Part of the second semester of the residency is a planning assignment where every resident prayerfully considers next steps after the residency. The residency helps every participant better live as a missionary in their current context. The residency could also lead to multiple additional outcomes: pursuing life on the mission field domestically or internationally, leading a missions ministry in your local church, leading a refugee or immigrant ministry in your local context, etc.

Schedule

The missions residency meets from 4:30-6 p.m. every Thursday.

Reading

The reading list is updated each year and includes a mix of theological and practical selections. Past books have included *Missionary Methods: St. Paul's or Ours?* by Allen Roland, *Mountain Rain* by Eileen Fraser Crossman, *Let the Nations be Glad* by John Piper and *Paul's Missionary Methods: In His Time and Ours* edited by Robert Plummer and John Mark Terry.

Assignments

Assignments range from reporting back on part or all of a book, preparing a sermon to preach, position papers and developing and executing a ministry strategy plan. Assignments adjust from year to year based on what best fits the situation of the residents.

Practical ministry experience

The experience of doing life in the culture of a CFC church alongside the residency is invaluable. As such, we encourage every resident to pursue membership and meaningful participation in a CFC church working in conjunction with that church's leaders.