

A word from an ET residency . . .

As a resident with ET I see God leading me, and our church plant, into a unique model of engaging people, and a culture, that is increasingly far from the church and the Christian Faith. I am being equipped with research and response tools, in concert with personally tailored coaching, to touch the image of God in the non-Christian and engage in "spiritual" conversations that get beneath the surface of programmed responses. I have seen new trajectories emerge in these relationships as we truly hear what people believe, build avenues in which the gospel is presented with space for reflection and give clear steps for follow up. As a church we are learning to navigate the blurry world of evangelism and discipleship where we as a church pastor non-Christians, trusting God to bring new birth through his word and Spirit.



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How did ET get its start?

Allan Dayhoff developed the seminar, Evangelize Today, after completing his dissertation for his Doctor of Ministries at Covenant Theological Seminary. His thesis, "Confrontational monologue vs. relational dialogue as it relates to evangelism," explored the different methods for evangelism within the Christian church. The findings in his paper birthed an evangelism program called "Decision to Disciple," which later became "Evangelize Today." A number of seminars and training sessions have been held over these past 15 years, helping to breathe new life into the great commission as stated in Matthew 28. Dr. Dayhoff has served as the church-planting pastor of Grace Fellowship Church in Chantilly, VA since 1990 and author of the book, Church in a Blues Bar: Listening to Hear.



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Evangelism Residency Program



*Equipping Followers of
Christ to Share their Faith
with Gracious &
Winsome Language*

Our Values

The Residency program challenges each participant in the following ways:

- Shifting from Listening to “Reply” to Listening to “Hear.”
- Guarding the dignity of the speaker and the receiver.
- Progress not Perfection.
- Asking the question, “is church growth largely the result of church transfers?”
- Meeting the Resident where “they are” not where we *think* “they should be.”
- Research/ Introspection approach to sharing the Gospel.
- Prayer by name for growth & breakthroughs in sharing faith.

The Details

Each Residency includes:

- Working through seven self-discovery projects
- Developing a “severe researcher” orientation
- Participating in cohort of fellow Residents
- Up-front time commitments
- Phone coaching & goal setting

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The Residency Program

Part-Time Resident: Designed for church-planters, pastors, missionaries, church staff members, and others who are currently in vocational ministry. Goal is up to 50 evangelism case studies. Weekly time commitment of 3-5 hours. Timeframe of 9-12 months. Coaching appointments by phone: 2 x 55 minutes per month.

Full-Time Resident: Designed for church planters before first service, outreach staff training, missionary training, and other full-time ministry staff. Goal is 200+ evangelism case studies. Create an “outpost ministry” (becoming part of a non-Christian community) after 18 months of training. Weekly time commitment of 30+ hours. Timeframe of 9-18 months. Coaching appointments weekly for 55 minutes.

ET Special Focus: Youth Residency. Designed for the church staff/pastor for youth or singles. Goal is to take their high school students/young adults through a three-month research project, interviewing non-Christians. Following the collection of data, the resident will organize a church event to present research findings to the larger congregation. Timeframe of 9-12 months. (Can be Part-time or Full-time. See above for specifics)

ET Special Focus: Evangelism Sabbatical: Designed to immerse the minister in a non-Christian environment for research, reflection and self-renewal. Timeframe of 3-18 months. After being immersed in the non-Christian community, ET has learned that pastors often re-hears their call to ministry, gains new knowledge about the post-Christian age, and discovers new ideas about evangelism for their church or organization. (Can be Part-time or Full-time. See above for specifics)

Student Resident: Designed for the seminary student. Goal is up to 50 evangelism case studies. Weekly time commitment varies with each resident (5-30 hours per week is recommended). Timeframe of 8 weeks can be in summer or during the school year. Coaching appointments weekly for 30 minutes. (For specific details, refer to the “Student Residency” brochure.)

We are excited about the ET ministry and the unique individuals and networks that are teaming with us. Both learning from and harnessing the passions of those called into an ET Evangelism Residency is our mission.



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