

Our Curriculum

Discipleship Formation Diploma

The George Liele Leadership Institute offers an Associates Diploma and a Diploma. The Associates Diploma will be awarded upon the completion of 7 satisfactorily finished courses (minimal of 5 required courses) and the Diploma will be awarded upon the completion of 15 satisfactorily finished courses (12 required courses and 3 elective courses). Each course satisfactorily completed earns 2 credit hours. Each class requires a 10-week commitment. All classes are on-line (virtual) with a live instructor.

Required Courses

<i>Master Life I (*)</i>	<i>Basic Bible Doctrine I</i>
<i>Master Life II (*)</i>	<i>Basic Bible Doctrine II</i>
<i>Old Testament Survey I</i>	<i>Evangelism and Discipleship 101</i>
<i>Old Testament Survey II</i>	<i>How to Read and Study the Bible</i>
<i>New Testament Survey I</i>	<i>Foundations of Christian Leadership</i>
<i>New Testament Survey II</i>	<i>Prayer and Spiritual Warfare</i>

Elective Courses

<i>The Book of Romans I</i>	<i>Church Planting 101</i>
<i>The Book of Romans II</i>	<i>Children's Ministry Training</i>
<i>Introduction to Missions</i>	<i>Financial Stewardship (WS)</i>
<i>The Book of Revelation</i>	<i>Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts (WS)</i>
<i>The Gospel of John</i>	<i>Personal Evangelism (WS)</i>
<i>Teaching Techniques</i>	<i>Digital Media Training (WS)</i>

Key

(WS) = One Day Workshop

(*)=12 week course-Book Required

Winter Session 2026

Beginning January 5, 2026

Old Testament Survey II (Monday)

Instructor: Pastor Keifer Bent

This course is a survey of 14 books of the Old Testament (I Samuel —Song of Solomon). The student will learn the central theme, general contents, purpose, and historical settings of each book as it is examined and applied to contemporary life.

Basic Bible Doctrines I (Monday)

Instructor: Pastor Victor Kirk

This course will examine 5 basic doctrines of the bible (Bibliology, Theology, Christology, Pneumatology and Angelology) The student will gain a solid foundation in the essential truths of the Christian faith. They will learn who God is and how He reveals Himself, understand the person and work of Jesus Christ, grasp the purpose and power of the Holy Spirit and explore the nature and authority of Scripture.

Master Life I (Tuesday)

Instructor: Anthony and Barbara Conway

Master Life is a sequential, developmental, discipling process to help Christian's master life by developing personal, lifelong, obedient relationships with Jesus Christ. It's a developmental process. You'll develop Christian character and form spiritual habits along the way.

New Testament Survey II (Tuesday)

Instructor: Pastor Vernon Lattimore

This course is a survey of Romans to Revelation. The student will learn book by book the central theme, general content, purpose, historical settings and expansion of the early church, and the apostolic writings that shaped Christian doctrine and practices of the church.

COST

Early Registration, \$149

After December 22, \$199

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Courses for Spring Session 2026

Master Life II

Old Testament III

The Book Of Revelation

Basic Bible Doctrine II

Courses are offered three times a year:

Fall Session:

September 15-November 17

Winter Session:

January 5-March 16 (Master Life ends on March 30)

Spring Session:

April 13-June 22



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more about
registration!**

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Our Institute

The George Liele Leadership Institute (G.L.L.I.) was established to continue the legacy of George Liele, one of America's first missionaries and the first African American missionary for the SBC. He is a significant figure in the history of Christian missions. Even though William Carey may be called the father of the modern missionary movement, George Liele left America and planted the Gospel in Jamaica a full 10 years before Carey left England in 1793.

George Liele became a Christian in 1773, at the age of 23, and was baptized by his white pastor, Matthew Moore. Sometime after Liele's conversion, his owner, Henry Sharp, who was a Baptist deacon, gave Liele his freedom so he could pursue God's call to preach the Gospel. Liele preached for two years in the slave quarters on plantations surrounding Savannah and into South Carolina. Because of his faithfulness and powerful preaching of the Word of God, many surrendered their lives to Jesus Christ. George Liele was ordained on May 20, 1775, becoming the first ordained African American Baptist preacher in America. After his ordination, he planted the first African American Baptist Church in North America, a church still in existence today. In 1778, Henry Sharp, Liele's former owner, was killed in the Revolutionary War. After his death, Sharp's heirs took steps to re-enslave Liele. As a result of their actions, Liele was thrown in jail. Eventually, he was able to produce proper documentation concerning his freedom and was released.

Soon after Liele's release, Moses Kirkland, a colonel of the British Army, befriended him and helped him leave the country. Kirkland helped pay for Liele's trip to Jamaica, and after two years, Liele paid this debt and obtained a certificate of freedom for himself and his family. In 1782, George, his wife, Hannah, and their four children left Savannah and relocated to Kingston, Jamaica. At that time, Jamaica was a British colony.



Once established, Liele planted a church and held a baptism service every three months. In 1814, there were approximately 8,000 Baptists in Jamaica. This number included enslaved people, freedmen, and some whites. As a result of Liele's ministry, there were over 20,000 believers by 1832. Not only did Liele's ministry lead to a spiritual impact on the island, but his work also made a social difference for the enslaved persons in Jamaica. By July 31, 1838, slavery was eradicated in Jamaica.

Liele was an effective missionary, evangelist, and church planter. He was known for encouraging his converts to go preach the Gospel to the lost, which led to converts delivering the message of salvation in Savannah, Nova Scotia, and Sierra Leone.

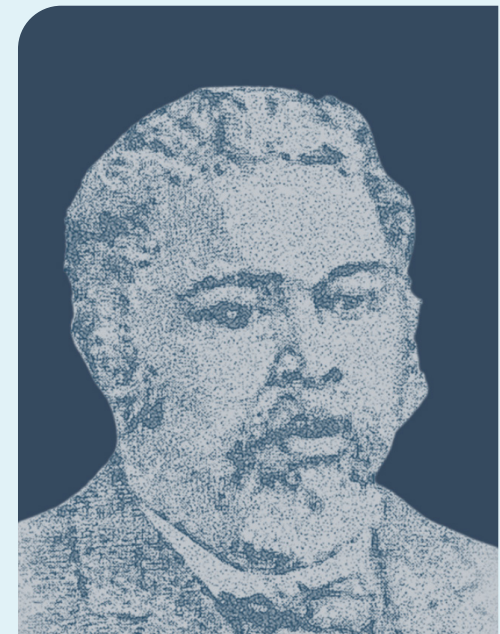
Our Mission

The mission of the George Liele Leadership Institute is to Glorify God by Making Disciples who are making more disciples of Jesus Christ. We achieve this mission by assisting in strengthening local churches, helping in the starting of new churches, and by supporting the local church in sending its members to advance missions around the world.

The George Liele Leadership Institute is an educational ministry of the African American Fellowship of Maryland/ Delaware. We are in partnership with the BCMD to deliver affordable, non-credited biblical education. Our purpose is to serve the local church community by encouraging, educating, and equipping Christian believers to fulfil the Great Commission.

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WINTER-SPRING SESSIONS
Beginning January 5, 2026