

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>Developing a Robust Kid's Ministry</i>
<i>The Book of Revelation I</i>	<i>Financial Stewardship (WS)</i>
<i>The Book of Revelation II The Gospel of John</i>	<i>Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts (WS)</i>
<i>Teaching Techniques</i>	<i>Personal Evangelism (WS)</i>
	<i>Digital Media Training (WS)</i>

Key

(WS) = One Day Workshop

(*)=12 week course-Book Required

Fall Session 2026

Beginning September 14, 2026

Old Testament Survey I (Monday)

Instructor: Keifer Bent

This course is a survey of the first 17 books of the Old Testament (Genesis-Job). 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.

Foundations of Christian Leadership (Monday)

Instructor: Dennis Marshall

This course explores the biblical foundations, principles, and practices of Christian leadership through the lens of Scripture and the example of Jesus Christ. Students will examine key leadership models from both the Old and New Testaments while developing practical skills related to servant leadership, integrity, communication, delegation, accountability, mentoring, conflict resolution, and spiritual maturity. Intended for everyone that leads or aspires to lead in the church. Emphasis is placed on leading like Christ within the local church and beyond.

How to Read and Study the Bible(Tuesday)

Instructor: George Ferguson

Discover practical tools for understanding God's Word with confidence. This course equips believers with foundational Bible study skills, including observation, interpretation, and application. Students will learn how to explore the historical and literary context of Scripture, identify key biblical themes, and apply God's truth to daily living. Whether you are new to Bible study or seeking to strengthen your understanding, this course will help you become a more faithful and effective student of the Scriptures

Revelation II (Tuesday)

Instructor: Vernon Lattimore

This course offers a guided exploration of Revelation chapters 12–22, centering on Jesus Christ as the risen and reigning Lord and His message to the Church. Students will engage the book's powerful imagery, spiritual conflict, and unfolding vision of God's redemptive plan and righteous judgment. Designed for both new and seasoned Bible students, the course equips learners to interpret Revelation faithfully and apply its message of hope, perseverance, and ultimate victory to life and ministry today.

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Developing A Robust Kid's Ministry (Tuesday)

Instructor: Kris Buckman

This course is designed to help the participant build confidence and clarity for serving the next generation. It will cover the essential building blocks of healthy kids' ministry – including safety and security, vision, building and leading a team, creating welcoming environments and more.

COST

Early Registration, \$149

After August 31, \$199

Referrals and New Students Receive a one-time discount of an additional \$49

Fall semester Sept. 14-Nov. 16, 2026

All classes are on-line (virtual) with a live instructor. Classes start at 6:30 pm

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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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