

# Rural Ministry Courses

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## 1. Foundations of Rural Ministry and Community Development

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Place: TBA

This graduate course is the first in our DMin in Rural Ministry and Community Development. It introduces students to the cohort model of study, builds relationships and establishes protocols for the overall program. The course examines Canadian rural realities and looks at theological and theoretical models of rural ministry, particularly as it engages the surrounding community. Students will examine some of the challenges and possibilities inherent to interdisciplinary work. They will also engage in a collaborative project in their own context to map its demographic, social, economic and spiritual character. Finally, students will explore possibilities for their own research trajectory in the program.

Expected Outcomes:

As a result of this course students will be able to:

- a) Identify the theological and sociological model(s) for relating rural churches to their communities that are most appropriate for their own context.
- b) Map some of the social demographics of their church and communities.
- c) Begin to choose appropriate tools for interdisciplinary work and research in their field setting.
- d) Identify the core questions from their own context that will guide their study and research

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## 2. Rural Community Crisis Intervention Training Webinars

**Our first (of 4) community intervention training webinars begins January 28, 2012. The purpose of the training is to** equip town and country churches to better understand and employ their particular gifts in helping their community prepare for and recover resiliently from crisis and disaster. *Please note: these webinars are not intended to provide certified disaster relief training but to stimulate thinking about ways in which churches can*

*contribute to plans and emo's in their town or region. For more information, visit:*  
[http://www.circle-m.ca/misc\\_indexpages/crisis\\_intervention.php](http://www.circle-m.ca/misc_indexpages/crisis_intervention.php)

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