

Dear Partner in Ministry,

Greetings from the new Supervised Ministry staff at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary! We are beginning the fall semester of 2005 with a fresh commitment to making disciples of all nations, starting in the city of New Orleans. The Supervised Ministry program at the seminary is purposefully aimed toward providing students with practical ministry experience in an environment where they can be mentored and encouraged by local church leaders. More specifically, the Supervised Ministry I class at the seminary purposes to train every student in personal evangelism through both classroom instruction and hands-on experience. The goal of the class is twofold: (1) to ignite a passion for evangelism in the hearts of seminary students through giving them opportunities to share the gospel; and (2) to assist the churches of New Orleans in reaching their communities with the gospel.

For this reason, I would like to invite you or a member of your church leadership to be a supervisor for one of our Supervised Ministry I evangelism teams this fall. An evangelism team will consist of 2-3 students committed to participating in personal evangelism ministry through your church for a minimum of 1.5 hours a week for 10 weeks during the fall semester. Attached you will find a list of details describing the makeup of an evangelism team and the requirements for a potential team supervisor. When formulating these evangelism teams, our first priority is to encourage students to serve with churches of which they are either members or in which they are actively involved. However, we also want to assist churches which may not have students represented in our class. In this case, we are strongly encouraging students to consider serving as a “missionary” with such a church for a semester, not only in personal evangelism ministry through that church but also in active involvement with that church during the semester.

As a church leader in New Orleans, you are integral to the success of this program. If you are willing to serve as a supervisor for one of our evangelism teams, or if another leader from your church fits the requirements listed on the attached sheet and is able to serve as a supervisor, would you please complete the “Supervisor Response Form” and return it to our office by **DATE**? During our first week of class (classes begin Aug. 17), we will assign students to their evangelism teams and begin the process of matching these teams with local churches. If your church is assigned an evangelism team, a representative from that team will contact you immediately and invite you to join us for a class meeting during the second week of the semester so that you can get to know the team and learn more about the specific requirements of the class. If you are unable to come to this class meeting, your team will bring a video to you that provides an overview of the goals of the class as well as the expectations for the teams and supervisors.

I want to express my deepest thanks to you for your willingness to invest in our students in this way. I pray that their experience under your leadership will provide them with many opportunities to proclaim the gospel while also contributing to the disciple-making mission of the church you lead. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office (504.282.4455 ext. **8112**; [dplatt@nobts.edu](mailto:dplatt@nobts.edu)). Thank you again for your quick response. God bless.

For His Glory,

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