

The Purpose

LDN is designed for **present** and **future** leaders in the church. It is structured to **equip** potential church planters, staff members, lay leaders, and volunteers for the harvest.

LDN channels individuals to **explore** God's calling, **increase** Bible knowledge, **pursue** character development, and **enhance** leadership skills.

The Principles

LDN is **congregation-based**, offering training for individuals who are already actively serving in the local church.

LDN is **mentor-driven**. Mentors provide individualized guidance and support for each participant.

LDN is **locally designed and led**, ensuring that the training remains contextually relevant to the culture in which the participant are likely serve.

The Vision

Greater Chicago LDN seeks to equip local leaders for the harvest through intensive training and mentoring.

The Participants

Men and women who are...

- Currently providing leadership in ministries such as Small Groups, Youth Programs, Sunday School, Church Councils, Worship, Prayer, etc.
- Already in staff leadership with a desire to further develop their passion and skills for ministry.
- Not presently able to attend a Bible College or Seminary. LDN is non-accredited, yet training is comparable to college level course work.
- Pursuing ministry leadership as a second career.
- Considering early retirement from their employment so that they may devote more time to ministry.



The Program

Participants meet in a seminar-style class one Sunday afternoon a month for nine months, and a two day retreat.

LDN 101...

- Focuses on Bible knowledge, skills, and godly character, equipping participants to increase ministry capacity in the local church.
- Is designed for people who are currently involved in some type of ministry in their local church.

LDN 201/301...

- Upon completion of LDN 101, participants advance to an in-depth study in doctrine and leadership skills.
- Upon completion of LDN 201/301, participants may seek ordination as a ministry associate or church planter.

The Cost

The Christian Reformed Denomination and Classis Northern Illinois, Chicago South, and Illiana are providing support for the Greater Chicago LDN.

LDN 101 Fees:

- ◆ \$350 tuition from each participant
- ◆ Purchase assigned books
- ◆ \$100 from local church for each participant

Greater-Chicago Leadership Development Network

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LDN 101			
Month	Knowledge	Character	Skill
Old Testament — Covenants			
Sept.	Genesis Exodus	Spiritual Disciplines I	Interpretation of Scripture II
Oct.	History Books	Spiritual Disciplines II	Interpretation of Scripture II
Nov.	Wisdom Literature	Spiritual Disciplines III	Interpretation of Scripture III
Dec.	Prophecy	Fruit of the Spirit	Leading Bible Study I
New Testament — Doctrines			
Jan.	Gospels & Acts	Gifts of the Spirit I	Leading Bible Study II
Feb.	Epistles	Gifts of the Spirit II	Evangelism I
Mar.	Revelation	Gifts of the Spirit III	Evangelism II
Apr.	Redemptive History	Christ- likeness	Leading Small Groups I
May Retreat	Kingdom & Covenant	Stewardship	Leading Small Groups II
May - Graduation for 3rd year Participants			



LDN is a ministry of
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Core Values

Missional Emphasis The goal of LDN is to help local churches and leaders become more intentional in seeking the lost and discipling the found.

Real Life Training Participants practice what they are learning in their local ministries, providing an opportunity for training to become internalized and contextualized.

Character Development LDN takes a pro-active approach to personal character issues that have, in the past, caused leaders to self-destruct.

Flexible LDN is learner-sensitive, addressing various levels of character development, knowledge, and skills.

Faithful and Teachable

Emerging leaders *faithfully* use their gifts and talents in ministry. With a *teachable spirit* they grow in Biblical knowledge, personal life skills, and godly character.

Quality Mentoring Participants review, discuss, and critique ministry and learning experiences with a mentor who provides ongoing accountability and encouragement.

Team Ministry Emerging leaders are expected to develop a ministry team in a specific area of ministry, learning to become a leader of leaders.

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And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. (2 Tim. 2:2)

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