



## **Defenders of the Christian Faith Movement** **Department of Christian Education** [2 Timothy 2:2](#)

### **Dear Defenders Family**

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

What a great privilege to be here united with a common purpose as we continue to serve and empower our people in their instructional academic journey.

During the past two years, God has graciously granted us the opportunity to experience His blessings both in the local and national scene.

DOCE continues to grow and develop. We now, as a department, have three schools: Defenders Instituto Biblico, School of Ministerial Excellence and Canaan Christian Chaplain Academy. Our curriculum and instruction is delivered: In Person, Virtually (ZOOM) and as Intensives, we have teachers as well as coaches.

Looking at the whole picture, we have opportunities to expand on staff and the resources that go beyond theological / theoretical content, our content is practical for the common man as well as for the literate. We also have an opportunity to expand on the courses that are available in English. Our courses have a ratio of 100% to 60% Spanish to English.

In addition to the Defenders Instituto Biblico curriculum, which was created at home, other resources have been secured from many partners: SEAN, EIRENE and content specific from ministries such as New Life Fellowship in Queens New York, Lifeway, Dallas Theological Seminary, Church Leaders Insights, and The Malphurs Group.

Committed with the calling and original intent of the Defenders of the Christian Faith, of laboring towards the unity of the church, we celebrate that we have delivered instruction to members of the Body of Christ who are part of our Movement as well as brothers and sisters from other denominations and independent ministries. Since July 2022 over 70 of our scholars have graduated.

We have been arduously working and our DIB Course is now available in English; additionally, we have been able to deliver instruction on Family Consulting, Theology, Christian Chaplaincy, Emotionally Healthy Spirituality for Leadership, Mission / Vision / Core Values. As you can observe, this is faithful with our Department's structure which has a commitment to deliver holistic instruction with an acute focus on: Theology, Leadership, Apologetics, and Counseling.

Currently we are piloting a program with participation from pastors and churches from the Mid Atlantic, Midwest South, West Regions. This pilot program, as many of our courses, is practical at the core, meaning the scholar is challenged to move from theory to practice.

The program is based on five foundations as practiced in the Early Church and outlined in ACTS 2. Participants are encouraged to discover the gifts as given by the Holy Spirit so that they can serve within the Church; furthermore, each pastor has been tasked with getting a demographic and psychographic report, in order to better serve their community. This course invites the participant to think outside the walls and focus on reaching the unsaved.

On matters related to modes of instruction, we had a class that completed the DIB course in Maryland with pastor Andy Baez. The instruction was delivered in person and via Zoom. Pastor Roberto Mejía and layworker Luis Morales delivered instruction in person and virtually for two groups that graduated from Canaan Christian Chaplain Academy this last year. Pastor Edgar Montufar coached a single scholar through the Family Consulting class. ***Let's celebrate our commitment to staying current with technology and understanding of the academic culture which demands that we differentiate instruction in order to meet our students where they are.***

One of the gains that we must consider is that our courses are cost effective and we continue to build funds with the goal of making scholarships available, we also provide a remuneration to the instructors when classes are completed.

DOCE's funds also allows us to get subscriptions on Zoom and gives us access to academic scholarly resources from institutions such as Oxford and Harvard universities.

We encouraged you to learn about the resources and tools we have available for your church, region and the Body of Christ at large.

Please visit and access the following informative resources:

[DOCE Website](#)  
[DIB Bulletin](#)  
[Registration Form](#)  
[Layworker Track](#)  
[Licensed Preacher Track](#)  
[Ordained Minister Track](#)

Coming Soon!!!! -

- ★ Coming Fall 2023 Launching of DIB / SOME at Rey de Reyes Church in Wichita, Kansas.
- ★ Conclusion of 1st Pilot Program August 2023
- ★ Launch of 2nd Pilot Program - October 2023
- ★ Editing / Updating of DIB available Spring 2024
- ★ We will continue creating courses that meet the needs of the followers of Christ of the present era with a holistic focus.

In closing.....

- Thank you Bishop Moulrier for your continuous support.
- Thank you Rev. Danny Perez for being the guardian of DIB.
- Thank you pastor Cookie Sommers for her support related to the production of materials, as well as editing and translation of DIB manuals.
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- Thank you Rev. Abner (Andy) Baez for your support related to the delivery of instruction.
- Thank you Rev. Roberto Mejía for working tirelessly and waiting for seven years to see your labor come to fruition.
- Thank you Rev. Edgar Montufar for serving as coach as well as taking the resources and using them to bless the Body of Christ.
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Please continue to pray for the success of our Department of Christian Education and God's servants who facilitate the instruction.

For HIS Glory and at your service;

*Job*