

Sacramento District Institute of Ministry (SDIM)



Dr. Leon Skinner, Director

The Sacramento District Institute of Ministry is one of the educational arms of the Church of the Nazarene. It is our purpose to provide the highest possible, quality education, and preparation for women and men sensing a call from God on their lives for ministry in the Church of the Nazarene. Before a person is ordained in the Church of the Nazarene there are several requirements—one of which is the education requirement.

Although we highly recommend one of our Regional Universities—Point Loma Nazarene University, Nazarene Bible College, or Nazarene Theological Seminary; we know that it is not always possible for a person to move away to attend college. This is where SDIM can help. Our students are generally “second career” people that are answering the call of God in their life. The Church has a program of twenty-six classes that each person must fulfill in her/his ministry preparation—as a minimum.

SDIM exists under the direction of our District Superintendent, Rev. Steve Scott, the SDIM Board, District Ministerial Studies Board, and the Director.

The Sacramento District Institute of Ministry (SDIM) functions on two tracks. First of all, we are an Alliance with the Nazarene Bible College, Lenexa, Kansas. On this track we are accountable to NBC. We currently offer classes in the following locations: Sacramento/Loomis, Reno/Carson City, Susanville, Redding, Elk Grove and Manteca. Instructors include the following: Freeman Hodgins, Ed Redfern, Stephen Campbell, Colin Duffy, Jerry Copp, Kyle Johnson, Byron Fisk, Jeff Bassett, Joe Sturgeon, Mike Peoples, Laurie Braaten, Dan Elliott, Harold Brimmer, Don Libby, and Leon Skinner.

Secondly, we also coordinate with Instructors that give leadership in the Modular Course of Study (MPP) as well as some ZOOM classes. The information for all our classes is emailed prior to the beginning of each class.

SDIM would not be possible without the work of all our instructors that accept the call to teach in addition to their ministerial duties. These ministers are making a great investment in the lives of ministers that are in the process. Thank you to each of these gifted and quality leaders. SDIM would not be possible without the support and leadership of our District Superintendent, The Rev. Steve Scott. I am also very appreciative of our District Treasurer, Delona Archer and District Executive Assistant, Kaitlin Peoples, both of whom give help and support to SDIM.

It is a privilege for me to be a part of the Sacramento District and serve in this ministry.

Respectively Submitted,
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