

## MAP APPRENTICE WORKBOOK

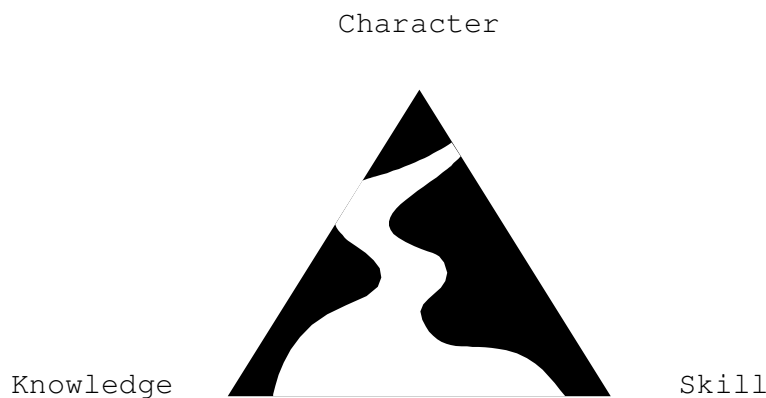
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# 1. The MAP Training Framework

The MAP training framework has three broad categories that provide a holistic framework to training an apprentice for long-term ministry in a Chinese church. Training needs to focus on: the heart with the development of a Christian character; the head with the development of a Christian mind; and the hand with the development of Christian skills for ministry. Hence, the three broad categories of the MAP training framework deal with an apprentice's spiritual formation (CHARACTER), theological formation (KNOWLEDGE) and ministry formation (SKILLS).

The MAP looks at both the general and the unique areas of character, knowledge and skills that an apprentice needs for effective ministry in a Chinese church based on their Christian maturity and experience. Hence, our goal over the two years is to contribute to the growth of men and women who love God and love people by helping them grow in personal godliness (CHARACTER), love for the Word (KNOWLEDGE) and skills for ministry (SKILLS) in a Chinese church.



## a. Spiritual Formation – nurturing a godly CHARACTER

- Prayer Matters
- Word Matters
- Money Matters
- Relationship Matters
- Gender Matters
- Pastoral Matters
- Spiritual Disciplines
- Personal Reflection and Self-awareness
- Self-management

**b. Theological Formation** – teaching biblical KNOWLEDGE

- Biblical Framework from Genesis to Revelation
- Biblical Genres and Individual Books
- Key Biblical Doctrines
- Chinese Church History, the Chinese Diaspora and Spirituality
- Theological Perspectives on Ministry Issues
- Ethical Issues
- Culture and Society

**c. Ministry Formation** – imparting ministry SKILLS

- Evangelism and Global Mission
- Mentoring and Discipleship
- Preaching and Teaching the Bible
- Training and Equipping
- Church Planting
- Conflict Resolution
- Leadership
- Inter-generational and Cross-cultural Leadership
- Church structures (inc. church government)
- Thinking and planning ahead
- Administration and management
- Leading and Developing Teams

**The context of these aims of MAP is CCCB's Vision:**

**CCCB's Vision Statement**

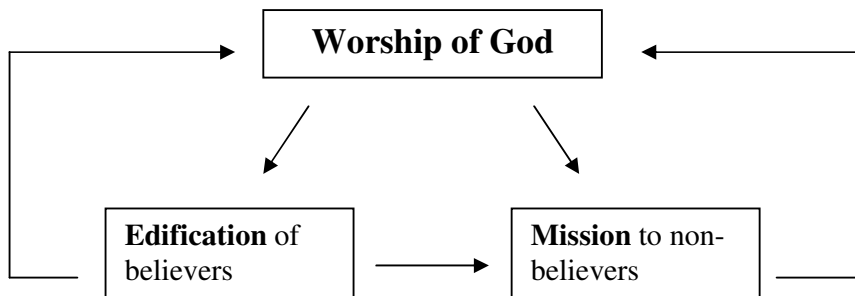
We seek to glorify God by enjoying Him, loving each other, and bringing the people (particularly Chinese) of Queensland and all other places where we serve into a life-transforming encounter with the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

During MAP, growth in Character, Knowledge and Skills will be pursued with the following three aspects of biblical living in the front of our minds:

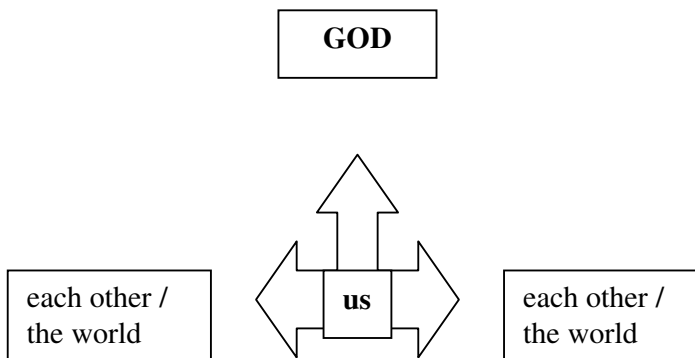
- We glorify God through **worshipping God** as individuals and in groups.
- We glorify God through **edifying other Christians** – building each other up in love and service.
- We glorify God through giving ourselves in **mission** – reaching out to non-Christians both locally and globally.

Throughout the MAP, these three aspects of Christian living will be at the forefront of our actions, thoughts and words, as well as the programs and events we are part of.

In other words:



We do this through promoting (an understanding of) the **vertical** (us and God) *and* the **horizontal** (us and fellow Christians; us and the world) elements of Christian life in our own lives and in the lives of those we serve. ie.



### Vertical - worship

“Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn’t. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man. When this age is over, and countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the

throne of God, missions will be no more. It is a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever.”<sup>1</sup>

### **Horizontal - Edification**

A pastor is an under-shepherd of the flock of God (1 Peter 5:2). We are here to pray with and for, to read the Bible with, and to give spiritual direction to God’s people. Our desire is for God to raise up (through our ministry) men and women who look just like Jesus (1 Corinthians 11:1; 2 Timothy 2:2). Another way of saying this is that we seek to raise up mature and equipped followers of Christ. But before we can be effective in doing so, we *ourselves* must be mature and equipped followers of Christ. It is usually true that God does not work *through* us unless He has first worked *in* us.

### **Horizontal – mission**

The last command of Jesus was to *go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit* (Matthew 28:19). It was not the Great Suggestion but the Great Command. Jesus said: *As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you* (John 20:21). We ourselves need to be pro-actively mission-minded and we need to teach, encourage, and equip others to be so too.

## **2. Responsibilities and Expectations**

As a MAP apprentice it is important that both the church and the apprentice understand clearly what are their responsibilities and expectations.

### **General Ministry Responsibilities/Expectations**

- General working hours are 40 hours a week. A regular pattern of reading the bible and prayer is to be established and is a priority.
- Lead at least one small group bible study during the week.
- Meet up 1-1 with people each week to pray and read the bible with them (discipleship 1-1) whether in the city, on campus, after school or before or after work.
- Attend church services every Sunday. Arrive at least 30 minutes before the church service starts to pray, help out, meet and encourage regulars and newcomers, and leave after everyone else has left to help lock-up and clean up the church.
- Attend the following meetings:
  - Tuesday Elders’ meetings (when requested by Elders)
  - Monthly Church Council meeting
  - Monthly Missions Committee meeting

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<sup>1</sup> J. Piper, *Let the Nations Be Glad* (Grand Rapids, Baker Book House; 1993) 11

- Monthly Prayer meeting
- Monthly ECWC
- Pre-organized meeting times with your trainer
- Attend all church wide retreats and training events.
- Assigned MAP training exercises/requirements are to be completed and signed off. Progress will be reviewed by your trainer.
  - Bible reading plan
  - Book reading assignments and monthly book review
  - MAP assessments
  - Ministry 'journal'
  - Prayer 'journal'
- Attend external training events/courses and exercises organized by your trainer.
- Meet with your trainer once a week or fortnightly.
- Full time apprentices on MAP have one day off per week on Monday, and 4 weeks annual leave each year. Annual leave and any time off in lieu have to be approved by the English pastor.
- Any outside engagement, especially those affecting Sunday commitments needs to be approved by the English pastor.
- Be involved in various ministry responsibilities. These responsibilities are to be decided in consultation with your trainer and the pastoral team.

### **Personal responsibilities / Expectations**

- Dress appropriately at church – smart casual is a minimum at all services.
- With regards to money collected for camps or church ministry, MAP apprentices are to ensure that proper accountability procedures are followed.
- Surfing the net, instant messaging, chat during working hours unless for ministry purposes is not acceptable. Apprentices are to ensure that they do not waste time during working hours at church.
- Set one or two times in the day to deal with email to better manage and focus on your ministry responsibilities (don't be a slave to the immediate, but the important).
- The MAP office contains stored church items, so MAP apprentices are to be considerate and to serve those who need access to the stored items by keeping their work area clean and tidy.

- When dealing with the opposite sex all MAP apprentices are to be blameless, and to treat the opposite sex in a respectful and godly manner.
- Conduct at church – it is important that MAP apprentices never slander the church’s leadership and ministry.
- With regards to matters of confidentiality, a MAP apprentice is to make aware to the person that what they are discussing may have to be brought up to the leadership team for prayer and for advice if deemed necessary. However it will not be divulged beyond this.
- No coarse joking or put down of any sort is to be allowed from the mouth of a MAP apprentice. Our mouths can enhance our ministry, or destroy it.
- What is discussed at leadership and staff meetings is to be kept strictly confidential unless told otherwise.

### **3. Surviving and Thriving on MAP**

MAP aims to train people for the work of the gospel full time. However this is no easy task. There are so many issues a pastor must face in full time ministry, nevertheless the aim is to provide some basic tools to set the trainee on a path of life-long learning.

In our training of MAP people, we can run the danger of protecting the person so much, that we do them a great disservice by shielding them from the hardships of ministry.

We need to remember that we are training soldiers who will not work behind a desk, but in the front line where all the action is, where the war is very brutal and where the casualty rate is very high.

For this reason MAP aims to be both a protected environment in which the person can learn, but a real environment where the person will meet heartache and hardship.

How can a person survive and thrive in MAP? Here are a few tips that have been learnt from past experience.

1. Make bible reading and prayer your first priority. This is a truth that has been pushed for as long as I can remember; yet it is still the last thing on our to do list. Life and ministry is so busy, however there is a misconception that once we enter into full time ministry it will be easy. What a big mistake. It is just as difficult. If we are to be ministers of God’s word and prayer, then we need to be ministered to by God’s word and by prayer. Jesus reminds us that we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Paul continually reminds all his readers to pray regularly and consistently. The importance of bible reading and prayer is important for another reason. It reminds us that a relationship with God is what we are all about. Before God called us to serve him, he called us to love him and to be in relationship with him. At the heart of this relationship is learning to tremble before his word and to respond in prayers of petition and thanksgiving.

While we are busy in ministry, let us not forget to be busy in learning from God and speaking to him.

2. Be disciplined and accountable in the way you use your time. There is a lot of discretionary time in ministry and you are responsible for the way you organize yourself. Effectiveness in ministry depends on the way you learn how to be disciplined and organized with your time. It is easy to waste time and be lazy in ministry as no one sees what you do. Use a diary and organize your day into 3 blocks: morning, afternoon and evening. Keep a time-sheet to help you see how you use your time and make adjustments accordingly. Plan your week by putting in the important stuff first e.g. bible reading, prayer, preparation time, set meetings, and then organize everything else around them. Discipline is the key to growing yourself and your ability to be effective with your time.
3. Spend time with your spouse and children if you are married. Our first calling and promise, apart from following the Lord Jesus is to love our spouse/children. Our spouse/children is our first ministry. We need to spend time encouraging them, praying for them and with them and just growing in relationship with them. Our home life is a reflection of our church life and the way we manage the home is a good indication of the way we manage church. A good way to do this is to block out time. Of course we can be very legalistic and inflexible about this. It is a hard road to navigate – being firm on our boundaries and flexible at the same time.
4. Spend time with family. Not only must we spend time with God, with our spouse if we are married, but also with our immediate and extended family. For those who have unbelieving parents or siblings, our responsibility is to minister to them as well.
5. Take a break. We are physical, mental and emotional beings and have a limited energy level. Physical, mental and emotional rest is important. Most people who are on the MAP border on being workaholics who work irregular hours and are always on the go. Take one day off each week. Take your annual leave. Take sick leave when you are unwell.
6. Don't be a perfectionist. There is no room for perfectionists in ministry. Only God is the perfectionist. There are too many other things we have to do. There are times when we have to accept second or even third best, and to trust in our sovereign Lord. In fact one of the greatest lessons we all need to learn is that God is sovereign and will bring about his good purposes despite us and in spite of our great weaknesses and the imperfect preparation we bring.
7. See a doctor for regular check up. Sadly many ministers fall into ill health simply because they fail to give simple attention to their own health. Some ministers have destroyed their ministry and others' because they failed to acknowledge that they had an illness that needed attention eg depression. Of course we can go to the extreme and worship our health, but that aside, we do need to do regular check-up.

8. Eat regularly / healthily and exercise regularly. Take up a sport, go for regular walks or swim, join a gym. It is amazing what a difference this will make.
9. The more you put in, the more you will get out of your time on MAP. Therefore throw yourself into MAP and you will get the most out of it. In what ways can we throw ourselves into it?
  - a. Move out of your comfort zone. The key to growth is always to move outside our comfort zone. This is true for anything. Growing children to be mature adults requires parents to keep pushing children outside their comfort zone. Of course parents need to do this with love and sensitivity, but that aside, the fundamental principle is true. Staying within our comfort zone will stunt our growth. What does it mean to move outside our comfort zone? This is the next point.
  - b. Try new things. Maintenance ministry is about doing the same thing over and over again. While there are a lot of good things that must never change eg preaching the gospel, praying and loving people, there are many things that need to be changed. Changing things invariably means trying new things. Learning to do new things is hard work, but necessary. What new things can we try? Talk to NEW people or different people. Try to start a new ministry eg a bible study group, school's ministry, outreach activity. Whatever it is, make it a point to use MAP as an opportunity to explore new things.
  - c. Making mistakes is OK. When we move out of our comfort zone and try new things invariably there will be many times we will make mistakes. We can be very depressed and crippled by it. Sadly this is the response of some people. However, we learn valuable lessons from our mistakes. Making mistakes is often one of our best teachers. When you make mistakes, learn from them.
  - d. In crisis, always remember that these are golden times for learning. Therefore rejoice in the Lord always. A crisis challenges our way of thinking and behaving. It can force us to try new things, or to grow in our character. Either way, crises, while we don't like them are always sent by God to train us to be more like him.
  - e. Reflect. A key to learning is reflection. Experience is something everyone has. Training is something only a few people gain. The key point that turns an experience into a training opportunity is our ability to reflect on our experience biblically. Often times we merely soak in what we are experiencing, without biblically reflecting on it. Therefore when we talk to people, run groups, read books, go to church, reflect on what you are experiencing and learning. Use a journal to write down your reflections each week as you look at what you've been doing, what you've been reading in the Bible, people you've been meeting with, activities you have led etc.

10. When we fall don't stay down. Remember that MAP is training people to play football. In football the goal as we all know is to get the ball across the goal line. However the nature of the game is that tackling is a key element of the game. The most important thing in playing football, aside from winning, is either to learn how to avoid tackles, or to recover from a tackle. It is part of the game. In ministry there will always be times when the devil tackles us big time. However the key is to not stay down, but to pick ourselves up and to keep running. This is called perseverance.

## **4. Weekly MAP reflection and training meeting**

### **Bible Study / Talk / Devotion**

- At the heart of the MAP is the training of apprentices in the ministry of the word. This aspect of our MAP meetings is focused on faithfully handling and applying the word. This is a short bible study / talk / devotion to be lead by one of the MAP apprentices. During this time, an apprentice is given the opportunity to interpret and explain the meaning of a selected Bible passage in its context. Having done this the apprentice is then to apply it personally in life; in ministry and leadership; and to the different groups in a congregation.

### **Prayer based on bible study**

- An important part of MAP is to train apprentices in the ministry of prayer – here prayer will be in response to the Word.

### **Update from MAP trainees**

- During this session, you will be invited to share about your ministry and the things you have been learning personally, including:
  - Evangelism
  - Discipleship 1-1
  - Doctrinal issues
  - Ministry issues
  - Godliness issues
  - Ethical issues
  - Training / Equipping / Raising leaders
  - Ministering / Dealing with different sorts of people

### **Extended pastoral prayer**

### **Training Input**

- Sharing / Teaching from different pastoral team members.

- Discussion papers / articles
- Dealing with questions or issues raised by trainee
- Inviting outsiders to speak to the MAP trainees
- Book Reviews
- Ministry reports
- Sermon preparation
- Counselling issues
- Church issues that have come up in the past week

## 5. MAP Bible Reading Plan

If all scripture is God-breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped to do every good work, then it stands to reason that we must know our Bible and know it well (2 Tim 3:16). Ministry presents us with many issues and questions which are often overwhelming. Yet, scripture reminds us that all we need to know is found within the pages of God's word. To be effective as ministers of the word, we must be readers of the word. The first step to knowing the scriptures is simply to read it. The more we read it, the more we will understand it. Certainly, just reading it is not the same as studying it, but it does provide the foundations for further study and understanding.

The goal in MAP is for all apprentices to have read through the scriptures at least once (ideally twice) during their time on MAP. While this sounds daunting, it will never get any easier in the busyness of ministry life and work. However if you read about 3 chapters a day, you will cover the scriptures well within a year.

### **Tips and Hints for reading the bible regularly**

1. Before you read, pray.
2. Read humbly remembering that you are reading the Word of God.
3. If you do not plan to read the bible, you will not read it. Plan it into your day.
4. Plan to read at a time that fits in with your lifestyle. If you are a late person, then read at night. If you are a morning person, then read in the morning. If you travel mainly by public transport, then read on the train or bus.
5. Planning to read means planning not to do other things. You cannot simply ADD reading to your program. It means taking something out.

# Bible Reading Check List

(To be completed at least once in the two years of MAP)

	Book	Date		Book	Date		Book	Date
1	Gen		23	Is		45	Rom	
2	Ex		24	Jer		46	1 Cor	
3	Lev		25	Lam		47	2 Cor	
4	Num		26	Ez		48	Gal	
5	Deut		27	Dan		49	Eph	
6	Josh		28	Hos		50	Phil	
7	Jud		29	Joel		51	Col	
8	Ruth		30	Amos		52	1 Thess	
9	1 Sam		31	Obad		53	2 Thess	
10	2 Sam		32	Jonah		54	1 Tim	
11	1Kings		33	Micah		55	2 Tim	
12	2 Kings		34	Nahum		56	Titus	
13	1 Chron		35	Hab		57	Phil	
14	2 Chron		36	Zeph		58	Heb	
15	Esther		37	Hagg		59	James	
16	Neh		38	Zech		60	1 Pet	
17	Ezra		39	Mal		61	2 Pet	
18	Job		40	Matt		62	1 John	
19	Ps		41	Mark		63	2 John	
20	Prov		42	Luke		64	3 John	
21	Eccl		43	John		65	Jude	
22	S of S		44	Acts		66	Rev	

## 6. MAP Prayer Plan

It is interesting to observe the focus of much of our training over the years. We have trained apprentices in the skills of exegesis, and how to teach the bible. We have trained young preachers about how to preach from different books of the bible and to engage their hearers. We have trained apprentices in 'managing' and developing people. The list goes on. However with all the emphasis on making sure that we 'do ministry', we have sometimes forgotten to train apprentices in the ministry of prayer. In raising up a new generation of leaders, we need to raise up leaders who are committed to both the ministry of Word and prayer.

### Tips and Hints for praying regularly

1. Keep a prayer journal, making notes for prayer as you meet with people; as you read your Bible; as you hear the sermon; as you organize activities/events; as you lead your small group Bible study etc.
2. If you do not plan to pray, you will not pray. Plan it into your day.
3. Plan to pray at a time that fits in with your lifestyle. If you are a late person, then pray at night. If you are a morning person, then pray in the morning.
4. Planning to pray means planning not to do other things. You cannot simply ADD prayer to your program. It means taking something out.
5. You might like to use something like the prayer schedule below to remind you to cast your prayer points broadly.

### Prayer list / plan / schedule

May include church individuals, church ministries and fellowship groups, non-CCCB ministries, family and friends especially non-Christians, missionary endeavours, leaders and authorities, eg:

Individuals	Church	Other Ministries	The world
1 on 1s	Pastors / Elders	Bible Colleges	Governments
BSG members	Council	Mercy ministries	Media
friends	Families / SOS	QLD Chinese Churches	Schools
family	Singles	Liberal churches, cults	Police
Non-Xn friends	YF / Unicell	QCCA, KCC	Armed forces
Ex-colleagues	CIA, future SL Youth group	BLT	Medical field

	Clay	Other St Lucia churches	Refugees
	SLC, CPC, CPE	SU and Beach Missions	Natural disasters
	Sick or alone	ISCF groups, school scripture	Persecuted church
	Men's and Women's Ministry		CCCB-supported missionaries
	MC, SCG, ECWC		The poor and needy
	Sunday Schools		

## 7. MAP Training Plan

As ministry is a multi-faceted role, the Pastoral Apprenticeship seeks to equip the trainee in a broad range of ministries. These are:

- Thinking Theologically
  - Theological Persuasions
  - Reading our Culture
- Growth in Personal Godliness
- Learning to Minister to People
- Church Administration
- Ministry Skills
- Evangelism
- Missions
- Church Planting
- Training and Equipping Church Members for Service
- Raising the Next Generation

### Thinking theologically

Ethics	Discussed
What is 'ministry'?	
Homosexuality	
Divorce and remarriage	
Abortion	

Work	
Rest	
Guidance and the Bible	
Predestination	
Justification by Faith	
<b>Theological Persuasions</b>	
Charismaticism	
Roman Catholicism	
Islam	
Liberalism	
Evangelicalism – different shades	
<b>Reading our culture</b>	
Post Modernism	
Chinese Culture	
Australian Culture	

**Growth in personal godliness**

Learning how to develop a lifetime of bible reading	
Developing a life of prayer that is broad and comprehensive	
Learning how to develop hospitality	
Developing a Family devotion	
Marriage enrichment – growing our marriage	
Money – being wise and generous	
Forgiveness	
Dealing with failure	
Contentment	
Self-esteem	
Watching our tongue	
Loving the unlovable	
Perseverance in the face of crisis	

### **Learning to minister to People**

Ministry to the elderly	
Ministry to parents	
Ministry to the opposite sex	
Ministry to young people	
Ministry to singles	
Ministry to the sick and dying	
Ministry to young married	
Ministry to widows, single parents	
Ministry to young workers	
Ministry to University and TAFE students	
Learning how to grow people	
Helping people to find their gifts	
Dealing with conflicts	
Pre-marital counselling	
Hospital visitation	
Dealing with sin in the congregation	
Encouraging people in prayer and bible reading	
Poor / disadvantaged / marginalised	

### **Church Admin**

Budgeting for growth	
Different types of Governance	
Agendas for committee meetings that move the church along	
Organising church rosters and how to mobilize people	
Developing a ministry team	
Making announcements	
Church constitutions	
Renting vs. purchasing	
Hiring vs volunteers	

Church membership – pros and cons	
Raising money	
Time Management	

### Ministry skills

Giving a talk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Evangelistic talks</li> <li>- Speaking to the elderly</li> <li>- Children’s talks</li> <li>- Topical vs. expository</li> </ul>	
Chairing a service	
How to organise congregational prayer	
Public bible reading	
How to run a small group	
How to manage change that will not destroy a church	
Developing a preaching program	
Conducting a funeral	
Conducting a wedding	
Pre-marital counselling	
Basic counselling skills	
Evangelism	
Follow-up	
Developing a training program for the church	
Developing an evangelism plan	
Assessing different preaching styles	
Different types of leadership styles	
Music	

## Evangelism

Developing skills in evangelism	
Learning how to train others in evangelism	
Organising an evangelism plan for the church	
Identifying people we want to reach	
Identifying our evangelists	
Mobilizing our non-evangelists	
Following up on contacts	
What to do with enquirers	

## Mission

Understanding the biblical theology of mission	
Challenging people to think about mission	
Educating the church in the importance of mission	
Short term mission vs. long term mission	
Understanding the role of mission agencies and the church's responsibility	
Understanding the history of church mission	
Sending / Giving	
Going	
Mobilising	
Praying	
Social Concern	
Persecuted church	

## Church planting

Learning how to plant a church	
Sharing the vision	
Different models of church planting	
How to plant a new ministry	
Raising money	

### **Training and equipping church members for service**

Identifying people's gifts	
Developing a training strategy and program for the church	
Training the laity	
Training leaders	
Training people in areas common to all	
Training people in specific ministry areas	

### **Raising the next generation**

Identifying those gifted for pastoral ministry. What to look for and dangers to avoid	
Developing a mentoring program	
Challenging people to think about full-time paid ministry	
Opportunities for full-time paid ministry	
Women and Ministry	
Ordination vs. independent	

## **8. MAP Reading List – 2007-8**

Part of the training of an apprentice on MAP is to develop a culture of reading in the midst of the busyness of ministry life. Growing to read broadly and critically is part of the long term self-learning process that needs to go beyond college studies. Like Bible reading and prayer, you need to make time for it and develop the discipline of reading for it to be part of your daily and ministry routines.

- i. Please select at least 1 book to read from each of the 20 categories (corresponding to your 20 months of MAP); they can be read in any order. You should then be reading through a book each month (more if you like!) before signing off on each book that you complete.
- ii. You should then prepare a short book review that is 1 to 2 pages in length (soft copy / blog is fine). Your book review should include:
  - a. what the book was about
  - b. what was the main argument of the book

- c. what were the issues or questions the book raises
  - d. what were its strengths and weaknesses
  - e. what you found helpful for your personal life and ministry
- iii. Discuss the book with your trainer.

**I. Knowledge (Theology)**

**Bible and Biblical Theology (1-2)**

The Blueprint	Philip Jensen & Tony Payne
Bite-size Theology	Peter Jeffries
Systematic Theology	Wayne Grudem
<a href="http://www.monergism.com">www.monergism.com</a>	
According to Plan	Graeme Goldsworthy
God's Big Picture	Vaughn Roberts

**Incarnational Theology (3)**

One Thing	Sam Storms
Desiring God / The Pleasures of God	John Piper
Christ Plays in Ten Thousand Places	Eugene Peterson
<a href="http://www.desiringgod.org">www.desiringgod.org</a>	

**Guidance (4)**

Guidance & the Voice of God	Philip Jensen & Tony Payne
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**Worldview (5)**

A spectator's guide to world religions	John Dickson
Telling the Truth	D.A. Carson
The Universe Next Door	James Sire
<a href="http://your.sydneyanglicans.net">http://your.sydneyanglicans.net</a>	

## **Ethics / Applied Theology / Social Justice (6)**

1 <sup>st</sup> C Answers to 21 <sup>st</sup> C Questions	SMBC Press
The Scandal of the Evangelical Conscience	Ronald Sider
Beyond Greed	Brian Rosner
The Treasure Principle	Randy Alcorn
Too Small to Ignore	Wes Stafford
<a href="http://www.tear.org.au">www.tear.org.au</a>	

## **Prayer (7)**

If God already knows, why pray?	Douglas Kelly
A Call to Spiritual Reformation	D.A. Carson

## **II. Character**

### **Holiness (8)**

A Sinner's guide to Holiness	John Chapman
The Pursuit of Holiness	Jerry Bridges
Holiness	JC Ryle

### **Marriage (9)**

The Marriage Builder	Larry Crabb
The Five Love Languages	Gary Chapman

### **Pastoral growth (10)**

Brothers, we are not professionals	John Piper
The Contemplative Pastor	Eugene Peterson
Working the Angles	Eugene Peterson

### **Biography (11)**

Awakening	David Robertson
Through Gates of Splendour	Elisabeth Elliott
No Compromise	Keith Green
Joni / A Step Further / The God I love	Joni Eareckson

### III. Ministry

#### Local Church (12)

The Prevailing / Intentional Church	Randy Pope
Stop Dating the Church	Joshua Harris
The Welcoming Church	Peter Corney
Mission Minded	Peter Bolt

[www.9marks.org](http://www.9marks.org)

#### Global / Persecuted Church (13-14)

Let the Nations be Glad	John Piper
Your Church can make a world of difference	Alan Webb
Jesus says Go	Robin Wells

[www.au.omf.org](http://www.au.omf.org)

Tortured for Christ	Richard Wurmbrand
Hidden Sorrow, Lasting Joy	Anneke Companjen

[www.persecution.org.au](http://www.persecution.org.au)

#### Evangelism (15)

Promoting the gospel	John Dickson
Evangelism made slightly less difficult	Nick Pollard
A Fresh Start	John Chapman

[www.christianity.net.au](http://www.christianity.net.au)

#### Bible Teaching / Preaching (16)

Leading Better Bible Studies	Rod & Karen Morris
How to give a Bible Talk	SMBC Press
The Sovereignty of God in Preaching	John Piper
I believe in Preaching	John Stott

[www.perspective.org.au](http://www.perspective.org.au)

**Counselling / People (17)**

The Biblical Basis of Christian Counselling for People helpers	Gary R Collins
Understanding People	Larry Crabb
Encouragement	Larry Crabb
What some of you were	Chris Keane
How long, O Lord?	D.A. Carson

**Kids and Youth (18-19)**

Their God is so Big	Stephanie Carmichael
Children's Talks: A practical guide	Sandy Galea
Changing the World through effective youth ministry	Ken Moser
Teenagers: why do they do that?	Nick Pollard

**Music (20)**

The Church Musician's Handbook	ed. Sally McCall & Rosalie Milne
<a href="http://www.emumusic.com.au">www.emumusic.com.au</a>	

## Book Report

**Name of Book** \_\_\_\_\_

**Author** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Synopsis

Key points

Good Points

Bad Points

Helpful points for personal growth

## 9. MAP Reports

The aim of this exercise is to help the apprentice to observe what is going on in church, to discern strengths and weaknesses and to be creative in finding ways forward that will build on the church's existing strengths as well as addressing some of its weaknesses.

### Topics

The apprentice is required to submit a two-page report every two months on the following topics:

- a. **The governance of the church.** Outline the way the church is governed as per the church's constitution. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the present government structure?
- b. Describe the church's **evangelism plan** if any. Describe the obstacles and frustrations experienced by the church in this area. Describe its programs and how successful they have been.
- c. What priority is given to the sending, going, giving and praying for **missions**? What are the areas the church has failed in and what can be done to improve things?
- d. Describe what sort of **training** the church has provided both for its leaders and laity? What have been its successes and weakness?
- e. Describe the **demographics** of the church. What are some of the particular issues that this demography struggles with? How are they being addressed?
- f. Describe the **history** of the church? Who founded the church? What was the catalyst or motivation for starting the church? What were some of the difficulties experienced in starting and growing the church?
- g. Choose one of the following to discuss
  - a. Men's ministry
  - b. Women's ministry
  - c. Children's ministry
  - d. Single's ministry
  - e. Family ministry
- h. What are some of the **particular theological issues** that the church is particularly weak on? What theological issues is it particularly strong on?
- i. Describe how members in the church are **mobilized** to serve the church? What are the particular difficulties faced by the leadership? What have been some success stories?

- j. Looking at the **church's budget**, how is the money allocated? What does this demonstrate about its philosophy of ministry?
- k. How are **rosters** organised? How are people allocated to the rosters? What are the strengths and weaknesses of this method? What can be improved in this area?

### **Procedure**

The report (soft or hard copy) is to be about 2 pages long. In the report the apprentice will be required to:

- a. Describe the ministry being discussed, outlining key characteristics
- b. Comment on some of its strengths and weaknesses
- c. Propose a way to address the weaknesses as well as ways to build on its existing strengths

# 10. MAP Apprentice Weekly Time-sheet

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Breakfast</b>							
<b>Morning</b>							
<b>Lunch</b>							
<b>Early Arvo</b>							
<b>Late Arvo</b>							
<b>Dinner</b>							
<b>Evening</b>							

