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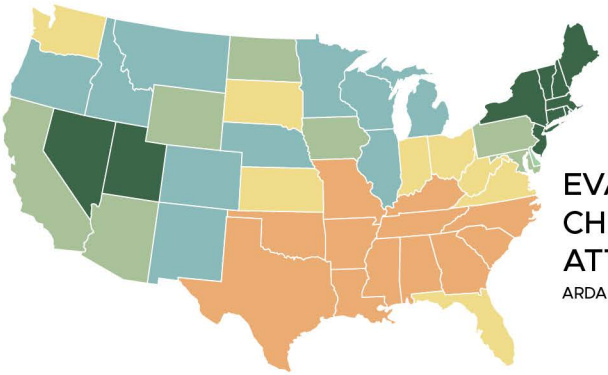
THE NETS CENTER FOR CHURCH PLANTING AND REVITALIZATION





EVANGELICAL CHURCH ATTENDANCE
ARDA 2020

24%-42%	16%-23%	12%-15%	8%-11%	2%-7%

New England is the least religious and most post-Christian region of our nation.

NETS wants to see that change.

NETS is for you if you are:



Ready to Be Mentored: You have work and ministry experience but are humble, teachable, and eager to be mentored.

Family Oriented: You are married, have children (or plan to), and are prepared to work alongside your wife to train for ministry.

Theologically Astute: You have earned or are working on your M.Div., have a Reformed soteriology, a Redemptive-historical hermeneutic, and a passion to preach Christ.

Called to New England: You have a heart for the rough soil of predominantly non-evangelical New England and aspire to be a church planter or revitalizer in this challenging area.

Still in College?

Our 2-week **Pastoral Summer Internship** is for single men seeking to clarify their calling, build character, develop ministry skills, and gain firsthand exposure to ministry in New England.



Wherever you are on the road to pastoral ministry, **NETS is for you.**

Post MDiv Residency
2 years

Already earned your MDiv?

Opt for our Practical Track and get hands-on training to bring you from the classroom to the field.

MDiv Residency
3-5 years

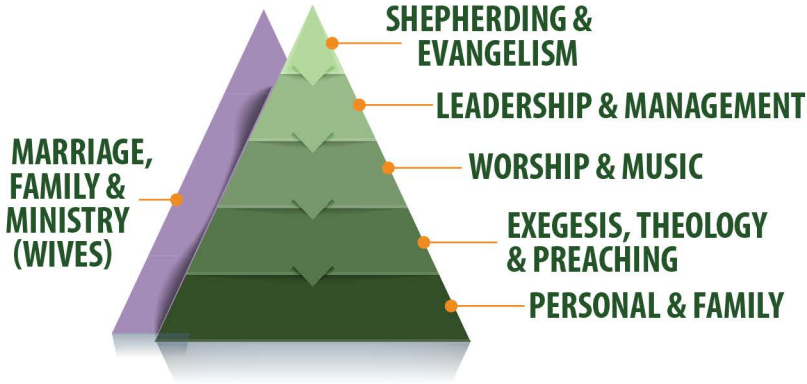
Still working on your MDiv or haven't started?

Opt for our Academic and Practical tracks to earn your degree online with any seminary or on-site at NETS in partnership with the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.



The Practical Track

NETS takes seminary education to the next level with personalized mentoring and church-based ministry experience centered on six mentoring tracks.



Shepherding & Evangelism: Get real-world experience in counseling, leadership, and evangelism at an established church.

Leadership & Management: Hone the communication, organization, and planning skills necessary for pastoring a church plant or revitalization.

Worship & Music: Learn how to plan gospel-driven services as the worship leader of your church.

Exegesis, Theology & Preaching: Learn how to interpret and preach Christ from all of Scripture based on the original language.

Personal & Family: Be equipped to faithfully lead your family so you can shepherd those in your future congregation to do the same.

Marriage, Family & Ministry (for wives): Gain specific training on how to be an effective and happy ministry partner alongside your husband.





The Academic Track

Complete the Academic Track through any Master of Divinity program that includes three semesters of Greek and Hebrew, plus an exegetical course in each. Our partnership with the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary fulfills this requirement through the MDiv Residency as well. On-site students have access to our 20,000+ volume ATS and TRACS accredited library!



The NETS/SBTS Partnership

This partnership combines the academic rigor of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary with the top-tier training of the **Practical Track.** All courses are taught by SBTS or SBTS-approved instructors. Students earn their entire MDiv on the NETS campus, with up to 27 credits tuition-free.

The NETS Field Program



NETS matches your skills and passions with ministry opportunities. Selected graduates will be sent out to plant or revitalize a church in New England through our Field Program, receiving at least three years of comprehensive support, strategic coaching, and financial partnership.



The NETS Network is a growing association of churches led by NETS-trained pastors that are committed to the gospel and to one another.





NETS INTERNATIONAL

The NETS Africa Center for Church Planting and Revitalization

Evangelical Community Church of Abu Dhabi





“I love the vision because of its humble, Christ-exalting gospel focus, . . . its dogged commitment to plow the hard soil of New England, [and] its love for biblically faithful local churches.

John Piper
Founder, Desiring God

“Wes Pastor is a proven and wise church planter, wedding theology and practical ministry in a powerful combination.

Thomas R. Schreiner
Professor of Biblical Theology,
The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

“I do not know of a better model of people who get in and absolutely support the church until it’s established.

Mark Dever
Founder, 9Marks

“We at Southern Seminary are honored to be walking through this doorway with NETS, and looking forward to the Lord showing His glory in all of it.

R. Albert Mohler, Jr.
President,
The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

“NETS offers one of the best bridges I’ve seen between academic studies and pastoral ministry.

Jason G. Duesing
Provost,
Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary



Wes Pastor planted Christ Memorial Church in Vermont in 1992 and pastored the church for nearly 30 years. He launched NETS in 2000, where he continues to serve as president and lead mentor. Wes holds a PhD from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, an MTh from the University of Wales, an MAR from Westminster Theological Seminary, and an MBA from Miami University. Wes and his wife, Sue, have been married for over 45 years and have five children and over 20 grandchildren. Together, they are committed to mentoring the next next generation of leaders for Christ's church.



CHECK OUT THE NETS PODCAST

Wes shares practical wisdom, theological insights, and expert counsel from over 35 years of gospel ministry.

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