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## **New City Fellows Mentorship Information**

### **About New City Fellows**

New City Fellows is a 9-month intensive discipleship and fellowship program offered by the Center for Public Christianity that seeks to: equip emerging leaders age 25 to early 40s to integrate their faith and work and become gospel-shaped leaders in the spiritual, cultural, and social renewal of Raleigh through its churches and its marketplace.

The program runs each year from late August to early May. It features:

- weekly readings and classes, with daily devotionals,
- monthly Saturday programs with leading thinkers and practitioners in various fields and industries,
- quarterly retreats,
- and practical projects that apply the program's teaching to real-world scenarios.

It is sponsored by three partner churches – Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Christ the King Presbyterian Church, and Vintage Church – but we welcome Fellows from any biblical or orthodox Christian church in the area.

To achieve its aims, the program provides Fellows with theological, spiritual, and relational foundations. It is primarily in regard to this third foundation – the *relational* one – that mentors play an important role in the program.

### **The importance of mentors**

Our partner churches have been blessed by God with mature believers who have walked ahead of our Fellows on the roads of life, career, and Christian discipleship – and who desire to use their experiences, wisdom, and gifts to come alongside those who walk behind them. The very fact that we have enough mature believers to offer mentorship at all makes New City unique among similar programs across the nation!

The mentor relationship is a special and meaningful experience for both mentor and mentee. As many of our Fellows attest, having a mentor – especially while enrolled in this program – can be powerful and life-changing, and even the start of a deep and long-lasting friendship. But all mentors have the special privilege of participating in the work the Lord has for his church by:

- Forming intergenerational friendships within the family of God where every member is built up and encouraged to grow up into the likeness of Christ (Titus 2:2-8, Ephesians 4),

- Sharing wisdom and life-experience in matters both personal and professional through “life-on-life” discipleship – a way to carry out the Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20),
- Welcoming with Christlike hospitality any Fellows who may enroll in the program as one of the many recent transplants to Raleigh, who may not know people outside of their immediate peer circles.

Our goal is to connect our Fellows with mature believers who desire to serve these purposes through a 1-on-1 mentorship relationship for the duration of 9 months.

**So what does mentoring look like?** As mentoring focuses on the *relational* foundation of the program, it is less about formally teaching Scripture, theology, or spiritual practices – which they receive through other aspects of the program – and more about walking alongside a Fellow in spiritual friendship. For example, we encourage mentors to make the relationship initially about:

- getting to know one another over coffee or an occasional meal,
- sharing about life and asking questions about how their work or relationships are going,
- asking what they’re learning in the program and how it’s helping or challenging them, helping them think through and discern how the Lord is leading them,
- and sharing wisdom from Scripture and life experience whenever the Lord leads.

#### **Qualifications of a mentor**

- Mature believer who is an active member in a local church
- Available to meet with a Fellow 1-2 times a month

#### **Expectations for a mentor**

- Reach out to Fellow, check-in with Fellow every so often
- Meet regularly (1-2 times a month)
- Pray for Fellow regularly
- Attend two trainings (last Saturday in August and mid-winter)
- Optional: attend other events we offer throughout the year

#### **How we match Fellows and mentors:**

While we recognize that mentor-Fellow “chemistry” is ultimately in the hands of the Lord as well as a result of committed effort of both mentor and Fellow, we do our best at the outset to match Fellows and mentors based on some form of compatibility – career path, life-experience, interests, and so on.

This matching process means that while it is more than likely a mentor will be matched with a Fellow in a given year, it is not always guaranteed. Instead, our goal is to establish a pool of mentors slightly larger than our number of Fellows (at the moment 25-30), who are available to answer the call to serve when a good match is found.



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### **Prospective Mentors Questionnaire**

Interested in becoming a mentor? Email (1) your responses to the following questions, along with (2) a photo of yourself (with your family, if you'd like), to Center Steering Committee members:

- Alysia Yates – [alysiayates@gmail.com](mailto:alysiayates@gmail.com)
- Lynn Easterling – [lynn.easterling@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.easterling@gmail.com)

1. Name:
2. Email Address:
3. Phone Number:
4. Date of birth:
5. Professional background or Occupation:
6. Marital Status:
7. Area of residence in/around Raleigh:
8. What is your involvement at your church?
9. Why do you want to be a mentor?
10. What has your career or work experience looked like? Feel free to attach a resume.
11. What is your experience leading or mentoring others spiritually? (E.g. leading or being actively involved in a Bible study or small group, teaching a class, etc.)
12. What lessons has the Lord taught you about your career?
13. What is the gospel in your own words? What does it mean to be a Christian?
14. How do you use the Bible in your life or ministry?