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 Dan Wilt (M.Min.), worship leader and artist, leads the Intensive and guides participants through studies in creativity, creational theology, postmodern reflection and creative leadership.



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Dr. Peter Davids
 Dr. Peter Davids (Ph.D.), globally respected biblical scholar, opens up the scriptures related to worship history and its creative, faithful leadership.

With other live teachers, and Institute Video Media with N.T. Wright, Matt Redman, Brian Doerksen, and more.

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 Dominion Hill Leadership Centre, New Brunswick, Canada
 The Institute Of Contemporary & Emerging Worship Studies

2007 Intensive Certificate Program

the worship artisan



Let's take the long view. It's time for the worship leader/artisan to be deepened in spiritual formation, theological insight and postmodern reflection for the days – and centuries to come.

We're serious about developing the worship artisan-leader, in forums optimized for their growth. Two weeks of university level study, reflection and renewal, dialoguing in roundtable, creative community – all in a beautiful Canadian setting.

Applications are being accepted for our **Two Week Certificate in Worship Studies & Spiritual Formation Course, April 23-May 4, 2007.**

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The 2007 Institute Of Contemporary & Emerging Worship Studies
Two Week Intensive Certificate Program
In Worship Studies & Spiritual Formation

A Welcome From The Director



"The Institute exists to reinvest the contemporary worship experience with the riches of the ancient past – toward our emerging future."

Dan Wilt, Institute Director

It truly is a privilege to inform you about the weeks of study, growth and community learning that lay ahead for those worship leaders attending our **Institute Of Contemporary & Emerging Worship Studies Two-Week Certificate Program**.

It is our belief that the quality of roundtable enrichment education for worship leaders embodied in this short space of time is truly groundbreaking, unique and vital in both the emerging culture and Church world of today – especially for creative leaders with their eyes set on the transformation of our generation.

The Institute *Two-Week Intensive Certificate Program in Worship Studies & Spiritual Formation* is unique in that it seeks to engage the contemporary worship leader on a reflective journey into the living present and emerging future – via the road of the ancient past. Combining a university-level, community-based, roundtable academic enrichment environment optimized for the creative leader's learning style, along with a program that is built for, around and by a contemporary worship artist, this program teams up insightful theological voices with media and live teaching from today's most important worship influencers. Add to this our reflective, beautiful study retreat atmosphere, and we believe that optimal learning can occur in a short space of time together.

We have primarily designed our course work with worship leaders in mind who resonate with the pressing issues facing the Church in the postmodern world, and identify with the style and ethos native to such worship movements/streams as the Vineyard, Passion and Soul Survivor. Our teachers and media include input from these streams and others, and include media content from many of today's key worship influencers – specifically contributed for the Institute – friends such as N.T. Wright, Matt Redman, Brian Doerksen, Brian McLaren and more. When Jesus and the apostle Paul stand alongside of Irenaeus and Francis of Assisi, who stand alongside of Boenhoeffer and Herbert, who stand alongside Ignatius and Lewis, who stand alongside contemporary communicators like these, we believe something will happen that will *form the next centuries of worship leadership*.

The *Institute Two-Week Intensive Certificate Program* has a singular goal in mind – that this next phase of your personal and spiritual leadership development, as a worship leader, will be one of living *transformation* – not simply a gathering of *information*.



As the butterfly bursts from the chrysalis following a time of being hidden and formed within a womb of its own making, so too we believe that your choice to join in the experience of this Certificate program will become a landmark season, a watershed encounter, with God, the riches of spiritual history, and God's creative, creational activity in the world today.

Our *Institute Two-Week Intensive Certificate Program* is distinguished from others by its "study retreat" atmosphere, and its roundtable learning environment (the most effective historical learning model), engaging peers, academics and creative leaders in a literal conversation that touches themes of Spiritual Theology, Biblical Studies, Emerging Worship and Church Thought, Creativity, Postmodern Reflection, Ignatian Prayer, The Gifts Of Celtic Spirituality, Church History, Creational Theology, Historic Worship Studies, Worship Theology and more.

Our model of training via two (2) week intensive "modules" is a powerfully unique and proven model for equipping active spiritual leaders *while you remain* in your sphere of local, regional, national or international ministry. The Intensive is a time to come away, study and reflect. It is a "learning retreat;" one from which many have left changed – in heart, mind and faith.

SSU is chartered by the Province Of New Brunswick, Canada to grant certificates, diplomas and degrees, and many schools, institutions and vibrant ministries in the world today are both appreciate of, and familiar with, the effectiveness of an SSU education.

You'll find our teaching community easy to connect with, and highly concerned about your personal growth as a human being, as a Christian, as a creative influencer and as an influencer of the Church of tomorrow. Experts in a variety of academic disciplines will primarily teach and lead the session, such as

Dan Wilt (internationally respected worship artist and communicator, *All You Are*)
Dr. Peter Fitch (Spiritual and Classical Theology and author of *Learning To Suffer Well*),
Dr. Gregg Finley (Church History and Celtic Spirituality),
Dr. Peter Davids (New Testament Scholar, Biblical Studies In Worship),
Lorna Jones (Spiritual Director)

and others lead us through our sessions. Some special guests may be able to join us via video or audio chat (according to time and availability) to teach and interact with our roundtable, such as

Brian Doerksen (*Come, Now Is The Time*),
David Ruis (*You Are Worthy Of My Praise*),
Matt Redman (*Heart Of Worship*),
Kathryn Scott (*Hungry*)
Andy Park (*In The Secret*) and others.

Other influencers, such as the above, and

N.T. Wright (New Testament Scholar, *For All God's Worth*)
John Eldredge (*The Sacred Romance, Wild At Heart*)
Don Williams (*Theologian*)

have specifically contributed video training to the Institute that will be used during our study retreat.



Just as Luther's theological school became a primary influence in shaping and forming the Church of its day, so too we expect this program to catalyze fresh life, wisdom and perspective in the worship community both of today and tomorrow.

Our Intensive program takes place at the Dominion Hill Centre by St. Stephen's University. Our learning sessions have come to be known as times of retreat and rejuvenation, even "monastic, set-apart" experiences for others, even with the studies involved. The beautiful people of our faith community in the area, and the beautiful province of New Brunswick in eastern Canada, are responsible for some of this strong response from leaders around the world.

Preliminary readings for participants are noted in the following document, so that you can begin to prepare.

Your progression to connect with us would be as follows:

- 1 Review** this material, and email or call with any questions you may have.
- 2 Fill out** and return the enclosed application, with the media it requires and your application fee, and return it as soon as possible (this ensures you a spot at the Intensive). Strongly consider inviting a fellow worship leader to join you in a "peer learning" experience – this has proven to be invaluable to participants.
- 3 Begin reading/devouring** the material, and give us 2 weeks to get back to you regarding your acceptance.

I look forward to hearing from you, and thank you for your interest in the Institute. We are building a movement of friends and influencers, and we would love to have you and other like-minded worship leaders join us this next session. We would rather that friends connect with us through the years, rather than simply participants. If you decide to apply and attend, prepare to become a part of a growing community of deepening worship leaders across our generation.

More information on the program, including final dates and costs, can be found on our website, at <http://www.ssu.ca/icews>, or at <http://www.theworshipleader.com>. If we can answer any further questions for you, please don't hesitate to either email or phone.

Blessings, and we pray that God will speak to you about His best for you as you consider joining us in 2007.

To His Honor,

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Institute Two-Week Intensive Certificate Program Detail Sheet, 2007

The following details are current as of February 1, 2007 for the 2007 ICEWS Two-Week Intensive Certificate Program in Worship Studies & Spiritual Formation. Please see our website (link below) for the most updated information.

COURSE TIMES, COSTS & FEES

North American Two Week Intensive Program: April 23-May 4, 2007

Cost: \$2500 CA (includes two weeks food and accommodation at the Dominion Hill Retreat Centre in St. Andrew's, NB, SSU tuition). Payment is due in part by March 15th (1/2), and then in full at the beginning of the module (see end of application attached).

Other Fees: Books and media. Used or new books can be purchased at very reasonable prices through Amazon's Used Book links, or new (<http://www.amazon.com>). A complete list of the titles you will need for the course is listed below.

Required Reading:

Athanasius, The Life of Anthony and the Letter to Marcellinus, trans. Robert C. Gregg, The Classics of Western Spirituality Series (Paulist Press, 1980) Read: Introduction and Life of Anthony only (skip the Letter to Marcellinus), 80-100 pages.

N.T. Wright, For All God's Worth (Fortress Press)

Brian McLaren, A Generous Orthodoxy, Youth Specialties Emergent

The Gospels (in The Message may be the most beneficial for our time)

Dietrich Boenhoeffer, Life Together.

Other Media:

What Is Worship? DVD (Dan Wilt, host) from Vineyard Music USA (www.vineyardmusicusa.com)

Reclaiming Worship CD (Dan Wilt with N.T. Wright) from iTunes or Vineyard Music USA (www.vineyardmusicusa.com)

Some articles may be sent beforehand, but time will be given at the Intensive for reading.

If You Want To Read More (*NOT required*):

St. Augustine, The Confessions, Books 1-3, 7-9

Justo L. Gonzalez, The Story of Christianity, Vol. 1& 2 (Prince Press, combined edition, 1999)
Pages: Preface to 220

Early Christian Writings: The Apostolic Fathers, trans. Maxwell Staniforth (Dorset Press, 1968), 225 pages

Roger E. Olson, The Story of Christian Theology (InterVarsity Press, 1999), Pages: 11-277

The New Testament (in *The Message* may be the most beneficial for our time; for now; for the adventurous, you may read the OT as well!)

Robert Webber, Encyclopedia Of Christian Worship, Vol. 1: The First Twenty Centuries

Some of these books will be required reading in the Institute Master's program, and will give you a much better historical and theological perspective our 2 weeks together.

A Note On The Intensive Readings:

For those who aren't used to university-level reading, don't be intimidated by the amount of reading. At about 1.5 weeks per book, you'll have enough bathroom reading time to accomplish the reading. Some of the books are small and easy to read as well.

Note: It is not intended that you agree with everything you read; that is *part of the learning process* – we learn as much from what we disagree with as from what we agree with.

Pre-Intensive Written Assignment:

For each of the books (including the Gospels), and for each of the pieces of media, each student is required to select five (5) key ideas, and their corresponding quotes and page numbers, that affect them from each piece of assigned reading/listening.

These are to be brought to the Intensive in typed and printed form (Times New Roman, 12 point), and will be collected throughout our time together.

FAQ About The Two-Week Intensive Certificate Program

Frequently Asked Questions:

How will my work over the two weeks be evaluated?

Participants will receive a Reflective Journal when arriving, that they will keep through the Intensive. This Journal will be handed in by the Wednesday of the 2nd week, and handed back to the participant by the Friday before they leave. Other assignments will be prepared before we meet, such as a written page noting the 5 points and quotes in each book that most stood out to the participant. These papers will become the basis for discussion together, and will be handed in at the end of the class referencing that particular book.

You will receive a Certificate at the end of the two weeks following your successful completion of the course.

When should we arrive and when should we leave?

Participants should plan to arrive by the *late afternoon* of the Sunday before the Intensive (in this case, by Sunday Oct. 29). For those flying into St. John, New Brunswick (note: NOT St. John's, Newfoundland!). Upon acceptance, directions to Dominion Hill will be given from the airport. Participants will be put in touch with one another for shared car rentals, etc.

For those flying into Bangor, ME (2 hour drive), Halifax, NS (5 hour drive) or Moncton, NB (3 hours), you will have a bit of a longer trip to St. Stephen's University/Dominion Hill.

Class will finish on Friday evening of the second week, and participants should plan to *leave late morning* (for airport travel time) on the Saturday following the Intensive.

When do I pay?

Participants are to submit a \$50 (US or CA) application fee (non-refundable) with their application. Students are then to pay *1/2 of their fee by March 15, 2007* (see details at end of application) to secure their place. Upon arrival, participants will pay the entirety of their total fee (\$2500 CA, or \$2350 US). The \$50 application fee is in *addition* to this amount. If you have any problems with payment issues, please contact us.

Will there be any free time during the two weeks?

The Intensive is designed to be just that: intensive. There will be a fair amount of reading material for you to work through beforehand, and handouts to be read during the two weeks. However, in the afternoons and in most evenings there will be space to reflect, walk the grounds, catch up on reading, relax (i.e. take a nap) and to do small assignments. Overall, you should have completed the assigned readings and written assignments before you come.



For most, this will be a type of “monastic,” set apart experience of development. We will have classes mornings, afternoons and on one or two evenings. The weekend is off. Prepare to work hard, think hard, and to be met by God in beautiful moments of revelation. We want our time to be thick with growth, but we also want to create space for you to enjoy the beauty of the area as well, and your time away from the hubbub at home.

I'm afraid I can't do all the reading? Any help?

Ah, the world we creatives live in. For those who aren't used to the academic environment of university, and especially for we who are creative leaders, it can seem like a lot of reading to do to prepare for our brief time together. While it may seem like much, this is an opportunity to begin to implement a discipline of reading, the cheapest form of education, in your life for the years to come. We want to maximize your learning, so we don't want to make it too easy! Expect it to be a university program, and you'll be fine.

We are only assigning 5 primary “must read” texts for the Intensive, and then opening up the options for those of you who want to read more widely in each of the arenas of thoughts we will touch during our time. Handouts will be given for you to read during the week as well.

Space out your reading. Recognizing that if you read one book every week, or every two weeks, will help you reach your goal lifts off the pressure to cram it all in at the end. Besides, you won't retain as much if you do. Use the rhythm of a week to set aside special times designated for reading – you're going back to school - and stick to those times. Your spouse (if applicable) should be behind you in making sure you can carve out the time to read.

Most of those used to reading a lot of material practice what is called "judicious reading." In other words, they look through the book and seek to read the parts that seem to stand out as the most important. If you're pressed for time, do this.

Some books may be available on audio at iTunes or another site, so check them out. <http://www.itunes.com>

How should I get my hands on the books and media?

Amazon is our little gift from God in these cases, as are your reading friends. First of all, you could borrow the books or media from friends. Secondly, you could use this opportunity to build up your personal library by accessing the title of your book at Amazon (<http://www.amazon.com>), and clicking on “Used” copies of your books. We've found books for \$2, \$4 and \$10 on occasion, and you can make some remarkable finds. As well, if you go to <http://www.ccel.org> (The Christian Classics Ethereal Library) you can find some of the more historic texts online for printing or even download.

For the DVD/CD media, you can contact www.ionworship.org, and tell them you are buying your material for the Institute Intensive course. They may be giving Institute discounts by the time you contact them.

What good will a Certificate in *Worship Studies* & *Spiritual Formation* from St. Stephen's University be to me?

This is a beautiful question. We study to “show ourselves approved,” according to the Scriptures. The intensive learning that this program offers worship leaders is, in our estimation, second to none in the world (including its pricing, faculty, media and roundtable format).



Our goal is to deepen today's contemporary worship leader as they continue in ministry, and prepare us even for the years to come when we have stepped away from actively leading worship (maybe in our 60's?) and when our primary focus is creating, discipling, mentoring, teaching and writing for the growth of others.

The Certificate itself is simply a verification, in any application for a role as a spiritual leader, that you have given yourself to an area of university-level study in a disciplined and focused learning environment. While some of our names as faculty may lend credibility along with the Certificate, the piece of paper is simply a designation that you have applied yourself to growth in this arena of ministry activity. In some cases, that may prove to be helpful in your lifelong journey, even vocationally.

Why do I need university training as a worship leader?

This is an even bigger question that deserves far more time than will be given it here. To do what we do with intentionality, a wide vision of ancient, present and emerging thought, reflective academic attention to details, and with the discipline that comes from worshiping with our minds as well as our hearts, will only serve to deepen our impact in the now and the generations to come. We are part of a generation of contemporary worship leaders shaping, and in many cases continuing to reshape, the foundations of the 21st century Church.

Christians throughout the ages have "studied to show themselves approved" for their task, and it has only enhanced their authority and impact as they have wrestled with questions both new and old, by studying those who have wrestled with those questions before. Our spiritual leadership, our songs, our communications, our capacity to raise up the kind of culturally powerful worshipers the Father seeks in the world today has everything to do with our ability to communicate on artistic, cultural, historical, relational, theological and biblical levels.

These kinds of creative leaders will radically influence the Church ages to come.

Will my Intensive Certificate work apply in any way to a One-Year Diploma or Master's Degree with the Institute?

In short, no. The Intensive is designed to be a self-contained program for those needing a short term approach to further study, that alludes to the Master's studies (and One Year Diploma program), but does not contain enough focused hours on each topic to gain significant academic credit.

This is still being evaluated by the Institute and St. Stephen's University.

What experience level is required to do the Intensive?

As is noted on the website (www.theworshipleader.com) the Intensive is specifically designed for experienced worship leaders (3-5 years in current part or full-time worship leadership), who have a pastoral recommendation. The goal of this requirement is to create a peer environment for learning (we don't want to have too many participants asking radically different questions related to the basics of worship leadership).

Additionally, the Intensive will not place a high value on teaching the rudiments of worship leadership. The One Year Diploma program will have far more content on this for those needing to consider how to lead worship, arrange a band, etc. Our Intensive goal is to *deepen experienced worship leaders*.



Here is the blurb from the website, that may help you:

Intensive Ideal Candidate - High Experience Level: "I've been leading worship for many years in my church community. I'm well versed in the practices of leading worship, from arranging bands to administering a worship community. While my experience level is high in practical skills, I'm hungry for a deeper study of the foundations of the faith – theologically, historically, culturally and spiritually. I want my worship leadership to be enriched by the classics of Church history, further study and reflection on the past and present, and by studies and discussion on spiritual formation."

What should I bring with me?

Your duds and toiletries, your anticipating heart, a bible (preferably, NIV, NASB or *The Message* rendering) and something with which to write. An mp3 player of some sort, be it an iPod or other, will prove to be very helpful, as we may have some audio assignments.

We'll take care of the rest. No pets... except for pteranadons.

Are there any subsidies for students wanting to take the Intensive?

At this early stage of the Institute, no, there are no grants or subsidies directly related to the Institute Intensive. Contact Sheila at sheilabrooks@ssu.ca for more information related to the One Year and Masters programs.

What kind of housing is available?

All Intensive participants will need to stay at the Dominion Hill Leadership Centre. Accommodations and food for the Intensive are provided here in the payment.

What will the actual Intensive prep work look like? I.e. What do we have to do before we get there?

The coursework for the Intensive will focus on 5 areas: Ancient/Historical, Theology, Biblical Study, Spiritual Formation/Leadership and Community.

You will need to either purchase (<http://www.amazon.com>), borrow, or read online the books listed for you in the Required Reading list. Then, for each book or piece of media, you will be writing down five (5) ideas from each book that most deeply impacted you, along with their corresponding quote and page number. This enables us all to find the quote and idea when we are in discussion times together.

Use a separate sheet to type out your 5 ideas for each book, and bring these with you.

Is there access to a mall or any other facilities?

You are on a retreat, in a beautiful place. That beautiful place is not smack in the middle of the suburbs! St. Stephen is a small town that sits right on the border of the US and Canada with Calais, ME. While basic shops such as grocery stores and WalMart are here, some bigger facilities are 1 hour to 1.5 hours away. There is a small



movie theatre in Calais (you probably won't have time to take in a movie through the Intensive), and there is a wonderful chocolate store called Ganongs (St. Stephen is Chocolate Town, Canada).

How do I pay?

Payment with a check or money order is acceptable for the program (see end of application for details).

Is church required on the Sunday?

On the Sunday in between Intensive weeks, you will be welcome to attend the community of the St. Croix Vineyard (St. Stephen), or any of the churches in the area you would like (including Anglican, Catholic, Baptist, Lutheran or other churches). For some of you, you may choose to sleep in or do something else given the space afforded you for retreat. It's up to you.

How many participants will be involved?

In the Intensive, we will have a minimum of 6 students, and a maximum of 17 students. Our optimal environment is between 8-15 participants.

Because of Dan's connection with the Vineyard movement, many of our participants may be connected with the Vineyard. However, the Intensive is open to the whole contemporary worshipping Body of Christ, and we expect to be increasingly enriched by that diversity as the program matures.

Will there be internet access?

There will be a wireless network at Dominion Hill Leadership Centre, and at St. Stephen's University. *We will ask that during the class times, no chats are simultaneously occurring around the world (for those who have done this, you know what I mean!), and that cell phones be turned off.* This is simply to keep our class times community focused and engaging for all, and to maximize the learning experience.

We trust this information has been helpful to you as you make your decision. Blessings, and we look forward to hearing from you.

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The Institute Of Contemporary & Emerging Worship Studies

Worship Studies & Spiritual Formation Certificate Program
Two Week Intensive Certificate Application April 23 - May 4, 2007

INSTRUCTIONS:

You will need to include a \$50 (US or CA) application fee with this document. You may email it as a PDF, or mail it regular mail. Your application cannot be considered by the Intensive Committee until your fee has been received. **(Please type or print clearly)**

1. General Information:

Name: First _____ Middle _____ Surname _____

Address:

_____ Postal/Zip Code _____

Telephone # _____ Email Address: _____

Web Address (if any): _____

S.I.N./S.S.# _____ Date of Birth: _____

Citizenship: _____ Marital Status: _____

2. Please list high school(s) attended and describe any further academic or vocational training.

School/Grades/Dates

3. If not currently attending high school, please describe your present status or employment.

4. Please indicate your extracurricular interests, activities, etc.



5. What musical instrument(s) do you play, and indicate level of proficiency. Also indicate level of band arranging experience.

Briefly describe your worship leading experience. Where helpful, include dates, locations and church affiliations. (We require all Intensive applicants to have led at least 3-5 years in one church setting, and endorsement.)

6. Pastoral Endorsement. In 100-200 words, would you please state why you believe this applicant would be enriched by the ICEWS Intensive program. What do you hope they gain?

Signature _____ Print Name _____

Role In Church/Name Of Church _____

Contact Email _____ Contact Phone _____

7. In general, how would you rate your physical health? Poor / Fair / Good / Excellent

Explain if needed. _____

8. Do you have any physical handicaps, different learning styles, etc. ? Yes No

If yes, please explain briefly: _____

9 . Name, address, phone and web address of faith community where you lead worship:

10. Is your community a member of the SSU Church Partnership Program? Yes No

11. If a current SSU student or teacher was instrumental in your decision to send us an application, please state their name. _____

12. Getting to know you: (One essay of no more than 300 words, on a separate piece of paper)

Why do you believe the ICEWS Intensive program will be personally enriching for you at this time in your worship leadership experience? What ideas in the ancient, contemporary and emerging worship expressions of the Church are the most meaningful to you and why? How can we aid you in enriching yourself, and your faith community, through this Intensive?

Signature & Date

Important: ICEWS Application Video

We require, with every application for the ICEWS Intensive Certificate Program, a 15-30 minute VHS video, DVD, Mini-DV or QuickTime movie of the applicant leading worship in their community. It is important that the applicant is very visible, and is clearly heard.



Mail or Courier completed application, application fee and video by **March 15, 2007** to:

**ATTN: Registrar
ICEWS Intensive Certificate Program
St. Stephen's University
8 Main Street
St. Stephen, NB E3L 3E2 Canada
1.506.466.1781**

Important Payment Information:

50% (1/2) of your payment for the ICEWS Intensive Certificate Program must be submitted to the address above, after you have received confirmation of acceptance, by **March 15, 2007.**

Checks should be made out to St. Stephen's University, and are tax deductible (both in the US and in Canada). Note if you would like a tax receipt for the amount, and if so, for which country.