The Foundations of Christian Leadership program helps new and emerging leaders of church institutions explore their gifts for leading in the church; develop their capacity for effective, strategic and theologically wise leadership; and examine what it means to be a Christian leader in a Christian organization.

This program, which serves 20 people who meet three times in a year, strives to develop Christian imagination, enabling leaders to see their work in the light of God’s active presence in the world. Participants will develop a new language and a new way of thinking about their role in cultivating thriving communities that are signs, foretastes and instruments of the reign of God. Leaders also will learn to connect their fundamental personal character with the specific gifts and challenges that are required for transformative leadership.

Foundations of Christian Leadership is designed for people who are directing significant programs or services within a Christian ministry. In particular, this experience will most benefit leaders who have been in their current position no more than three years and have responsibilities that include recruitment, marketing, supervising and budgeting. This could include associate and lay ministers who work in congregations with a minimum of 600 people in weekly attendance and program or project directors within institutions.

Participants will:
- examine the nature of leadership in the light of Christian convictions;
- practice spiritual disciplines in Christian community;
- examine the nature of their organization and its mission, assess their leadership role within it and recognize ways to lead effectively under a variety of circumstances;
- study the functional and theological nature of leadership and build capacity for strategic and intentional leadership;
- enjoy the counsel and support of a coach; and
- develop strong peer relationships.

It is necessary for participants to:
- Attend all sessions in their entirety
  - Session I: Sept. 20-23, 2010, Avila Retreat Center, Durham, N.C.
  - Session II: Nov. 15-18, 2010, Avila Retreat Center, Durham, N.C.
  - Session III: Jan 24-26, 2011, Avila Retreat Center, Durham, N.C.
- Complete reading and writing assignments between sessions and participate in conversations with a coach and peer learning group

The tuition for Foundations of Christian Leadership is $1,200 per person. Meals and accommodations are included. Transportation is the responsibility of the participant. Scholarships are available.

Applications for Foundations of Christian Leadership 2010-2011 will be reviewed in June, July and August. The first deadline for applications is June 1, 2010. Early applications will receive first consideration; once the program capacity is reached, registration will close.
FOUNDATIONS OF CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP 2010
Application

Biographical information
Name _______________________________  Denomination _______________________________

Employer _____________________________________________

Position _____________________________________________

Address _____________________________________________

Work phone ___________________________  Cell or home phone ___________________________

Email* _______________________________  Fax _______________________________

*We require your email address to send you updates, schedule changes and additional information about this event.

Leadership development information
To complete the application process, please complete the items below. The application can be returned
via email, postal mail or fax.

• On a separate sheet, please briefly address the following questions.
  1. Briefly describe your organization and your work. What are your vocational aspirations?
  2. Describe the leadership challenges you are currently facing that you hope this course will
     help address.
  3. Name three of your leadership strengths and give examples of how you have used these
     strengths in your current work.
  4. What other leadership training or development have you done?

• Enclose a letter of support from your direct supervisor that addresses his/her assessment of your
  promise for ongoing leadership and his/her hopes for your learning.

• Enclose a resume highlighting your work and education experience.

Scholarship information
In order to be considered for a tuition scholarship, you must answer the questions below. Please note that
we extend scholarships for tuition fees only and not for travel expenses.

  1. How much is allotted to you for continuing education in the 10-11 fiscal year? How much is
     allotted to you for travel in the 10-11 fiscal year?
  2. What is the size of your organization, including the budget and number of employees?
  3. What is the size of your project or department, including the budget and number of employees
     and/or volunteers?

Commitment
I understand the commitments necessary to participate in Foundations of Christian Leadership and am
willing to make and honor those commitments. Please accept my application for the program.

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Signature

Send completed application to:
Foundations of Christian Leadership
Leadership Education at Duke Divinity
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leadership@div.duke.edu
Fax: 919.613.5333
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