

THE EVANGELICAL
NETWORK TRUST



2011 RESOURCE GUIDE

RAISING UP & TRAINING A NEW GENERATION OF
GOSPEL WORKERS IN KWAZULU-NATAL AND BEYOND...

Welcome

Welcome to the 2011 ENTRUST Resource Guide. The Evangelical Network Trust (ENTRUST) exists to serve the local church by raising up and training a new generation of Gospel workers in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa and beyond. Our strategy consists of recruiting men and women who are gifted and growing in grace and training them to rightly teach the Word of God, so that existing churches are strengthened and new ones are planted.

Our convictions flow from the Apostle Paul's words to Timothy -- "What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2). From a human point of view, our commitment to raising up a new generation of Gospel workers and to church planting is critical for the extension of God's kingdom in the Zulu kingdom! We pray that God will use our efforts to equip Christians to more faithfully preach and teach the message that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Rev. Grant Retief, Chairman of ENTRUST; Rector of Christ Church Umhlanga

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ENTRUST TRAINING

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"What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." 2 Timothy 2:2

Rev. Michael Schäfer, Director of Ministry & Training, graduated from George Whitefield College (GWC) in Cape Town in 1995. He then studied under David Jackman and Dick Lucas at the Cornhill Training Course in London from 1996 to 1997. After apprenticing at a church in England for a year, Michael returned to South Africa in 1998. Upon his return, he worked as a curate at Christ Church Hillcrest from 1998 to 2002, and became Rector of Christ Church Hillcrest in 2002, where he faithfully served for 8 years. In January 2010, Michael became the full-time Director of Ministry & Training for ENTRUST.

ENTRUST Training Course (ETC)

ENTRUST Training Course (ETC) is a two-year, Word-based course designed to teach students how to:

"See it all" – comprised of an overview of the Bible, Bible book overviews and Doctrine overviews.

"Get it right" – understand the various Bible genres and apply good principles of exposition to each.

"Put it across"— equip students to become better communicators of God's Word.



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In practice, the course is structured as follows:

First year:

- Expository sermons given by ENTRUST Trainers

See it all

- Gospel Overview (What is the Gospel?)
- Bible Overview (the Bible story is unfolded from Genesis to Revelation)

Get it right

- Principles of Exposition (8 weeks each)
 - General principles of Exposition
 - Principles of Exposition for NT Epistles
 - Principles of Exposition for OT Prophecy
 - Principles of Exposition for OT Narrative

Put it across

- God at Work: by His Word
- Preaching
- Godliness & Gifting
- The Message
- Observation & Analysis of Biblical text

Second Year:

- Expository sermons given by ENTRUST Trainers

See it all

- Biblical doctrines

Get it right

- Principles of Exposition (8 weeks each)
 - Principles of Exposition for OT poetry
 - Principles of Exposition for OT wisdom
 - Principles of Exposition for NT gospels
 - Principles of Exposition for NT apocalyptic

Put it across

- God at work: in His people
- Understanding your hearers
- Sermons given by students

ETC meets on Wednesdays at Christ Church Pinetown.

There are two options for ETC:

1) Full day from 8.45am to 3.30pm. This costs **R500 per term**. Lunch not included. This is recommended, as all subjects are covered in their entirety.

2) Part-time from 8.45am to 12.30pm. This course excludes the "Put it Across" component. Cost is **R350 per term**.

The course consists of four terms, beginning in February and ending in November.

To apply for the 2011 course please email our office at office@entrust.org.za

Ministry Apprenticeship Programme (MAP)

For those who would like to test their suitability for vocational Christian ministry, we encourage local churches to partner with us through our Ministry Apprenticeship Programme (MAP). Under this programme, apprentices (interns) attend the *ENTRUST Training Course* on Wednesdays, while serving at their local church.

This model provides young men (and women) the opportunity to receive theological training through *ETC* and practical experience through serving at their local church. The two-year programme provides churches the opportunity to test and train potential ministers and provides apprentices with the opportunity to test their gifts and by God's grace, grow in godliness.



George Whitefield College is an official partner with ENTRUST.

Many of our apprentices further their theological training after the two-year programme by studying at **George Whitefield College (GWC)** in Cape Town, South Africa. Other apprentices have even entered Moore Theological College (Australia).

If you and your local church are interested in learning more about the Ministry Apprenticeship Programme (MAP) please contact Nicky Kidgell at office@entrust.org.za

ENTRUST Preaching Course (EPC)

ENTRUST is pleased to offer the *ENTRUST Preaching Course (EPC)*, a year long, intensive training course focused on expository preaching. The course consists of the following three components:

Read: Students will read and summarize books, articles, and sermons.

Listen: Students will listen to and critique at least one exposition per week from preachers around the world.

Practice: Each student will have the opportunity to preach and receive feedback on a regular basis.

The course is designed for students who have gone through the *ENTRUST Training Course*, have demonstrated some level of giftedness in handling God's Word, and have a desire to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Applications from Bible college/seminary students (from South Africa or overseas) will be considered after the pool of *ENTRUST Training Course* applicants.



"For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake." 2 Corinthians 4:5

Due to the intensive nature of this course, approximately **5-7 applicants** will be admitted to the course per year. Prospective students will need the written support of their local church to apply.

The course consists of four terms, beginning in February and ending in November.

The cost of the course is **R375 per term**. For an application, please contact Nicky Kidgell at office@entrust.org.za.

ENTRUST Theological Course (ETh)

2011 sees the launch of the *ENTRUST Theological Course (ETh)* which offers students the opportunity to further their theological education on a part-time basis. Though unaccredited at the moment, the course material is based on the university-accredited programme offered by George Whitefield College.

The course will run over three years with the first year structured as follows:

First Semester:

- New Testament Greek
- Old Testament Introduction

Second Semester:

- New Testament Introduction
- New Testament Exegesis
- Evangelism

Students will be required to attend weekly tutorial classes on Tuesday afternoons at the *ENTRUST Tuition Centre* at Christ Church Umhlanga. This time and venue has been selected to allow students to attend the *ENTRUST Preaching Course (EPC)* in the morning and the *ETh Course* in the afternoon. The cost for the course is **R375 per term**.

To apply for the 2011 course or to obtain further information, please email our office at office@entrust.org.za.

Winter Internship Programme

For those investigating the opportunity for full-time apprenticeship or who wish to better understand and teach God's Word, ENTRUST is pleased to offer the *Winter Internship Programme* during the months of June and July.

Working in partnership with the *The Bible Talks (TBT)* and the *Reformed University Fellowship (RUF)* in the United States, interns will have the opportunity to serve at a Gospel-centred local church and other like-minded ministries in KwaZulu-Natal.

The purpose of the programme is to train university students to better understand and teach God's Word.



Location: *KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*

Time: *6 to 8 weeks (during the South African winter holidays and N. American summer)*

Prospective students will need the written support of their local church and campus minister to apply. We currently accept applications from University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN), Duke University, University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) and North Carolina State University.



Please contact Jeremiah von Kühn at jvk@entrust.org.za for an application.

ENTRUST CONFERENCES

ENTRUST MINISTRY CONFERENCE (EMC)

The *ENTRUST Ministry Conference (EMC)* is ENTRUST's flagship conference, showcasing **expository preaching**. The aim of the conference is to train Gospel ministers in South Africa to more faithfully proclaim the Word of God.

Our first annual *EMC* took place on 25-27 May 2010 and featured Dr. Rev. Mervyn Eloff of St. James Kenilworth, who preached six sermons from John's Gospel.



The Mid-Year Conference: "Raising up and training a new generation of Gospel workers..."

MID-YEAR CONFERENCE (MYC)

The *Mid-Year Conference (MYC)* aims to equip, strengthen, and encourage university students. In 2010, over 175 students from Africa, Europe, North America and Asia gathered to hear God's Word and enjoy the fellowship of believers.

ENTRUST Women's Convention

The *ENTRUST Women's Convention* takes place each August and encourages and challenges women to, by God's grace, live under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.



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ENTRUST Men's Convention

The *ENTRUST Men's Convention* takes place each September and encourages and challenges men to, by God's grace, live under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

ENTRUST Challenge Conference

The purpose of the *ENTRUST Challenge Conference* is to challenge men and women to invest their lives in "full-time" paid Gospel ministry. ENTRUST actively recruits godly, gifted men and women who may be suitable for paid Gospel ministry.

ENTRUST MINISTRIES



THE BIBLE TALKS (TBT)

The *Bible Talks (TBT)* is ENTRUST's campus ministry. *The Bible Talks* aims to equip university students to better understand the Word of God. TBT currently serves three University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) campuses -- Howard, Pietermaritzburg and Westville.

CHURCH PLANTING

ENTRUST aims to serve the local church by helping to train and equip its future leaders. Scripture teaches us that the local church "displays the manifold wisdom of God" (Ephesians 3:10). Therefore, as ministers are trained in the Word and, by God's grace, grow in godliness, we hope to partner with new church-planting initiatives in KwaZulu-Natal and beyond. We are eager to plant churches in places where there is no Gospel witness.



ENTRUST RESOURCES

We are pleased to offer free Gospel resources at the ENTRUST website (www.entrust.org.za) including mp3s, videos and articles.

Some of the resources available include the following:

Rev. David Jackman (London, England) on
Preaching

Rev. Goodenough Mthembu (Durban, South Africa) on
African Traditional Religion

Rev. Grant Retief (Durban, South Africa) on
Obstacles to the Gospel Advancing in South Africa

Rev. Jim Ramsay (Sydney, Australia) on
Evangelism

Rev. Dr. Mervyn Eloff (Cape Town, South Africa) on
John's Gospel

Dr. Michael Lawrence (Oregon, United States) on
Healthy Churches

Rev. Thabiti Anyabwile (Grand Cayman) on
Gospel & Race

Rev. William Taylor (London, England) on
Church Leadership

Please contact Andy Pike at andy.pike@entrust.org.za with any questions.

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PARTNERSHIPS

ENTRUST is thankful to God for the following Gospel partners in **South Africa:**

Ballito Bible Church

Bhekithemba Parish Churches

Christ Church Glenwood

Christ Church Hillcrest

Christ Church Newlands

Christ Church Pinetown

Christ Church Umhlanga

Church on the Ridge (Pietermaritzburg)

George Whitefield College (GWC)

Holy Trinity Church – Pietermaritzburg

Lambert Road Baptist Church

Lily of the Valley

The Bible Talks (TBT)

Trinity Chapel Durban

Trinity Chapel Hilton

Trinity Church Morningside

ENTRUST is thankful to God for Gospel partnerships **around the world:**

IX Marks *Washington DC, United States*



"ENTRUST is an important ministry for raising up the next generation of Gospel ministers in South Africa. I am thankful for this work, those that lead it, and pray for God's blessings on it."

Mark Dever - Pastor, Capitol Hill Baptist Church,
Washington DC USA;

Author, 9Marks.org



Matthias Media *Sydney, Australia*



two ways to live | one life to give

I am convinced that God will use the ministry of ENTRUST to raise up a new generation of pastors, evangelists and church planters for South Africa. It has been a great joy to see this ministry develop under the godly, visionary leadership of Grant Retief and Michael Schäfer and to personally meet some of the outstanding graduates of ENTRUST training programmes. Through faithful Bible teaching and connection with youth and student ministries, ENTRUST is strategically placed to prepare scores of men and women for gospel leadership in South Africa and beyond."

Colin Marshall,
Author, Matthias Media
Director, Vinegrowers, Sydney, Australia



The North West Partnership *England / Wales, UK*



"ENTRUST is doing a unique and vital work in training men and women for Word ministry in KwaZulu-Natal and beyond. Michael Schäfer is just the right man to be leading this work! He has a proven track record of pastoral ministry and is a gifted teacher himself as well as an inspiring trainer of others. I have no hesitation in commending this work."

Justin Mote - Director of the North West Partnership, UK

Proclamation Trust *London, United Kingdom*

THE PROCLAMATION TRUST
proclaiming the living and enduring word...



David Jackman – President of the Proclamation Trust and Founder of the Cornhill Training Course, London, UK

"I rejoice that God has opened this door of opportunity for you to give yourself fully to the training ministry since it is such a strategic work in your country as in ours. May God prosper and bless your ongoing ministry in teaching and training a new generation, and may He be pleased to raise up a mighty work-force of young South African Christians who will be used under God to uplift Christ, to preach His great salvation and to nurture God's flock in the Word. Do be assured of our warm-hearted interest and support for this ministry through ENTRUST and of our readiness to stand with you in the task in whatever ways we can."

ENTRUST Statement of Faith

1. God

We believe that there is one God, who exists eternally in three distinct but equal persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He is unchangeable in his holiness, justice, wisdom and love. He is the almighty Creator, the Saviour and Judge who sustains and governs all things according to his sovereign will for his own glory.

2. The Bible

We believe that the Bible, as originally given, is the inspired, inerrant, infallible and clear Word of God. Christians must therefore submit to its supreme authority and sufficiency, both individually and corporately, in every matter of belief and practice.

3. Humanity

We believe that all human beings, made by God in his own likeness, have inherent and equal dignity and worth. Their greatest purpose is to obey, worship and love God. However, as a result of the Fall, their sinfulness and guilt has rendered them subject to God's wrath and condemnation, and has resulted in their alienation from his life, suppression of his truth, and hostility to his law.

4. The Lord Jesus Christ

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, God's incarnate Son, is fully God; conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary; his humanity is real and sinless; he suffered under Pontius Pilate, died on the cross, was buried, was raised bodily on the third day from death, ascended into heaven and is now reigning over heaven and earth at the right hand of God the Father.

5. Salvation

We believe that salvation from guilt, penalty, God's wrath and all other consequences of sin, is solely through the work of Jesus Christ — by his perfect life, penal substitutionary death, bodily resurrection and exaltation as Lord. He alone is truly God and truly man, the only mediator between God and man. There is salvation through no other person, creed, process or power. The entirety of a sinner's justification, from beginning to end, is by his grace alone appropriated through faith alone, in Christ alone.

6. Election

We believe that before the foundation of the world God in his mercy chose a people for himself out of the human race. He did not choose them on the basis of their foreseen faith or works, but solely on the basis of his perfect desire to glorify himself in his Son by their redemption.

7. The Holy Spirit

We believe that the person of the Holy Spirit is fully God, sent by the Father and the Son to glorify Christ and to apply his work of salvation. He convicts sinners, imparts spiritual life and gives a true understanding of the Scriptures. He indwells all believers, brings assurance of salvation and produces increasing likeness to Christ. He gives gifts to build up the Church and empowers its members for worship, service and mission.

8. The Church

We believe that the holy universal church is the people of God, the Body of Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit to which all true believers belong. The Lord Jesus Christ is the head of the Church. The Church's calling is to worship and serve God in the world, to proclaim and defend his truth, to exhibit his character and to demonstrate the reality of his new order.

9. The Future

We believe in the personal and visible return in glory of the Lord Jesus Christ to raise the dead bodily and bring salvation and judgment to final completion. God will fully establish his kingdom when he creates a new heaven and a new earth from which evil and evildoers, suffering and death will be excluded, and in which he will be glorified forever.

*To help clarify our beliefs we believe it may also be helpful to declare what we do not believe. In stating who we are not, we do not seek to attack those who disagree with us, but rather distinguish ourselves so that anyone considering joining our network may be aware of **who we are, as well as who we are not.***

- We are not Liberals who embrace culture without discernment and compromise the distinctives of the Gospel, but rather Christians who believe that the truths of the Bible are eternal and therefore fitting for every time, place and people.
- We are not Fundamentalists who retreat from cultural involvement and transformation, but rather missionaries, faithful both to the content of Scripture and context of ministry.
- We are not Isolationists, but seek to partner with like-minded Christians from various churches, denominations and organisations in establishing church-planting churches.
- We are not Hyper-Calvinists who get mired down in secondary matters, but rather pray, evangelise and do good works because we believe that the sovereign plan of God is accomplished through us, his people.
- We are not Dispensationalists, but believe that divisive and dogmatic certainty surrounding particular details of Jesus' Second Coming is unprofitable speculation, because the timing and exact details of His return have not been revealed to us.
- We are not Egalitarians, but do believe that men should be heads of their homes and male elders should lead their churches with servant minded love like Jesus Christ. We believe that this is expressed in the public assembly by only inviting godly and gifted men to preach.
- We are not Open Theists, but believe in the sovereignty and foreknowledge of God in all things.
- We are not Religious Relativists, but believe that there is no salvation apart from faith in Jesus Christ alone.
- We are not Nationalists seeking simply to improve one nation but rather ambassadors of the King of kings commissioned to proclaim and demonstrate the coming of his kingdom to all nations of the earth.
- We are not Moralists seeking to help people live good lives, but rather evangelists seeking to help people become new creations in Christ.
- We are not Relativists, but gladly embrace Scripture as our highest authority above such things as culture, experience, philosophy and other purported forms of revelation.
- We are not Universalists, but believe that those who do not repent and believe the Gospel will spend eternity in the torments of hell as the Bible teaches.
- We are not Naturalists, but believe that Satan and his demons are real enemies at work in this world and subject to God. We believe Satan's work in the moral realm is effectively undone by the work of Christ applied through prayer, preaching the word and calling people to repentance and faith, without the necessity of exorcisms.
- We are not Rationalists, but believe that not everything can be known, but that God calls us to live by faith with mystery and partial knowledge regarding many things.
- We are not Evangelical Feminists, but believe that God reveals himself as Father and is to be honoured without apology by the names he reveals to us.
- We are not Polemicists who believe that it is our task to combat every false teaching but are passionate about preserving the integrity of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- We are not embarrassed by the bloody death of Jesus Christ and believe he died, in selfless love, as a substitute for the sins of all who put their faith in his blood.
- We are not ashamed and proclaim a loving Gospel of grace, which sounds like foolishness and offensiveness to the unrepentant, while also saving multitudes with ears to hear the good news.
- We are not proponents of 'the social gospel', 'the prosperity gospel', or 'the healing gospel' – all of which falsely seek to draw into this age the blessings of the next. We also lament how many are in love with this present world and its pleasures, rather than longing for the age to come where there will be prosperity, healing and eternal social good.
- We are not in acceptance of the veneration and worship of, and communication with, the dead, as broadly and specifically practiced within African Traditional Religion and Roman Catholicism, but believe that Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and man.



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