



THE 6:4 RESIDENCY

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DESCRIPTIVE PROPOSAL

MINISTRY

Strategic Renewal International exists to serve the local church by helping pastors succeed *God's way*. Through an extraordinary commitment to the priorities of prayer and the ministry of the Word, SRI and the *6:4 Fellowship* catalyze praying Christians who support praying pastors who lead praying churches into supernatural Gospel impact (cf. Acts 6:1-7, esp. vs. 4). SRI and 6:4 Fellowship are driven by Scripture's emphasis on healthy local-church leadership, the sufficiency of the Holy Spirit, and the pursuit of cultural transformation.

The purpose of the *6:4 Residency* is to raise up a new generation of pastoral leaders with integrity, conviction, biblical wisdom, realistic expectations, and exceptional spiritual passion to lead Christ's church into powerful renewal.

NEED

Prayerlessness, Scriptural infidelity, and leadership failure mar the character of the American Church today. Church leaders are distracted, diluted, and discouraged for lack of spiritual health and clear priorities. The true gospel of grace and truth has been diminished. Renewal in heart, passion, and leadership is needed to reinvigorate Christ's Body.

OPPORTUNITY

Raise up a new generation of faithful, reliable, and Spirit empowered leadership for the church in America by creating a rigorous pathway – a **Residency program** – to fully qualify and equip pastors to lead biblically, growing their congregations into spiritual vitality: *To love the Lord our God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength*, (Luke 12:30, Mark 12:30).

STRATEGY

- Residents: The *Residency* is designed for post-seminary graduates to provide “the other 50%” of necessary pastoral preparation,¹ complementing their formal training. Potential candidates are current 2nd or 3rd year seminarians and those within three years of their seminary graduations. Resident Cohorts are recruited annually (10-25 per year). They are men with academic acumen, stellar integrity,

¹ A common quote from those who are a part of *6:4 Fellowship*.

- relational authenticity, and marked by a deep longing for the church to return to her ancient foundations in order to lovingly confront a modern world. (Exhibit A)
- Host Churches: Existing *6:4 Fellowship* churches will welcome a Resident to a one-year (minimum) staff position and see that he is mentored in such a way to embed in him the life practices of a praying church. These Residents will emerge, further qualified and equipped in heart and mind for the rigors demanded in pursuing God's priorities for church leaders.
 - Curriculum: Residents will follow a common, yet flexible and individualized curriculum and assessment methodology to assist them in fully preparing for the work of renewing churches. (Exhibit B)
 - Placement: Following the *Residency* year, Residents will, ideally, be placed into strategic, established churches or promising church plant opportunities to implement the Acts 6:4 vision, leading their fellowships into deep spiritual renewal and growth.

OUTCOMES

- Residents gain invaluable experience in fulfilling the requirements of the yearlong *6:4 Residency* curriculum, ministry assignments, and assessment portfolio. This will lead to confidence in the Lord, in His Word, and in His gifting of each Resident.
- Establish and confirm 10-25 men with integrity proven in the context of daily life and ministry. This will be evidenced by the development of a disciplined spiritual life, balance of family and ministry life and self-understanding. These will become men of relational maturity who are genuinely committed to the personal and corporate priority of prayer as the catalyst for discipleship, evangelism, and missions.
- Sharpen men (Residents and their *6:4 Fellowship* mentors) in the crucible of an intentional yearlong relationship (Proverbs 27:17).
- Refine the Residents' ability and giftedness to communicate the Word of God with clarity and authority and proving their leadership acumen in guiding others in Scripture-fed, Spirit-led, worship-based prayer.
- Begin the development of new generation leaders who will serve as models and catalysts for the much-needed renewal of the church.²

² This Residency anticipates the discovery and development of those who will lead SRI and *6:4 Fellowship* deep into the 21st century.

6:4 RESIDENCY - KEY PRINCIPALS

Daniel Henderson, *Founder and President*, SRI and *National Director*, the *6:4 Fellowship* Pastor to thousands over nearly three decades in California and Minnesota, Daniel leads renewal events, coaches church leaders, and regularly speaks at pastors' conferences. As National Director he also leads the *6:4 Fellowship* a cross denominational community focusing pastors on the primary biblical priorities of "prayer and the ministry of the Word" based on Acts 6:4. Daniel is the author of 10 books and numerous articles.

Len Crowley, *6:4 Residency Director* – Founder, *Forgiven Communities* and former SRI Board Member

Pastor, Bible teacher, board member, and ministry director, Len is also Co-Founder of *Whole in One* (designing multi-ethnic collaborations) has led *PLI Global* (worldwide, character-based leadership training), helped direct *Counsel & Capital* (a non-profit investment bank), and trained trainers as a National Instructor with *Walk Thru the Bible*.

Robert Naughton, *Director of Ministry Development*, SRI and the *6:4 Fellowship* Bible teacher, prayer ministry leader, and participant in several church plants, Robert promotes and advances the visions of SRI and 6:4 Fellowship by actively coaching and writing. He is a graduate of Denver Seminary, with an M.Div. in spiritual formation.

6:4 National Resource Leaders

- Jim Cymbala – The Brooklyn Tabernacle, NY
- H.B. Charles, Jr. – Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church, FL
- Mark Vroegop – College Park Church, IN
- Vance Pitman – Hope Church, NV
- Al Toledo – The Chicago Tabernacle, IL
- Robbie Symons – Hope Bible Church, ON, Canada
- Bill Elliff – The Summit Church, AR
- Will Davis – Austin Christian Fellowship, TX
- Jeff Wells – Woods Edge Community Church, TX
- Jeff Schwarzentraub – Brave Church, CO
- Troy Keaton – Eastlake Community Church, VA
- Paul Purvis – Mission Hills Church, FL
- Tim Armstrong – The Chapel, OH

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Exhibit A

RESIDENT CANDIDATE PROFILE

By SRI application and recommendations, potential candidates will be assessed as to suitability for the SRI Residency program based on the following criteria:

- **Knowledge** – Scripture and Doctrine
(2 Timothy 3:15-17)
 - Above the norm seminary grade point average.
 - Understanding the context and historical flow of all 66 Bible books.
 - General understanding of the critical doctrines of Scripture.

- **Calling** – especially to the local church
 - Subjective – personal sojourn and convictions
 - Objective – evident giftedness and strengths
 - Effective – assessable outcomes
 - Collective – affirmation of others

- **Character and relationships** – approaching elder qualification
(1 Timothy 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-9)
 - Kind and genuine (1 Peter 5:2-6)
 - Experienced and wise (2 Timothy 2:24-25)
 - Fruitful and principle driven (Galatians 5:22-23, Joshua 1:8-9)

- **Ministry experience** –
 - Variety of exposure
 - Demonstrated faithfulness

- **Spiritual life** – personal preferences and practices
 - Evident growth in grace and love

- **Recommendations** – at least three (up to three additional accepted)
pastor, professor, ministry or seminary colleague, and wife

Exhibit B

NEXT GENERATION RESIDENCY (OVERVIEW)

The character of a fully committed disciple is described in Mark 12:30.

*“And you shall love the Lord your GOD with all your **heart**, and with all your **soul**, and with all your **mind**, and with all your **strength**.”*

Most of seminary experience involves only preparation of the mind. The 6:4 Residency is conceived to develop the “other 50%” to ready a man to lead the church into the 21st century through a devotion to prayer and the ministry of the Word. With that intent, the following represent key components of the 6:4 Residency.

Heart – servant leadership

Learning to care for real and broken people with the compassion of Christ.

- Engage in SRI’s 90 Days to Pastoral Empowerment.
- Complete ministry assignments determined by host church, including leading Scripture-fed, Spirit-led, worship-based prayer experiences.

Soul – personal disciplines

Learning to receive, appreciate, and know assuredly and intimately the Grace of God in order to live in peace and contentment.

- Engage in SRI’s 30 Days to Personal Renewal.
- Attend at least one SRI Prayer Summit and read *Valley of Vision*.
- Develop a personal, routine prayer life including journaling and take two personal prayer retreats during the Residency year.

Mind – knowledge and wisdom

Learning the embedded commands and principles of Scripture so as to articulate them, live by them, and become an example to others. (Titus 1:9)

- Read 6 books from the recommended Residency list.
- Complete assigned ministry practicums (with assessment).
- Develop a personal theology portfolio.

Strength – submission and obedience

Learning to engage the body and the emotions to reflect the radiance of the indwelling Christ and experience His joy.

- Attend 6:4 National Conference (to enter into community).
- Attend one experiential men’s weekend (eg. Crucible, Men at the Cross, Marked Men for Christ, etc).
- Faithfully and willingly demonstrating the empowering of and submission to the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. (John 14:15)