



### Navigating Church Ministry in Times of Generational Changes

There are more 50+ people in the United States and attending our churches than ever before. CASA Academy is right on time in providing both the vehicle and the expertise needed to make your ministry to these wonderful folks more effective than ever. Check it out.

*H.B. London, Jr.  
Vice President, Church & Clergy  
Focus on the Family*

CASA ACADEMY will equip church leaders to effectively address generational issues relevant to today's society. I am impressed with the faculty and curricula. The impact of the Academy on adult ministry leadership will be monumental.

*Dave Weston  
National Director, Senior Adult Ministries  
General Council of the Assemblies of God*

The second half of life can be a time of great spiritual adventure and service for every Christian. CASA ACADEMY provides a new learning experience offering guidance and encouragement for everyone in the art of successful aging.

*Bob Nuber  
Chairman Emeritus  
Clark Nuber PS*



Understanding the implications of aging in America is essential to every church's health and mission.

Since 1983, CASA has been equipping ministry leaders who work with midlife and beyond age adults. The 40/50 Window has become part of our daily life around the world.

The Academy offers you a comprehensive understanding of the social, physical and spiritual dynamics of today's 50+ generation. Created by national experts, the Academy program prepares you for greater success in your leadership role.

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# THE PROGRAM

*A core curriculum designed to increase skills and understanding for pastors, missionaries and other leaders who serve midlife and beyond age men and women in the church and community.*

This online educational program includes 4 CEU courses that can be taken at the student's own pace and is ideal for those working full or part time.

Students may also attend two six hour instruction sessions led by faculty at the CASA International Leadership Conference. Continuing Education Units (CEU) are courses offered for personal and professional development and not necessarily to meet any college credit transfer requirement.

Academy courses are designed by nationally recognized experts in the fields of adult ministry and aging.

## **Ben E. Dickerson, PhD LPC**

Graduate and undergraduate instructor & University department leader. Business and Aging, Healthy Aging, Social Policy, Life-Long Learning, Gerocounseling, Geroethics, Family in Later Life, Middle-Aging and Generational Relations

## **Derrel R. Watkins, PhD ACSW**

A distinguished career as faculty member in University & Seminary undergraduate & graduate programs. Retired Professor of Social Work Emeritus, Southwest Baptist Seminary. Author, pastor, teacher and guest speaker

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### **CLA 101 - Changing Images of Aging and Generations**



Church leaders are at a crossroads of responding or reacting to the significant social changes resulting from longevity of life. This course lays the necessary foundation for leaders to “rethink” and “rewire” their approaches in ministry with aging generations. Students can be expected to expand their vision as they create “new maps” for the extended life course as well as the linkage of generations.

### **CLA-201 - Programming for Ministries To Middle and Later Generations**



This course examines the strengths and weaknesses of current models of church programming. Essential skills for programming multi generational ministries in the 21st century will be developed as we explore possible alternatives to age grading, study the resistance to participation in senior adult ministry programs, and learn how goals and objectives are developed.

### **CLA-102 - Biblical Mandates for Ministries To Middle/Later Generations**



The Bible is rich with guiding examples for how persons in the middle and older generations should live as believers and be served in the local church. This course explores biblical passages that apply specifically to persons in their middle and later lives. Attention is also given to books and periodicals that address biblical understandings of aging and the normative roles of older families in God's redemptive plan in contemporary culture(s).

### **CLA-202 -Developing Innovative Leadership**



This course examines the most effective leadership style for those who minister to middle and older generations. The leadership styles of Abraham, Moses, Joshua, David, Solomon, Jesus and Paul will be studied in light of or contrasted with contemporary leadership philosophies. Students will write a final integrative paper on their own philosophy of leadership and generational ministry in the local church.