

*Renewing Pastors, Transforming
Congregations, Impacting Communities*

A YEAR OF PROGRESS AND GROWTH

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**2017 IMPACT
OVERVIEW**

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Thank you to all our 2016 donors. Your generosity enabled Macedonian Ministry to achieve great things in 2017. Here are three ways in which your contribution is making it possible for us to support and equip more pastors in more places with greater effectiveness:

2017 GROWTH

In 2017, Macedonian Ministry grew as four Cohort groups started their first year: Atlanta 3 (Georgia), Fort Worth (Texas), Tuscaloosa (Alabama), and Oxford (North Carolina.)

Six other cohort groups are in the final stage of the assembly process and will start by Q1 2018: Atlanta 4 (Georgia), Birmingham 2 (Alabama), Kirkcaldy (Scotland), Charlotte (North Carolina), Austin (Texas), and Williston (North Dakota).

2017 PROGRESS

Fulfilling a dream that Executive Director, Tom Tewell, and our staff have had for the past several years, Macedonian Ministry established a faculty of gifted leaders who will provide workshops and seminars for Cohorts and lay leaders. Meet our esteemed faculty at the end of this report.

2017 ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

Macedonian Ministry also began working with Cohorts who finished their three-year program but wanted to continue meeting together. Says Jim Truesdell of the Birmingham, Alabama Cohort, “Our cohort wanted to continue meeting because authentic friendships in ministry are rare and not easily set aside. We felt like the first three years together were a spring board for even greater effectiveness for the kingdom. We simply have more growing to do together for the sake of our city.” We now have “Alumni” cohorts in Jacksonville, Asheville, and Birmingham.

Jim Truesdell (bottom right) and members of the Birmingham, AL Cohort



NEW 2017 COHORTS



■ ADDED 2017

■ BY Q1 2018



Meet Our Cohorts

ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

Our newest Atlanta cohort includes pastors from a variety of neighborhoods all over the Atlanta metro area. Home to a population of nearly 6 million people, metro Atlanta is an extraordinarily diverse community – ethnically, racially, economically, and in terms of its religious landscape.

Pastors in this Atlanta Macedonian Ministry cohort face the enormous challenge of serving in a rapidly changing and evolving city, but also have before them great opportunities, resources, and a diversity of relationships that God can use to strengthen their ministry. The Macedonian Ministry cohort experience will provide for these pastors a supportive and constructive space to explore these many challenges and opportunities as they seek to more faithfully heed God's calling.



FORT WORTH, TEXAS

The Fort Worth pastoral cohort is comprised of leaders from numerous denominations and congregational models all serving together in a dynamic, diverse metropolitan area of around 2 million people. As one of the fastest growing cities in America, Fort Worth is a convergence of racial and ethnic traditions, and serves as the gateway to America's west.

This dynamism makes for a fascinating and sometimes challenging cultural context in which to do Christian ministry. The Fort Worth cohort creates a safe community in which to explore these challenges, as well as a productive laboratory for creative ideas that will help the group maximize opportunities to minister Christ's love to their city.

MEET OUR FACULTY

Macedonian Ministry's mission is to help pastors become more faithful and effective leaders in their congregations and communities. In addition to our Staff and Advisory Board, these gifted faculty leaders are now available to lead workshops and seminars for our cohorts and alumni to help achieve the Macedonian Ministry mission.



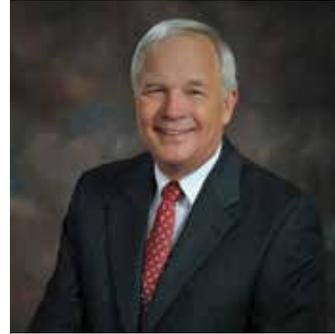
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