

From: Dan Wilt, Director, The Institute Of Contemporary And Emerging Worship Studies

Re: Essentials Courses: Online Studies In Worship Theology, History and Leadership

Dear Pastor,

My name is Dan Wilt, and I am the Director of the *Institute Of Contemporary And Emerging Worship Studies* at St. Stephen's University in New Brunswick, Canada. As a worship leader, pastor, songwriter and recording artist of 20 years, I have had literally hundreds of discussions with worship leaders, Christian artists and pastors. Most pastors are looking for their worship leader(s) and artists to gain a strong worship theology and biblical worldview as they lead a community in living worship, and influence culture. Many worship leaders avoid learning forums that they feel are "inaccessible" to creatives.

That is why I am writing. I am writing on behalf of your worship leader(s), and their expressed interest in our new **essentials online courses** for worship leaders and artists. At the Institute we are creating university-level training programs optimally built for today's worship leader and creative that build them (and their local church by extension) theologically, biblically, creatively and devotionally to raise the level of theological reflection of the local worship leader. Our mandate at the Institute is to create a nexus of past, present and future ideas on worship - developing creative leaders in a postmodern world.

Your worship leader(s) or local artist is now considering attending one of our **essentials online courses**. These courses have been hailed by prominent Christian influencers in today's emerging world as the most innovative and formative study available today for worship leaders. These online courses are built to develop your worship leader theologically without them ever leaving home, through means that uniquely leverage the learning styles of creative leaders. Combining the technologies of **iTunes U, Facebook, YouTube, blogs** and **web conference calling**, each introductory course takes five (5) weeks to complete, occupying your worship leader(s) for approximately 6-8 hours/week. During that time they will view numerous lectures delivered personally by me, be on two, 1.5 hour conference calls with myself and our course moderator, Will Bernard, M.Min., and will read books, listen to audio, and view video teaching from others. They will study themes in books by **N.T. Wright** (essentials blue), **Dan Wilt** (all essentials courses), **Robert Webber** (essentials red), **Richard Foster** (essentials green), **Andy Park** (essentials green), with articles and media rich with many other worship influencers such as **Matt Redman, Brian Doerksen, Tim Hughes, David Ruis, David Crowder, Brenton Brown, Kathryn Scott, Vicky Beeching, Monique Tute** and more.

The tuition for each unique, 40 hour, 5 week course is only \$592 CAD, and we have group rates for your worship leaders as well as rates for those who choose to do all three of our courses over the year. These courses combine for credit related to other Institute residential programs as well as St. Stephen's University. We are hoping that your local church/community may be able to support your worship leader on this unique quest for more theological and ministry enrichment. This would be done by contributing directly to your worship leader, and they can then pay the tuition through PayPal on our site.

You can explore all course information at www.essentialscourse.com. We deeply believe your entire faith community will be powerfully enriched in worship and creative depth by what happens during these 5 weeks.

Toward The Bright Day,



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