



STUDENT HANDBOOK
2020-2021

Welcome to Good News U!

We are so excited to welcome you to the very first class, the class of 2020-2021 at GOOD NEWS U! We know that God has great plans for you as you submit yourself to His will and connect yourself to His purposes.

In Matthew 9:37-38, Jesus said to His disciples: 37“**The harvest is great, but the workers are few.** 38So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.” Many years ago the Lord gave us a dream to start a Bible school for the training of workers in the city of Montreal, the province of Quebec and the nation of Canada. In the wake of current events, we have felt an increased urgency to prepare people to fulfill the Great Commission before it is eternally too late. Our Nation is ripe for a great awakening and we know God is preparing an army for this final hour. In this time, the Church must rise up like never before to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and forcefully advance His Kingdom.

We believe God will use us at Good News U to deposit in you a greater love for the Word of God, a greater compassion for people and a fire of the Holy Spirit to empower you to impact our city, our nation and the World with His message. This is the most exciting time to be alive and to be following the call of God. Buckle up!

Pastors Stefano & Jessica Gesualdi
Good News U



Vision Statement

Build the Kingdom, Change the Nation!

Mission Statement

Good News U exists for the training of Spirit-filled men and women to passionately build the Kingdom.

Key Verse

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15 NKJV

I. INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDENT HANDBOOK

This student handbook has been designed to familiarize students with vital information pertaining to school activities, policies and requirements for student life. It will provide simple information that will offer a measure of understanding of the student's basic responsibilities to the school as well as the opportunities afforded him or her. Good News U reserves the right to alter or institute policies necessary to permit the efficient administration of the school. Carefully read this handbook in its entirety and refer to it often.

SCHOOL CALENDAR & COURSE LOAD

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2020-2021

FALL 2020	
REGISTRATION, WELCOME & ORIENTATION TERM 1 - CLASSES BEGIN + PLAN TO PROTECT TRAINING (2:30 PM)	AUGUST 25
ASCEND SERVICE	AUGUST 30
ASCEND SERVICE	SEPTEMBER 27
FINAL WEEK OF TERM 1 CLASSES	OCTOBER 6 - 8
THANKSGIVING BREAK	OCTOBER 13 - 15
TERM 2 - CLASSES BEGIN	OCTOBER 19
ASCEND SERVICE	OCTOBER 25
FINAL WEEK OF TERM 2 CLASSES	DECEMBER 8-10
INTENSIVE COURSE	DECEMBER 11-12
ASCEND SERVICE	DECEMBER 27

WINTER 2021

TERM 3 - CLASSES BEGIN	JANUARY 26
ASCEND SERVICE	JANUARY 31
ASCEND SERVICE	FEBRUARY 28
SPRING BREAK	MARCH 2 - 4
FINAL WEEK OF TERM 3 CLASSES	MARCH 23 - 25
ASCEND SERVICE	MARCH 28
TERM 4 - CLASSES BEGIN	MARCH 30
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE	APRIL 2
ASCEND SERVICE	APRIL 25
FINAL WEEK OF TERM 4 CLASSES	MAY 18 -20

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

TIME	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
10:00 AM	CHAPEL	CLASS 2	CLASS 3
11:00 AM	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3
12:00 PM	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3
1:00 PM	CLASS 1		

YEAR ONE- PROGRAM CONTENT & CREDIT HOURS

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	TOTAL COURSE HOURS
101	THEO-01: GOD AND THE FALL	8
102	THE MINISTRY OF HELPS	8
103	NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY	8
104	THEO-02: THE WORDS AND WORKS OF JESUS	8
105	THE ART OF PRAYER	8
106	SERVANT LEADERSHIP	8
107	EVANGELISM INTENSIVE	INTENSIVE
108	THEO-03: THE GIFTS & MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT	8
109	PRODUCING FAITH	8
110	OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY	8
111	THEO-04: THE CHURCH & THE END	8
112	THE POWER OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP	8
113	INTRO TO THE GOSPEL & ACTS	8

II. INTRODUCTION TO OUR BELIEFS

WE BELIEVE ...

SCRIPTURE

The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the living Word of God, fully inspired, without error, and are the infallible rule of faith and practice.

GOD THE FATHER

God the Father is the infinite Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love, who concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men. He hears and answers the prayers of the righteous and saves from sin and the second death all who come to Him through faith in Jesus Christ.

GOD THE SON

Jesus Christ is God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin. He lived a sinless life, died a substitutionary death on a cross, rose victoriously and ascended into heaven where He now sits at the right hand of the Father making perpetual intercession for His people. He will soon make a visible return to earth.

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is the active presence of God on the earth convicting men of sin, and leading them into truth and righteousness. He sanctifies and empowers the believer to become living representations of Jesus Christ on the earth today. We affirm His present ministry and the exercise of all Biblical spiritual gifts.

MAN

All people are born sinners by nature and by choice, therefore, are under condemnation. God regenerates by the Holy Spirit all who repent of their sins and confess Jesus Christ as Lord.

BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus Christ baptizes the seeking believer with the Holy Spirit with the initial physical evidence of speaking in tongues, empowering them for service and to live a holy life.

THE CHURCH

The Universal Church is the living spiritual body of Christ on the earth composed of everyone who has repented of sin and received Jesus Christ as Lord.

ORDINANCES

Jesus committed two ordinances to the church: 1) Baptism and 2) the Lord's Supper. We practice Baptism by immersion and Communion open to all believers.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We believe in the Tithe (the first ten percent of our income) that belongs to the Lord, offerings that are given willingly and alms that are given to the poor. We are to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us, understanding that all we have comes from Him. We believe in being generous as God has been generous with us in all aspects of life.

DIVINE HEALING

Divine healing is an integral part of the Gospel. In Jesus' atoning work healing has been provided. Healing is a privilege available to all believers.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

We practice the laying on of hands for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, for the ordination of pastors, elders, and deacons, and for the ministering to the sick.

LAST DAYS

There will be a personal, visible return of Christ to the earth and the establishment of His kingdom. There will be the final judgment for those who rejected Christ and the eternal blessing of the righteous.

ETERNAL LIFE

There is a real place of paradise to spend eternity called heaven for all who have rejected sin and received Christ. Conversely, there is a real place of eternal torment called hell for those who have rejected the Good News of Salvation through Jesus Christ.

III. INTRODUCTION TO SPIRITUAL LIFE

MINISTRY OF HELPS

The Ministry of Helps is designed for students to receive hands-on experience in ministry during church services. Students participate in various ministries, and fulfill multiple capacities and roles with their involvement.

All students must participate in the Ministry of Helps. Students must ATTEND all services Good News Chapel holds, and SERVE in at least (1) church service per week. Students living in the Montreal area who belong to another local church, may serve at their home church.

CHAPELS

Student participation in the Chapel Services is another exciting program at Good News U. Chapel services provide opportunities for vocalists, instrumentalists, and worship leaders to serve, as well as an opportunity for students to read scripture and pray.

Chapel services are held every Tuesday, during the regular school week, and must be attended by all students, as attendance will be taken.

Students must be punctual and respect the dress code.

Electronic Devices are to be used for note taking purposes only. Only water is permitted in the chapel and all food is prohibited.

RED DOORS

Red Doors are Good News Chapel's small groups that take place once a week throughout the city of Montreal and surrounding suburbs. All students must participate in a Red Doors Group each week during their scheduled running time.

M.S.P. (MINISTERIAL SERVICE PRACTICUM)

All students are required to participate in the M.S.P program. The M.S.P. program is designed for students to receive hands-on experience in the different ministry departments of Good News U.

M.S.P. Assignments: 4 hours a week (scheduled in blocks of 2 hours)

CODE OF CONDUCT

Good News U is a school for the training of the Five Fold Ministry. It is assumed that our students will not participate in activities which are contrary to the highest biblical standards. Behaviours which involve "clubbing" (sexually suggestive dancing), alcohol of any form, tobacco, vaping, abuse of non-prescription drugs, pornography, gambling, or sexual relationships outside of marriage would be viewed as a serious breach of christian standards and ministerial commitment. Such behaviours would oblige the school administration to impose serious sanctions on the student & possible expulsion.

For students involved in any romantic relationship (dating or engaged), a proper Christian lifestyle should be reflected.

These rules shall apply at all times during which the student is under the purview of the school in any capacity. Students who have experienced past addictions may seek counselling onsite or be referred to an off-site counselor if the need is expressed. All students attending Good News U must sign the Honor Code Pledge.

IV. ACADEMIC LIFE

CURRICULA

Good News U curriculum is centered around the Bible, giving students a firm foundation upon which to build a solid ministry.

The curriculum designed focuses on two major components, Bible & Theology and Vocational Ministry.

The purpose of the Bible & Theology component, is to challenge the student to approach life and learning from a biblical perspective and appreciate the Word of God and be obedient to His revealed will. It will provide essential data to enable students to increase their understanding of the Word of God and teach how to interpret and skillfully utilize the sacred Scriptures.

The purpose of the Vocation Ministry component is to enable students to formulate biblical and practical philosophy of ministry that will be implemented in various areas of Christian service. The program will allow students to not only learn practical skills and understanding for specific ministries, but will also include a practical hands on approach.

GRADING

All written and oral class work will be evaluated. A passing grade in each subject is 60%.

ATTENDANCE/ABSENCE FROM CLASS

Students are required to regularly attend all courses. Students are expected to notify the appropriate instructor(s) regarding unavoidable absence, i.e. illness, family emergency, court proceedings. Absence from class does not excuse students from their responsibilities for work assigned, or materials covered, including tests. Attendance is taken daily.

More than 3 absences per class, will automatically result in a failing grade.

EXAMINATIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Assignments are due on the date and time specified by the instructor. Late assignments will not be accepted or graded unless prior written permission has been granted by the course instructor.

Unless a written extension has been permitted by the course Instructor, 10% of the grade for an assignment is deducted for each 24-hour period (Monday through Sunday) that an assignment is late. These will be recorded and may affect the granting of future extensions.

Students who fail to appear for a scheduled examination/test will receive a failing grade unless the absence is justified on medical or other acceptable grounds. Students are expected to notify the course instructor prior to (not after) an unavoidable absence.

Any missed exams will be written by the student at the office. Repeated absences from scheduled examinations/tests, for any reason, may warrant a written warning and/or a failing grade.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Academic integrity is critical in a learning environment and a fundamental core value of an academic institution. Academic evaluation must be representative of the knowledge and skill level achieved by a learner as demonstrated through their Academic Work.

Students will behave in a manner consistent with the fundamental values of Academic Integrity. They will avoid all forms of Academic Misconduct, and will seek clarification from instructors to ensure an understanding of the expectations for the academic work. Good News U will take appropriate action when a student is involved in any Academic Misconduct, (Plagiarism, Cheating, False or misleading representation, Collusion).

V. GROOMING AND ATTIRE DRESS CODE

Good News U's dress code is written to stress an appearance that reflects a decent and modest Christian community. With this in mind, the following is a list of attire that is a guideline for men and women when attending classes, chapel, prayer, helps ministry, and M.S.P.

MALE DRESS CODE

- Any collared shirt.
- Properly fitted dress pants, corduroys, jeans.
- Running shoes, dress shoes, sandals. No flip flops.
- Shorts, jogging pants, yoga pants and tank tops are not permitted.

FEMALE DRESS CODE

- Modest blouses or tops. No form fitting or low necklines.
- Modest skirts or dresses.
- Dress pants, corduroys, jeans (no holes). Pants must be fitted at the waist.
- Running shoes, dress shoes, sandals. No flip flops.
- Shorts, jogging pants, yoga pants and tank tops are not permitted.

PERSONAL GROOMING AND GENERAL APPEARANCE

Please remember to keep hair, mustaches, goatees, and beards neat and trimmed.

We request that all students pay close attention to their general appearance. Regular laundering of clothing and daily personal hygiene is appropriate for community living.

HONOR CODE PLEDGE

I have read and fully understand the contents of the Student Handbook and Code of Conduct regulations. I agree and will comply with all terms and conditions stated above.

NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM



GNUMTL



APPLICATION FORM



Admission Procedure

Application and Student Handbook are available for download at goodnewschapel.org
To apply for admission to Good News U, the following paperwork must be completed
and submitted:

- Application form
- Photograph
- \$50.00 registration fee (which is not applied to the tuition amount)
- Proof of completion of secondary education (D.E.S)
- 1 personal Reference letter
- Honor code pledge form (found in student handbook)

All paperwork and the registration fee must be received by Good News U
Administration before acceptance can be determined. Please submit all paper work to:

Good News U
5845 Blvd. Couture
Saint Leonard, QC
H1P 1A8

TUITION:

Total tuition for Year 1: \$2,000 (cost for textbooks included)

*Deadline for withdrawal of enrolment with full refund is August 25th, 2020.

All applications must be submitted by July 31st, 2020.



APPLICATION FORM

Insert Photo Here

INFO:

NAME

LAST	FIRST
------	-------

DATE OF BIRTH

PLACE OF BIRTH

M	D	Y
---	---	---

SEX	MALE	<input type="checkbox"/>	FEMALE	<input type="checkbox"/>
-----	------	--------------------------	--------	--------------------------

MARITAL STATUS

<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE	<input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED	<input type="checkbox"/> SEPARATED	<input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED	<input type="checkbox"/> REMARRIED	<input type="checkbox"/> WIDOW/WIDOWER
---------------------------------	----------------------------------	------------------------------------	-----------------------------------	------------------------------------	--

NAME OF SPOUSE (IF MARRIED)

NO. OF CHILDREN:

PLACE OF RESIDENCE

COUNTRY

CITIZEN OF:

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

TELEPHONE
NO.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
--------------------------	--------------------------	--------------------------

EMAIL

--

DO YOU HOLD A POLICE RECORD? PLEASE EXPLAIN.

--

SPIRITUAL HISTORY

PLACE/DATE OF SALVATION (BORN AGAIN):

--

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF A CHURCH?

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
-----	--------------------------	----	--------------------------

PLACE/DATE OF HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM: YES NO

--

IF NO, WHY NOT?

--

PLACE/DATE OF DATE WATER BAPTISM: YES NO

--

LEAD PASTOR'S NAME

--

CONTACT INFO

--

WHAT AREA OF MINISTRY?

DO YOU SERVE IN YOUR HOME CHURCH? YES NO

--

ESSAY QUESTIONS:

A BRIEF TESTIMONY OF HOW YOU CAME TO KNOW THE LORD:

--

Continue on next page

WHY DO YOU WANT TO ATTEND GNU?

WHAT AREA OF MINISTRY DO YOU FEEL CALLED TO?

WHAT EXPERIENCES HAVE HELPED YOU GROW IN YOUR CHRISTIAN LIFE?

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

PLEASE LIST ALL SCHOOLS ATTENDED FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND.

NAME OF INSTITUTION	DATES ATTENDED	COURSE OF STUDY	DEGREE / DIPLOMA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR APPLICANTS

Tuition payment may be paid in two instalments. The 1st instalment of \$1,500, must be paid prior to or by the first day of Term 1, (August 13, 2020)
The 2nd Instalment of \$500 must be paid prior to or by the first day of Term 3, (January 26, 2021)
Payments can be made by cash, check, credit card.

I certify that the information given in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If accepted, I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of Good News U and to meet my financial responsibilities.

SIGNATURE	DATE