

# THE MASTER'S COMMISSION

## A Introduction

It is the conviction of the ministry and members of Regina Apostolic Church that there is only One Master who calls us to His Commission. The Master is Jesus, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. His Commission commands us to “go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:19)

Young People who have chosen to enter the Master's Commission are choosing to dedicate in a special way one year of their lives to God. It is our fervent prayer that they will take their place in the body of Christ to join in the work of the Great Commission. May it be said of them that they are “...vessels of honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.”

(2 Tim 2:21) This is truly the Master's Commission!

## B Goals for Master's Commission Graduates

- ∞ A Christ-centered lifestyle rather than a self-centered one.
- ∞ To have an undistracted relationship with the Lord that is real, life-giving, intimate, and daily.
- ∞ To form and maintain covenant with the Lord and relationships with other believers.
- ∞ To have a love for God's Word.
- ∞ To be equipped in basic theology through Bible Classes.
- ∞ To encourage expressive worshippers that develops worship as a lifestyle.
- ∞ To have a conviction and a desire to represent the Lord accurately in every situation.
- ∞ To have a correct view of whom God is as a loving, caring father and as a ruling king.
- ∞ To know who they are in Christ and to have the freedom to walk in that.
- ∞ To fully understand the unconditional love and acceptance of God.
- ∞ To discover and mature spiritual gifts and learn to rely on the power of the Holy Spirit.
- ∞ Prayer – to develop a strong prayer life.
- ∞ To have the heart of a servant leader.
- ∞ To have a vision and revelation of joining generations together, and generational transfer so as to further the purposes of God on the earth.
- ∞ To be transformed more into the image and character of Christ.
- ∞ To be self-examining through a biblical lens.
- ∞ To become a self-disciplined person and to deal with procrastination, apathy, and laziness. To have a godly work ethic with a pursuit of excellence.
- ∞ To understand the Christian worldview and to be equipped to apply it to current issues in our world.
- ∞ To be able to speak effectively, equipped to share the Gospel, message, share personal testimony, and teach Biblical truths. To have practical ministry experience.
- ∞ To build a Biblical foundation into their life from which they can launch in to their God-given purpose.
- ∞ To be trained and equipped to be leaders of people.
- ∞ To desire to give their heart continually to the Lord and to have a submissive attitude towards the leaders He brings in their lives.
- ∞ To have a desire to be a reformer and problem solver in our culture and our world.



## **C Schedules**

1. *Morning Schedule:*
  - a. 8:30 to 9:30 Worship and Prayer
  - b. 9:40 to 10:40 Class Time
  - c. 10:50 to 12:00 Class Time
2. *Afternoon Schedule:*
  - a. 12:00 to 1:00 Lunch
  - b. 1:00 to 5:00 Outreaches, Service Projects, Prep for Ministry, Physical Education
3. *Evening Schedule*
  - a. Depending on Evening
    - i. Ministry Assignments, Homework
4. *Weekend Schedule*
  - a. Depending on Weekend
    - i. Ministry Assignments, involvement in weekend services

The program is a full time program, and it is important that within the schedule students are flexible and are willing to jump into ministry assignments, special projects opportunities arise. This schedule is applicable from Monday through Friday of every week. Tuesday of each week will be a day of rest for the student so they can spend time with the Lord, their Host family and a chance to catch up with their assignments or other errands. Specific areas of need, ministry, or recreation may be assigned to students for Saturdays and Sundays. In the evenings, Sunday through Friday, students will be expected to complete homework assignments, be available for ministerial needs, and keep other commitments and responsibilities, such as youth group, Bible classes and other possible outreaches. This schedule is rigorous, filled with activities, both planned as well as unexpected. This will be a fast-paced eight months that will result in tremendous growth in the students' lives. In order to make the best use of this opportunity, the students must assign their highest priority to the Master's Commission. This is a commitment for the entire time. It is a solemn commitment, first and foremost to God. Two breaks are scheduled during the year; Christmas and Spring Break. However, we recognize that in some rare instances it's not in the student's best interest to have extended time away from the Master's Commission and it would be a benefit for some to remain here during their break. We will evaluate each student's situation and give a recommendation.

## **D. COURSE CURRICULUM**

The Master's Commission is designed to develop in each student the spiritual maturity and character necessary to become servant-leaders. The students' relationship with the Lord will grow as they learn who He is, and who they are in light of a holy and loving God who is their Father.

### **The general course involves:**

1. Memorizing 10 – 12 Scriptures per week.
2. Reading through the Bible chronologically in one year.
3. Personal Bible study with written reports.
4. Oral presentations by the students.
5. Personal application papers based on class topics.
6. Daily serving and outreach opportunities.
7. Serving and ministering in various churches.
8. Practical living skills.
10. Training in ministry and the arts.
11. Mission's Trip



### **Some Specific Courses:**

- Old Testament Survey
- New Testament Survey
- Spiritual Gifts & Ministry of the Holy Spirit
- Godly Leadership
- Cultural Issues
- Godly Character
- Evangelism and Missions
- Worship and Worship Arts

## **E. OUTREACH / SERVING THE CHURCH /OTHER ACTIVITIES**

### **1. OUTREACH VISION STATEMENT**

We believe that all followers of Christ have a responsibility to reach out and represent Him in their communities. Christ Himself commanded, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Recognizing that God did not save us just for our own sakes, we determine to lay down our lives for the sake of the lost. The fathers of our church have emphasized the need for us to break out and be enlisted in service to the community with the goals of reproducing the seed God has planted in us, penetrating our culture, and proclaiming the Lord’s favor.

Above all, we seek to do the will of our Father God in reaching out to those in need. We will carry His heart for the lost as we fulfill the Great Commission and bring the Kingdom of God to the culture.

### **2. OUTREACHES**

In our Local Community

- Partnering with local ministry organizations.
- Being ‘light’ in our community through practical service.

And beyond

- Direct ministry involvement with RAC staff
- Weekend ministry trips
- Missions Trip

### **3. SERVING IN THE CHURCH**

There will be many opportunities to serve in a variety of different ministries that exist at RAC.

*Including:*

- Alpha
- Senior’s Ministry
- Young Adult Ministry
- Sports Ministry
- Music Ministry
- Drama/Dance Ministry
- Children’s Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Women’s Ministry
- Men’s Ministry
- Outreach Ministry
- Mercy Ministry
- And More...



## F. RULES AND REGULATIONS

*The rules and regulations are purposefully designed to draw the students into the center of God's presence and to enhance their relationships with others by teaching them to show preference to one another.*

1. The student is expected to be available for work or assignments six days and/or nights per week and as needs arise.
2. The student is expected to attend Sunday services, Saturday night services (for relationship with other Young Adults) and which ever program they are interning under throughout MC.
3. Tuesday will be the student's day off. Any student planning to go out of town on the day off must seek permission from the Director or Assistant Director.
4. Any type of commitment by a student, work or pleasure, with exception of your day off, must be approved ahead of time. Any approval of this type will be subject to cancellation if it is in the best interest of the Master's Commission. The staff must monitor activities in order to protect the student's health.
5. Curfew:            Fri, Sat & Mon nights            12:00 AM  
                          Sun, Tues, Wed, Thurs nights    11:00 PM

Curfew is designed to insure a proper amount of rest so students will be ready for a full day's schedule.

6. Students are expected to be at least 10 minutes early for all meetings. This includes Morning Prayer and all church services. Be prompt for all classes and daily activities.
7. Students late for prayer, classes, services, or jobs are required to perform additional work on Sunday.
8. If for any reason the student is unable to attend a daily session, please contact the Director or Assistant Director before 9:00 PM of the night before. A very good reason will be required.
9. Students are not allowed to take leave from the Master's Commission's yearly schedule, except for Christmas vacation and Spring break. Permission may be granted for special occasions. Students and their families will need to plan on one year of consecration to the Lord. The staff feels the responsibility to provide maximum opportunities for corporate growth and experience in the Master's Commission. If a student misses these growth opportunities, they find themselves lacking significant events that lead to the benefit of Master's Commission. It is understood that families do sometimes experience traumatic events and may need their son or daughter home for a time.
10. Students are asked to refrain from: roughhousing, coarse joking, and negative sarcasm.
11. Students' vehicles must be properly maintained, cleaned and insured.
12. Car repairs and insurance are not the responsibility of the Master's Commission.
13. Drivers and passengers in any vehicle must obey all traffic laws (including seatbelts, speed limits, etc).
14. Due to frequent changes in scheduling, flexibility is a key. Jesus' ministry was characterized by inconveniences. Some of the greatest miracles occurred as a result of interruptions. Being flexible opens the door to divine opportunities.
15. To help maintain good health, students are required to do regular exercise each week.



16. It is the student's responsibility to complete and hand in assignments and requirements on time. If these requirements are not met, the student will be required to perform additional work on Sunday.
  
17. Vacation guidelines for out-of-town students:
  - a. Notify directors of vacation plans before they are finalized.
  - b. Make appeals for special circumstances.
  - c. If possible, students should spend part of the vacation with their Host Family.
  - d. No singles or small groups staying alone without prior permission.
  
18. If a Host Family is going to be out of town at any time during the year, the student needs to contact a staff member. When necessary, we will secure housing. Please contact us at least a week in advance.
19. Under the guidance of a leader, students may pray for and minister to those of the same gender only, unless in a group.
20. Students may not call pastors on their day off unless it is an emergency. The staff needs time for rest and relaxation as well.
21. Students are responsible to keep the Master's Commission's classroom clean at all times. The office area is for staff use only.
22. Students are asked to show respect by being quiet near the church offices and the pastors' offices.
23. Any Church lost keys should be reported immediately. Doors should never be left propped open.
24. All appointments must be scheduled on the student's day off unless it is an emergency.
25. Students are expected to practice basic personal hygiene.
26. There is no gambling, drug, alcohol or tobacco use permitted at any time.
27. Computer Use Guidelines:
  - Students may not use church computers without expressed permission from MC staff.
  - Students may use the MC computers for homework, but not for personal use.
  - Students may not use host family's computer without expressed permission from host family.
28. Telephone Use (Home, Church and Cell Phone) Guidelines.
  - When using the telephone please be considerate of your Host Family and keep your calls to a minimum amount of time. No long distance calls without permission. Calls must be made before 9:30PM and after 8:00AM.
  - Cell phones must be turned off during MC hours.
  - These guidelines apply to text messaging as well.
  
30. This is a time to saturate your life with the Lord. Therefore, we ask that the students only listen to music that glorifies the Lord and promotes worship.



## **G. GUIDELINES FOR LIVING ARRANGEMENTS**

Whether they are living at home or with another family, we ask the students to keep in mind that it is a tremendous privilege to be there. Host Families sacrifice greatly in order to enable the students to dedicate themselves to God for one year. The student is asked to have a teachable spirit and develop sensitivity to how the home they are staying in functions. They will be a great blessing to the family if they are teachable. The students are also asked to live by the Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12), and be considerate at all times. Home life is a far more accurate measure of one's growth in God than how one lives anywhere else. In that spirit, the student is asked to follow these guidelines:

1. Students will be waking up early each morning for classes, church, and work. They need to be very quiet in the morning to avoid disturbing family members who are sleeping. This means no singing in the shower, playing music, slamming doors, talking loudly, etc.
2. Students need to be modest at all times. A student may wear a robe if it is acceptable with their family. Otherwise, they must be fully dressed.
3. If students have a radio or stereo in their room, keep the volume down or use headphones.
4. If students are the last one to bed at night, they need to be very quiet and make sure all lights, fans, etc., are turned off, and lock the doors.
5. Students need to do their own laundry weekly. They are asked to arrange with their Host Family a specific time for their laundry.
6. When students see something that needs to be done, don't wait to be asked or put it off do it! Ask to participate in household chores like sweeping, vacuuming, dishes, yard work, etc. Remember: helping around the house is not limited to Saturdays only.
7. There is a G and PG rating for movie, TV, or video/computer games. Computer use will be under the discretion of the Host Family and staff. Even though there is permission to watch G and PG rated movies not all, movies with this rating are appropriate; remember that this is a time for the students to saturate their mind with God's Word, making them sensitive to His promptings. Whatever is put into the mind affects the spirit.
8. If a student will not be home for dinner, they need to call ahead of time (during lunch break) and advise their parents or Host Family of your schedule, especially changes. It is the student's responsibility to know and communicate their schedule to their Host Family.
9. Get prior approval from parents/hosts before inviting people over. Always ask in private.
10. Students need to be considerate of their host families needs. Food costs money, and most people have budgeted a certain amount for food. Students may not eat anything without permission, unless advised differently by their host parents.



11. If a student uses up something that can be easily remade (lemonade, tea, juice, ice, etc.), they need to please re-make it.
12. If a student spills or makes a mess, they need to clean up after themselves.
13. If there is a legitimate need for a curfew extension, permission is given by the Host Family or Master's Commission staff.
14. On the students' day off, they need to maintain a disciplined lifestyle of sleep. "Redeeming the time..." (Ephesians 5:16). "A little sleep, a little slumber..." (Proverbs 24:33). The directors if needed establish morning curfew.
15. Students must keep their room clean every day. Students are required to make their bed daily. They need to keep other areas of the home that they use clean at all times. Students should pick up around the house wherever they see the need. Students should ask for particular ways to bless their Host Family.
16. Students must recognize that electricity, water, gas, etc., is expensive and use it wisely
17. Students may not ask their families for rides unless otherwise decided between the MC staff and the Host Families. They need to use their carpools any time possible.
18. Host Families cover expenses for general room and board only. The student is required to utilize their monthly allowance to pay for personal items, carpool expenses, and phone calls.
19. Students may not speak about their host family in a negative way to anyone. No complaining to parents, siblings, or pastoral staff without first applying the Matthew 18 principle.

**In conclusion,** Students must respect the wishes and authority of their parents/hosts. Obey their rules and commands. Finally, students need to remember to pray for their parents/hosts daily, there is such an opportunity to love and to be loved. Students are examples they are watching. Students should ask themselves, "**Does Jesus Christ shine through me?**"



## H. DRESS GUIDELINES

The Master's Commission students are ministers representing Jesus Christ. All dress should reflect Him and not a certain look. Dress reflects the condition of the heart. The students are asked to dress in a way that reflects honor to the Lord and each other.

### HAIR

Women Hairstyle and coloring must be conservative and in good taste.  
Men Neat, Trimmed and Well-kept. Coloring must be conservative and in good taste

### JEWELRY

Women Jewelry must be in good taste - not gaudy. Earrings are for ears only. No other body piercing jewelry is acceptable.

Men Jewelry must be conservative - rings, watches, bracelets and simple neck chains only.

No tattoos or any other body markings may be acquired during the Master's Commission year.  
We may ask for a covering to be worn over certain existing tattoos.

### Formal Dress (Sunday)

Women dresses, skirts and dress shoes, dress pants, sweaters.  
Men slacks (no jeans or cargo style pants), dress shirts, ties (optional) and dress shoes

### Semi Formal Dress

Women nice casual attire (no jeans, no T-shirts and tennis shoes)  
Men nice casual attire (no jeans, no T-shirts and tennis shoes)

### Casual

Women Jeans and clean cut T- Shirts  
Men Jeans and clean cut T- Shirts

### MORNING CLASSES

Casual Dress

### GENERAL

Women's dress and skirt length should be modest. No halter-tops or tight clothing—modest tank tops only (no spaghetti straps). Modest bathing suits for men and women should be used when swimming or boating. No hats in building or classroom. Work attire must be modest, clean, and appropriate for the task (closed toed work shoes only).

**REMEMBER - YOU ARE A MINISTER REPRESENTING JESUS CHRIST!**



## I. RELATIONSHIP GUIDELINES

These guidelines are to protect and strengthen your relationship with the Lord and to protect your integrity as a disciple. With these guidelines, it will be easier to maintain a more unified group of disciples. They are not intended to break up or keep you from godly relationships. Our goal this year is to secure and maintain an undistracted devotion to Christ. Therefore:

1. There will be no one guy-one girl pairing while in group settings.
2. The affection shown to any one member of the Master's Commission is expected to be the same as that shown to everyone else in the group.
3. There will be no riding alone with someone of the opposite sex, unless previously approved by the Master's Commission staff.
4. There will be **No Dating!** A "date" is when two people of the opposite sex arrange to be together, either alone or in a group setting.
5. Phone conversations shall comply with telephone use guidelines.
6. There will be no emailing, text messaging or instant messaging members of the opposite sex.

These guidelines apply to relationships with people either in or out of the Master's Commission. This is our NO DATING POLICY! If you have any questions about these guidelines, please talk with your leader.



## **J. ITEMS NEEDED FOR ENTERING STUDENTS**

Required items for the Master's Commission year are to be obtained before Parent/Student Orientation Night.

1. Passport that is valid for the school year
2. Work shoes or boots
3. Work clothes, work gloves
4. Lunch box and food containers labeled with student's name
5. Bible—New American Standard (NAS), New International Version (NIV), or New King James Version (NKJV).
6. School bag
7. Suitcase (no larger than 19in.x10in.x26in.)—Non-expandable and non-duffel type.
8. Sleeping bag and pillow
9. Water bottle (able to hold one or two liters)
10. Toiletries
11. Nice blue jeans
12. Dress clothes for men—ties, shirts, belt, dress slacks, socks, dress shoes
13. Dress clothes for women—dresses, slips, skirts, dress slacks, blouses, dress shoes, hosiery
14. School clothes—T-shirts with tears or stains are not acceptable school attire.
15. Casual clothes
16. Modest swim wear

An insured vehicle for transportation to and from homes, church, and outreaches, as well as for the student's own transportation needs (i.e. day off, breaks, etc.), would be extremely beneficial.



## FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

The total cost of the Master's Commission program for the year is **\$5,500.00**

### **Two Options for Payment:**

**Option One:** Deposit of 300.00 is required for acceptance into Master's Commission  
Full Payment on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006

**Option Two:** Deposit of 300.00 is required for acceptance into Master's Commission  
Down Payment of \$2500.00 due September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006  
Monthly Payment of \$430.00 – Due at the first of every month starting October 1<sup>st</sup> & ending April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006.

All tuition and student monthly support monies must be given (sent) directly to the Master's Commission.

Included in this cost is the following:

### **Application Fee**

- \$35.00 sent in with application
- Non-refundable
- This fee is subtracted from the total cost when the applicant is accepted into the program

### **Tuition**

- All curriculum costs
- Most school supplies
- General church liability insurance
- Up to \$1500.00 of missions Trip\* the rest of the mission trip (up to \$700.00) the students will be required to fundraise for.

### **Refunds**

A partial refund may be granted should a student not complete a full year in the Master's Commission. The amount refunded during the initial two weeks is 80% of the total fees. During the third, fourth, and fifth weeks after induction, the refund decreases to 70% of the total fees. During the sixth and seventh weeks, the refund decreases to 60% of the total fees. Finally, the amount refunded will decrease to 40% of total fees during the eighth and ninth weeks. After the ninth week, if a student chooses not to complete the year, there will be no refund.



## **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH GUIDELINES:**

One of the goals of the Master's Commission is to help students become self governing. To aid in this process we assign consequences when students do not fulfill the minimum requirements. If there is an infraction students will serve for a specified number of hours during free time. Grace will be extended when appropriate However, it is our desire that the guidelines be followed and these consequences avoided.

### **Examples of infractions include:**

- ∞ LATE ASSIGNMENTS/FORMS
- ∞ LATE FOR CLASS/MINISTRY ASSIGNMENT
- ∞ MISSED CURFEW
- ∞ DRESS CODE VIOLATION

