

**THE GORDON LINDSAY HOUSE OF PRAYER**  
**ORIENTATION PACKET**

“FOR MY PEOPLE ARE LIKE SCATTERED SHEEP. THE PEOPLE OF MY BODY HAVE NOT COME TOGETHER, EVEN YET. AS ONE PEOPLE THEY ARE NOT UNITED FULLY. FOR THEY SHALL KNOW THAT MY SPIRIT SHALL CAUSE THEM TO PRAY DAY AND NIGHT. FOR I SHALL HAVE A WORLD-WIDE PRAYER BAND. AND THEY SHALL PRAY ALONE AND PRAY TOGETHER, AND THERE SHALL BE ONES AND TWOS AND THREES, AND THERE SHALL BE THOUSANDS THAT PRAY DAILY.”

GORDON LINDSAY (1955)

# **THE GORDON LINDSAY HOUSE OF PRAYER** **FOUNDATIONAL CONCEPTS**

## WALKING IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Word of the Lord for GLHOP: Zechariah 4:1-14

v. 6 "...'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord of hosts."

v. 7 "'What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain; and he will bring forth the top stone with shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"'"

- A. Our effective leadership in the prayer meeting will be directly related to our continual fellowship with the Holy Spirit.
- B. ***Principle: we walk in the Spirit by talking with the Spirit.*** The fundamental and introductory way to walk in the Spirit is by maintaining an active dialogue with the indwelling Spirit. This is key to our transformation and renewal. It is so simple that it causes many to miss it. Words quench or release (activate) the Spirit in us more than anything else.
- C. If we just talk to Him, He will talk back. He will speak to us once He gets us in the conversation. He speaks to us by giving us subtle impressions that release power on our mind and heart if we respond to them. He will talk us out of sinning and quitting.
- D. We will not walk in the Spirit more than we talk to the Spirit. He will help us to the degree that we talk to Him. We will not obey Him more than we talk to Him. The moments that we dialogue with Him are the moments in which we are most aware of His power in our inner man.
- E. We talk to the Holy Spirit as the way to experience the release of His power in our inner man. He releases small measures of power on our mind and heart, but the power is real. We experience the Spirit's power in small incremental ways like we do with food and water.

### **SIMPLE STEPS: T.R.U.S.T.**

**T- *Thank you*** – We recognize the Spirit's presence in us simply by thanking Him for it. Pray, "Thank you Holy Spirit, for Your bright presence in me. I love Your presence in me. Apart from dialoguing (interacting/connecting) with You, I can do nothing."

<sup>5</sup> ***He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit... (Jn. 15:5)***

**R- *Reign in my life*** – We ask the indwelling Spirit to rule or lead our life including our circumstances and finances. He will give us strategic alliances, new ideas and opportunities in each area of our life as we ask Him. He will order our steps and open doors for us. Pray, "Spirit lead me into my full destiny, grant me divine appointments (opportunities) and show me the way to wealth for Your purposes as You lead me away from Satan's traps (temptations). I love Your leadership. Help me *run* with You as You establish God's order in my home, job and ministry."

<sup>17</sup> ***Well done...because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.***  
<sup>26</sup> ***For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given (more)...<sup>27</sup> But bring here***

*those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay them before me. (Lk. 19:17, 27)*

<sup>17</sup> *Those who receive abundance of grace...will reign in life through Jesus Christ. (Rom. 5:17)*

<sup>4</sup> *Draw me away! We will run after you. (Song 1:4)*

<sup>13</sup> *Do not lead us into temptation (lead me from it), but deliver us from the evil one. (Mt. 6:13)*

**U- Use me** – We ask the indwelling Spirit to use us more by giving us manifestations of His gifts of power to minister to others. Pray, “Thank you Spirit, for releasing Your gifts through me.”

<sup>7</sup> *But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all... (1 Cor. 12:7)*

**S- Strengthen me** – We thank the Spirit for His strength in our emotions with the power that is already in our spirit (Gal. 5:22-23). Pray, “Thank you for the presence of Your love, peace, patience, and self-control that is in me” or “Thank You for warring against my flesh and guarding my speech” (Ps. 141:3).

<sup>16</sup> *...To be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man... (Eph. 3:16)*

<sup>17</sup> *For the flesh lusts (wars) against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh...22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness...self-control... (Gal. 5:17, 22-23)*

<sup>3</sup> *Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips. (Ps. 141:3)*

**T- Teach me** – We ask Him to teach us the truth about God and His Word and ways. Pray, “Holy Spirit, I love Your ways and thoughts. Reveal the knowledge of God and Your Word and ways to me.”

<sup>6</sup> *The Holy Spirit...will teach you all things... (Jn. 14:26)*

<sup>13</sup> *The Spirit of truth...will guide you into all truth; He will tell you things to come. (Jn. 16:13)*

**KEY:** We must actively engage the Holy Spirit for the Father’s heart for every prayer meeting. I attempt to continue to ask the Holy Spirit before and during prayer meetings “*What is on his heart?*” “*What is He doing?*” “*What is He saying?*”

# **THE GORDON LINDSAY HOUSE OF PRAYER**

## **PRAYER/WORSHIP LEADER GUIDELINES**

**Worship** is to agree with who God is (He is holy, loving, good, merciful, etc.).  
Worship is expressed by declaring the truth of God.

**Intercession** is to agree with what He promised to do.  
Intercession is expressed by declaring what He will do.

Agreeing with God in both worship and intercession is the most effective form of spiritual warfare. It is the most exalted occupation given to those nearest God's Throne.

In chapters 4 and 5 of Revelation, there is mention of 24 Elders around the throne. They possess three things in that position: a Crown, a Harp, and a Bowl full of Incense.

**The Crown** represents the authority that the Lord has given to us before Him and representing Him.

**The Harp** represents the worship that is due Him continuously.

**The Bowl full of Incense** represents the prayers of the Saints.

**The Word says that they are before His throne day and night.**

**We desire the presence of God to rest day and night in this House of Prayer.**

“Where is the place of My rest? 2...On this one will I look: on him who is poor (poor in spirit) and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word”. (Isa. 66:1-2)

The following are models of worship and prayer that you might want to use within your watch, but please remember to be flexible and ready to lay aside all pre-conceived plans and move with the Spirit. We want our worship and intercession to be pleasing to God.

### **How to Begin a Watch...With Worship!**

Corporate worship songs – that all may engage and experience God's presence together in one accord. The worship leader's role is to lead the people into a **God-ward focus**. Therefore, we choose songs that direct us to sing **to God** instead of only **about God**.

- 15-20 Minutes of Worship (2-3 worship songs).
  - Select worship songs that the majority of the people present are familiar with. Do not introduce more than one new song per worship set. Please refrain from jumping too quickly into spontaneous singing in order that everyone in the room can enter in.
  - Allow time for repentance, confession and worship before you begin the actual prayer time.
- 5-10 Minutes singing in the Spirit/praying in the Spirit. “...*building yourselves up on your most holy faith , praying in the Holy Spirit...*” Jude 20

### **Models of Prayer**

**Each shift will last 1.5 hours, except late night watches, which are 3 hours long.**

To help establish order, but allow for diversity and spontaneity, we have designed the following program for our House of Prayer.

6:00am –7:00am	Devotional Time
7:00am-8am	Intercession
8:00am- 9:00am	Closed to Students on Schooldays /Worship with The Word
9:00am - 10:30am	Closed to Students on Schooldays /Intercession
10:30am - 12:00pm	Closed to Students on Schooldays /Devotional Time
12:00pm - 1:30pm	Intercession
1:30pm - 3:00pm	Soaking/Contemplative Prayer
3:00pm - 4:30pm	Soaking/Contemplative Prayer
4:30pm - 6:00pm	Worship with The Word
6:00pm - 7:30pm	Intercession
7:30pm - 9:00pm	Worship with The Word
9:00pm - 10:30pm	Intercession
10:30pm - 12:00am	Soaking/Contemplative Prayer
12:00am - 3:00am	Intercession/Worship with The Word
3:00am - 6:00am	Intercession/Worship with The Word

This program should merely serve as a structure through which the Holy Spirit can flow. **Your priority, and responsibility as a leader should be to always be led by the Holy Spirit** in how you conduct each prayer meeting--from focuses, to scriptures, to songs, to style, etc.

## I. Worship With The Word

A prayer format in which we agree with God's heart as we sing Biblical truths about who He is, helping us gain deeper revelation and knowledge about a specific biblical passage or theme of scripture.

**The Model** (Harp and Bowl): read a Scripture related to the prayer focus. Sing along as the worship team improvises from the theme you introduced. Encourage those in the room to meditate on the passage being focused on during that watch as well as related passages that the Lord brings to mind.

Developing a Passage

- Sing through a biblical sentence
- Isolate a phrase
- Develop a theme
- Spontaneous chorus

Try to stay on one focus/theme in scripture at a time, allowing time and space for the worship team to improvise from the theme you introduced and those in the room to engage before moving onto another focus or scripture.

## II. Devotional/Contemplative Prayer

A prayer format designed to provide an anointed atmosphere for meditation on scripture and for lingering in the presence of God. The worship songs and music style are devotional in focus so that we can sit at the feet of Jesus as Mary of Bethany did. Within a devotional/contemplative prayer watch, the following may occur.

**Worship with the Word:** you may incorporate the models within the Worship with The Word format, into a devotional prayer watch, allowing ample time for meditation and contemplation upon the Biblical truths being declared.

**Develop a biblical storyline:** During a devotional/contemplative prayer watch, the prayer and worship leaders have the option of using a biblical story and developing upon the various themes, concepts, and insights, focusing on the attributes of God. Prayer leaders have the opportunity to release proclamations of these truths, allowing ample time for meditation and contemplation upon the Biblical truths being declared.

**Silent adoration and listening to God:** contemplative prayer during which we journal what He says.

### III. Intercessory Prayer

**Agreement Prayers:** As stated earlier, intercessory prayer is coming into agreement with who God is and what He wants to do. The best way to intercede is to use God's word.

Prayer leaders are encouraged to use biblical prayers (apostolic prayers) or prophetic promises and/or decrees to engage in intercession. We use apostolic prayers to intercede for revival (outpouring/visitation of the Spirit) on the whole church across the city (region) that the Lord highlights. We use the prophetic promises or decrees to pray for specific needs (warfare themes) that the Holy Spirit highlights. The five-fold prayer focus sheet (at the back of this packet) is a good resource to use when directing prayer.

The prayer leader is responsible for maintaining the flow of the prayers from the mic at all times. Using discernment of how the Spirit is moving, the prayer leader may invite others to pray out on the mic as well. Let them know that they should keep their prayers brief (2 minutes or less), and stand beside them, ready to take back the microphone when you feel that they are done.

If a worship team is accompanying you, the worship team should continue to play and sing softly while prayers are being said on the mic. Prayers should be interspersed with worship, allowing time and space for the worship team to improvise from the theme you introduce (through spontaneous singing or corporate worship singing), ensuring that the Lord has released you from praying through that focus or scripture before moving onto another focus or scripture.

**Rapid fire Prayer:** A series of short prayers prayed on the mic one after the other, interspersed by choruses from the prophetic singers. It provides an opportunity for more people to pray on the microphone and can bring more energy to the prayer time.

**Concerts of Prayer:** prayer leader prays or assign others to pray each prayer point for no more than two minutes on the microphone, and then allowing the intercessors to break in groups and pray the point also. Let the people in the room know that it's okay to remain in their places and remain engaged in individual prayer. The worship team should continue to play and sing softly while prayers are being said on the mic.

**Voluntary Small Group Prayers:** the prayer leader invites all who want to participate in a small group to stand and gather together in groups of 4-5 to pray in agreement for any burden on their heart.

Let the people in the room know that it's okay to remain in their places and remain engaged in individual prayer.

The worship leader team continues with worship songs for approximately 5-7 minutes, keeping the volume lower than usual so that they can easily hear each other.

**Prophetic Worship and Intercession:** facilitate united group participation in worship so that we might receive the ministry of the Holy Spirit in specific ways. Our goal is to reach the highest experience of corporate worship including ministry times for healing and deliverance. Prophetic Worship and Intercession is communications from the heart of God through intercessors who are ministering to and listening to Him.

Individual Prayer For the Sick: Healing prayer is coming into agreement with God's heart for healing and breaking our agreement with sickness. The prayer leader has the option of inviting all the sick to stand or raise their hand and indicate their desire for prayer. Ask 3-4 people to gather around them to pray for them.

Women should pray with women, and men should pray with men, limiting hand placement to the arms or shoulders, and in a stationary manner (vs. rubbing), unless permission is given to place hands on the specific area needing healing.

## **PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS FOR MAINTAINING THE FLOW**

### Arrival

- I. Be Punctual! Arrive a few minutes before your 30 minute briefing. This time will allow you to familiarize yourself with the room and touch base with your Prayer/Worship Leader and Overseer. You will be discussing the direction for your coming watch, and any other important information.
  - i. Bring a bottle of water and a watch with you.
  - ii. Sign in upon arrival in the House of Prayer Sign-In Book.
  - iii. Pray with your co-leaders prior to the start of your watch.
  - iv. Silence your cell phone before you enter the House of Prayer.

### Always...

- II. Always bring your Bibles. Incorporate the Word of God into your prayers!
  - a. Encourage the use of scriptures in prayer, using God's promises, praying God's will.
- III. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and praise. Leave with thanksgiving and praise.
- IV. Make it a priority to establish the Lord's presence and enter into priestly ministry by acknowledging the Blood of Jesus for yourself and all those praying with you.
- V. Please do not shout your prayers, keep to one subject matter or emphasis at a time, and keep them very brief (2 min.), allowing space and time for the worship team to flow, and those present to respond and engage in the prayers.
- VI. Be flexible and ready to lay aside all pre-conceived plans and move with the Spirit. Wait on the Lord, follow His lead, and don't rush the process.

### VII. Things to Avoid

- a. Negative prayers focusing on the problems of the situation or on the plans of the enemy.
  - i. Pray positive, faith-filled prayers, focusing on God's faithfulness and ability.*
- b. Avoiding the following which tend to scatter focus:
  - i. Praying for things that involve too many details, personal concerns, teaching content

- and issues that are not shared burdens of the group.
- ii. Informing God of the details of specific situations and circumstances.
- iii. Informing other people concerning details of things that need to be changed, doctrinal insights, prescriptions of what you believe are needed.
- iv. Devotional prayers that focus on your personal spiritual needs and longings.
- v. Requests for people and situations that others are not aware of; and therefore may find it difficult to agree with you in prayer.
- vi. Praying in such a manner that gives the feeling that you are teaching and/or exhorting others.
- vii. Prayers that catalogue the content of holiness and whole-heartedness.
- viii. Only directional instruction during intercession sets.

### Team Dynamics

#### **Prayer leader:**

- VIII. Rely on the Worship Team to support the flow of the intercession. The Worship Leader will expect you to take the lead with prayer and let the worship team know when to come in. Wait on the Lord. Follow His lead. Don't rush the process.
- IX. Encourage team members to flow in their own prayer anointing (prophetic intercession, worship intercession, warfare prayer, etc.)
- X. Invite intercessors to follow the flow of the meeting in prayer, song, dance, and artistic expression in worship and prayer.
- XI. Instruct the team in the way you expect words, Scriptures and prophetic acts to be released.
- XII. Instruct team members to listen to the Lord so the prayer time will flow in the Lord's timing and listen to each other so they can stay on focus and agree with each other's prayers. If an intercessor starts to repeat a subject that has already been covered, say "Let's move on to...".
- XIII. Encourage team members to pray what the Lord is showing them instead of talking about it. If team members begin to chat, model getting back to prayer.
- XIV. Assess the spiritual maturity of the group. Keep your eyes open and be aware of what is going on in the room.
  - a. If you notice intercessors in the room that seem inexperienced with the move of the Holy Spirit, explain in 30 seconds or less, what is happening.
- XV. When your team is released from leading, seal the prayers.

#### **Worship leader:**

- XVI. Begin the watch with familiar God-ward focused songs as stated before. This will allow people in the room to begin to engage with the Lord. Many times when our minds wander, songs that centered on the Lord re-direct our focus. Pray is all about interacting with the Holy Spirit about what is on the Father's heart. Worship many times facilitates this connection with the Holy Spirit.
- XVII. The worship team's job is to facilitate the prayer in the room, not to lead an hour long worship service. Keep your eyes open and follow the directions of the prayer leader.
- XVIII. Singing spontaneously out of scriptures
  - a. The Bible talks about singing new songs to the Lord (Eph 5:19; Ps 144:9)
  - b. **Always** have your Bibles with you while singing. You can sing directly out of scriptures. Scriptures that exalt the Lord in the Psalms or Scriptures that describe the nature or characteristics of the Lord or Jesus are wonderful. You can sing lines directly from the Bible.
  - c. When everyone is corporately spontaneously singing together it is ok for all the singers to sing all at once.

- d. Sing in the Spirit (your prayer language).
- XIX. Sing a new/prophetic song or chorus while someone is praying
- a. The Bible talks about prophetic singers in the temple.
    - i. I Chronicles 25:1 – “David, together with the commanders of the arm, set apart some of the songs of Asaph...for the ministry of prophesying, accompanied by harps, lyres and cymbals...”
  - b. Sometimes the Lord will give you a song to sing that adds to what someone is praying
  - c. Many times it’s a phrase from the scripture they are praying out of. If a person says the scripture they are praying out of, turn in your Bibles to that passage.
  - d. When the person praying pauses, begin to sing the new song. If it is a short phrase, you might want to repeat it. If you repeat it 2 times, everyone on the team can join in singing. Worship leader, encourage everyone in the room to enter into that chorus. Whoever begins the chorus can end the chorus with a hand motion or “code word” which your team knows means that the chorus is finished.
  - e. The Bible also talks about prophesying using instruments.
    - i. I Chronicles 25:3 – “As for Jeduthun, from his sons:...six in all, under the supervision of their father, Jeduthun, who prophesied, using the harp in thanking and praising the Lord.”
- XX. If there is a “lull” in the room it is good to sing another God-centered worship song. It helps everyone in the room to re-focus their attention on the Lord.

#### Honoring One Another

- XXI. Honor the Lord and one another. Discover the joy of knowing one another in the Spirit. Be sensitive to others - recognize that the Lord created our differences.
1. Bring correction by transitioning with a gentle admonition or a prayer.
    - a. If there is a blatant rebellion to your leadership, please call the Watch Overseer over to handle the situation, gently yet firmly and whenever possible, privately.

#### Transition Time

- XXII. The last 10 minutes of each watch are the designated transition time from the current Prayer and Worship Team to the new teams.
- a. The Prayer Team Leader should seal the prayers. For example:  
*“Lord, we thank you for the blood covering that protects us, our families, our homes, our property and our ministries. We have come with clean hands and a pure heart and we have prayed under authority, therefore, I declare that Satan has no access to any member of this prayer team. In the name and authority of Jesus, I pronounce a hedge of protection around each person here and around the prayers we have prayed. Amen.”*
  - b. The lead musician should continue to play and sing softly during this transition time.
  - c. The rest of the current Prayer and Worship Teams should quietly pack up their instruments and belongings and exit the platform area through the door adjacent to the platform, while the new worship team quietly enters the platform area and sets up their instruments.
  - d. The previous Worship Leader may only leave the platform area moments after the new worship team is fully in place and has begun to play/sing along.
  - e. The flow of music should always continue uninterrupted.
  - f. If you are not able to transition as described above, you may ask the Watch Overseer to play a CD during the transition time.
    - i. Please establish a clear line of communication with your Watch Overseer to make this transition as smooth and seamless as possible.

### **REQUIREMENTS OF PRAYER LEADERS, WORSHIP LEADERS AND OVERSEERS**

1. **Submit a completed application.**
2. **Attend an orientation session.**

3. Megan Bream will be scheduling in worship leaders. Jason Kerr will be scheduling in prayer leaders and overseers.
4. **If you are a worship leader and cannot keep your commitment, please contact Megan Bream immediately;** at least 48 hours before your watch is scheduled to begin so that we have adequate time to find another worship leader.
5. **If you are a prayer leader and you cannot keep your commitment, please contact the GLHOP Jason Kerr immediately,** at least 48 hours before your watch is scheduled to begin so that we have adequate time to find another prayer leader.

**PERSONAL PREPARATION PRIOR TO YOUR WATCH:**

1. Spend time with the Lord.
2. Come with clean hands and a pure heart.
  - a. Examine yourself and ask God to convict you of sin, un-forgiveness, and wrong motives. Ask God to show you any hidden bitterness. Seek reconciliation wherever needed. Confess and repent of anything that would keep you from boldly leading your team into His Throne Room. Repentance is coming into agreement with Gods heart for us (holiness) a breaking agreement with darkness in our hearts.
3. Lay down your own preconceived ideas and seek His heart for your assigned prayer time.
  - a. Write down what the Holy Spirit speaks to you regarding your assigned prayer time and bring these notes with you.
  - b. Prepare lists of a few key scriptures for each focus the Lord gives you.
  - c. Remain in constant communication with the Holy Spirit during your assigned watch for further guidance.
4. Make sure you come with the blessing of your pastor (if a visitor) and spouse (if applicable).
5. Have an intercessor praying for you during the prayer time.

Please direct additional questions to:

**CONTACT INFO**

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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:  
CFNI Security Department (214) 302-6200

# GORDON LINDSAY

## HOUSE OF PRAYER PROTOCOL

**Primary Goal:** Respect and reverence for the presence of God.

*“...what ever you do, do all to the glory of God.” 1 Cor 10:31*

**Secondary Goal:** Respect and consideration for those with whom we are sharing the House of Prayer

*“Everything is permissible—but not everything is beneficial. Everything is permissible—but not everything is constructive. Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others.” 1 Cor 10:23-24*

### **Maintaining The Flow**

- Please submit to the prayer leaders, worship leaders, and overseers responsible for that watch at all times. (They will be wearing badges).
  - Directional instructions to everyone in the room may only be delivered from the platform.
- Do not touch the instruments or sound equipment without permission from GLHOP Coordinators or assigned watch leaders.
- If personal ministry will be permitted during a watch, the laying on of hands should be limited to the shoulders and arms, in a stationary manner (vs. rubbing).
  - To avoid the appearance of evil, women will pray with women and men will pray with men.
  - Married couples may pray together; also with other couples or singles, if both espoused are present.
- If praying on the microphone, please do not shout your prayers and keep them very brief (2-5 min.)

### **Personal Vocal Volume**

- Personal vocal volume throughout the room should not exceed the platform volume.
- All personal conversations should be taken outside of the prayer room.
  - Please limit essential conversations inside of the prayer room to a quiet whisper of 30 seconds or less.
  - No cell phone use permitted.
  - No study groups allowed in the prayer room.
- Please do not shout out prophetic declarations.
  - All prophetic words and acts should be submitted to the Watch Overseer to relay to the Prayer and/or Worship Leader to judge if the context and timing are appropriate for corporate declaration from the platform.

### **Personal Space and Movement**

- No food or drink is allowed in the House of Prayer, with the exception of bottled water.
- Please be respectful of the House of Prayer atmosphere, and seek to be as little of a distraction as possible.
- Soaking is encouraged; sleeping for extended periods of time is not permitted.
- Do not leave personal belongings in the prayer room unattended and please clean up after yourself.
- If we have a crowded prayer meeting, please limit your personal space to one chair/seat.

- Only the small ottomans, tables and chairs may be rearranged to suit your needs, as long as you do not restrict the mobility of others in the room.
- Do not paint, write or put your shoes on any of the walls or furniture.

### **Children**

- Parents, please keep your children with you at all times in the House of Prayer. Children should not be unsupervised in the House of Prayer. Parents are to ensure that children adhere to all of the protocol above.

### **Late Night Participation (12am - 3am / 3am – 6am)**

- Students planning to attend a night watch must sign out with their Deans Department no later than 5pm that day, preferably earlier.
- Students attending a night watch must also sign in and out of House of Prayer in the designated binder located near the HOP back entrance.
- Students attending a night watch are required to remain in the building for the entire duration of the three-hour watch.
- Students participating in a night watch will only be allowed to travel to and from the House of Prayer during the last 15 minutes of each three-hour prayer watch.
  - 11:45pm – 12am / 2:45am – 3pm / 5:45am – 6am
- During the 15 minute travel time security officers will be patrolling Conway Street and Fawn Ridge Drive, to help ensure student safety.
  - Students are not allowed to walk or drive on campus alone. Even during these 15 minute intervals, students must be accompanied by at least 1 other person.
- To assist the Security Department in more effectively ensuring the safety of House of Prayer participants, we are asking CFNI staff, alumni and guest churches to adhere to these same requirements regarding mobility on campus during night watches.

**ENTER, ENGAGE, ENJOY!**

# **THE GORDON LINDSAY HOUSE OF PRAYER CFNI**

## **OVERSEER GUIDELINES**

- I. Overseer in the Old Testament (1 Chronicles 9 and 26)
  - a. Together, gate-keepers and treasure-keepers were porters to guard the Temple and its treasury stores day and night.
    - i. The treasures of the Lord are those things dedicated by His people to maintain His house.
  - b. These porters (gatekeepers/doorkeepers/caretakers) were like watchmen; watchful, diligent, and persons of valor to watch against and resist defiling persons and things entering into the house of the Lord.
    - i. It is the responsibility of true leadership to watch over the Lord's house, His people, and His treasures.
  
- II. Overseer in the New Testament.
  - a. *"Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task. Now the overseer must be above reproach..."* 1 Timothy 3:1-2a
  - b. *"For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain, but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled, holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict."* Titus 1:7-9
  - c. Twenty-four porters in the City of God in Revelation 21-22.
  
- III. Overseer Responsibilities\*
  - a. Know the House of Prayer Protocol to know when it is being violated.
  - b. Ensure that House of Prayer Protocol is being maintained.
    - i. Kindly but firmly bring correction and instruction.
  - c. Help serve the Worship/Prayer Leaders during the watch:
    - i. Serve as the soundman for the watch (if a separate soundman is not available).
      1. Please take the time to record any problems or malfunctions with the sound equipment or instruments during your watch in the "Problem Log Sheet" in the sound booth. This will be check daily by the Audio Department.
    - ii. Relay prophetic insights from "watchmen", emergency prayer directives from authorities, etc.
    - iii. Help attend to/minister to persons with special prayer needs and the unsaved.
    - iv. Bring water or other supplies to the leading team (it is not CFNI's responsibility to provide such items).
    - v. To help bring correction/direction to watchmen when they are disrupting the Prayer or Worship Leader's flow or are being a distraction to the others in the room.
    - vi. Call the CFNI Security Department in case of an emergency.
    - vii. Assist Prayer/Worship Team with transition, if necessary.
      1. May include playing a CD, helping to carry out instruments, etc.
    - viii. Toward the end of the watch, help to pick up any trash left behind and straighten out the furniture.
    - ix. Communicate any "need to know" items to the next Watch Overseer.

- d. Serve as the “Scribe” during your assigned watch.
  - i. Make brief notations in the House of Prayer Journal to capture what God is speaking; note prayers and insights of significance during this time.
  - ii. Briefly review the House of Prayer Journal notations from the previous watch.
- e. Keep your eyes open and be aware of what is going on in the room at all times. Don’t “get lost” in the worship/prayer.

*\*The role and responsibilities of the Watch Overseer may expand as new needs and situations arise.*