

To: All DTS/CDTS Leaders/Staff  
All YWAM base leaders

From: International DTS Center Leadership Team

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Warm greeting from the International DTS Centre! Some years ago, through extensive travel and interaction with DTS/CDTS staff and leaders worldwide, it became apparent to the IDTSC that many DTS leaders/staff did not understand the meaning behind key phrases in YWAM International's one page DTS curriculum document which identified the following topics.

**CATEGORIES** of the Old DTS Curriculum

A. The Christian's Relationship To God
B. The Christian's Relationship To Oneself And Others
C. The Christian's Relationship To The Word
D. The Christian's Relationship To The World
E. The Christian's Relationship To The Church
F. The Christian's Stand Against The Enemy
G. The Christian's Orientation To YWAM International

We found that phases like 'the Character and Ways of God' had lost much of their meaning as the DTS leadership was passed on from one generation of leaders to another. Thus many DTS were not covering what the mission sees to be the essentials of the DTS.

In 1998, Maureen Menard and the International DTS Centre Leadership Team, along with the Global Leadership Team (GLT) and the International Leadership for the U of N (ILT), started a process to further clarify the existing one page document. The outcomes of that two-year DTS curriculum clarification process were:

- the wording of the DTS purpose statement was updated
- a list of outcomes were identified for all DTS graduates
- a list of specific concepts, heart attitudes and activities for the DTS was created.

When you look over the expanded curriculum document, you will see that it does not dictate a format, nor restrict the DTS leader to a particular leadership style within the DTS context. In fact, every effort has been made to identify individual components of the DTS rather than specific models. The expanded curriculum document still allows for maximum flexibility of format and style, but will also insure a greater degree of consistency and quality in the content and learning context our schools worldwide for the future. DTS leaders can still design their school in the way that suites the learning styles and cultures of their group and can emphasize certain relevant topics as long as they do not neglect others.

Below are the categories of the clarified/expanded DTS Curriculum.

**CATEGORIES** of the Clarified/Expanded DTS Curriculum - approved August 2001 by YWAM GLT

I.	God's Nature and Character <i>Encountering God</i>
II.	God's Intention for Individuals, Peoples and Creation <i>Seeing all of Life from God's Perspective</i>
III.	God's Redemption: Sin and The Cross <i>Recognizing Jesus as Lord</i>
IV.	God's Family: His Children & His Church <i>Becoming More Like Jesus</i>
V.	God's World: His Call and His Commission <i>Doing the Works of Jesus</i>
VI.	YWAM: A Response to God <i>Knowing God; Making Him Known</i>

Please review the complete expanded DTS curriculum document enclosed by attachment. It is important for you to understand that the DTS purpose and curriculum has NOT CHANGED. It has simply been CLARRIFIED AND EXPANDED UPON. For more

information on "Why the need for Clarification" please see second file attached.