



*Equipping and releasing the saints for ministry
and evangelism in the power of the Holy Spirit*

Non-EU Delegates — Please Read Carefully Before Requesting an Official Invitation to Attend the International Dunamis School of Ministry in London

Background Information

Although the Dunamis Project is firmly rooted in the Reformed tradition, the International Dunamis School of Ministry is an *intentionally multi-denominational and international* series or “track”, which means that most of our delegates from outside the European Union require a visa in order to attend. We therefore receive many requests asking whether we would be prepared to issue an official invitation to attend the course from many non-EU countries. Unfortunately, apart from a title, name and email address, we generally know absolutely nothing about the person in question at that particular time—so it would neither be diligent nor honest for us to issue such an invitation without satisfying ourselves of the appropriateness of doing so. Given that such a letter from a Christian ministry can possibly be used to support an application for a UK visa, we cannot in good conscience accede to every application without first ascertaining more details about the prospective delegate and his or her intentions or—if time does not permit a thorough background search—a firm recommendation from a trusted friend of our ministry.

We do not wish to be or appear rude or over-cautious, but there are several sound reasons for this. Two will suffice for the purpose of making this point.

1. We already have a number of non-EU delegates active in Dunamis and feel that their presence is important to the future of our ministry and part of the Lord’s plan to take Dunamis to their own countries on completion of the International Dunamis School of Ministry. We therefore require that the British Embassy or High Commission in their particular countries look upon our invitations with favour by taking reasonable steps to ensure that we do not invite people to the IDSM in the UK, who may really only be using attendance at this event as a pretext to enter the country and pursue other priorities. Unfortunately, in the early days of our ministry we innocently invited people who abused such invitations in several ways. We are therefore determined to try and honour both the letter and the spirit of the UK’s immigration regulations. Failure to do so would not only be disobedient to the Word of God (Romans 13: 1, 5 and 6; Titus 3:1) but—as we have already suggested—it could prejudice the visa applications of genuine delegates who are called into this ministry.
2. Having too many of people attend Dunamis from abroad is not necessarily a good use of Kingdom resources. It would be far better stewardship of those resources to have a few potential delegates from each country come and be trained with a view to later helping us train thousands of their countrymen and -women on home soil, at considerably lower cost to their national Church.

If the Lord is calling someone to attend Dunamis in the UK, we feel sure that he or she will easily meet the reasonable criteria and guidelines He has led us to establish. They, in turn, are free to better acquaint themselves with us and decide whether they want to be associated with our ministry by first visiting our website:

<http://www.dunamis.org.uk>

We trust that this procedure will enable us to pursue our vision without compromising either

- our duty to be obedient to those in authority (see above) or
- our instructions
 - to be both wise and gentle (Matthew 10:16b) and
 - to safeguard (the reputation of those) whom God has already called to attend Dunamis (Acts 20:28a).

We would therefore seriously request that you to read the Terms and Conditions of Registration and the associated Values and Practices for Ministry on the following pages very carefully, examine your conscience prayerfully and only request an invitation if you can sign up to them all with complete integrity.

Terms and Conditions of Registration

1. **Non-EU Delegates to IDSM who require an official invitation from this ministry for visa purposes -**
 - a. solemnly affirm that attendance at the Dunamis event is their **sole or primary reason** for wishing to enter the United Kingdom;
 - b. solemnly undertake that they will have made **prior arrangements for any accommodation and support** they may need outside of the conference times and will not use the Dunamis event to 'network' or solicit accommodation or support—directly or indirectly—from other delegates to the event either during or after the event;
 - c. solemnly undertake that they will **return to their country of origin** after their immediate business in the UK is concluded and not will outstay the period stipulated in their UK visa;
 - d. acknowledge that the DFB&I is obliged by the UK immigration authorities to inform the Home Office (UKBA) and the local Police of any registered student who:-
 - i. fails to turn up to the event, and/or
 - ii. leaves the campus for more than 24 hours.
2. Delegates who have not previously attended the Dunamis Project are informed that the IDSM is an intensive program designed for those who have already attended a regular Dunamis Project series of events "track", and that they will need to commit to attending all three events of the IDSM in order to receive a Certificate of Completion and will have to master the teaching offered during the three IDSM events in order to receive a Certificate of Competence to teach the material under the auspices of the Dunamis Project.
3. Delegates from other Christian faith traditions who attend the IDSM—an intentionally international and multi-denominational series—will accord due respect to the Reformed-Presbyterian tradition, out of which both the Dunamis teaching and the Values and Practices for Ministry (below) were birthed, by conducting themselves in a **culturally sensitive and theologically non-contentious** manner throughout the event; and
4. Delegates agree to treat any **women who may be leading** in the teaching and ministry with the same respect as they would accord to any men leading the conference.

Values and Practices for Ministry

Dunamis model of Ministry

The various streams of Christian renewal may have different traditions, customs and guidelines that arise out of varying theological understandings, and the Dunamis Project is no exception.

The information contained in this section has been prepared to help you be aware the model of ministry used in the Dunamis Project. We offer these guidelines to help establish a common understanding of the ways in which we have experienced the ministry of the Holy Spirit at Dunamis. We believe that the principles here embody an understanding of the experience and action of the Holy Spirit that is rooted and grounded in the scriptures and are in complete harmony with a Reformed theological perspective. The scriptures declare that knowledge is never purely abstract; it is interpreted through the eyes of experience. In other words, the theory of ministry is always informed by the practice of ministry.

The theory and practice of ministry in Dunamis have distinctive characteristics that set it apart from other streams of ministry in the Spirit. We do recognize that participants may be more familiar with different models of ministry and may be persuaded that a different approach is more effective. We gladly affirm the variety of ways in which the Holy Spirit may accomplish His work, but require that, while participating in Dunamis, delegates treat the values and practices set out below as normative guidelines for ministry in the Spirit.

Jesus Christ has a high regard for the value and dignity of God's people. In the context of Dunamis, therefore, our ministry must always be conducted in ways that honour, respect and affirm one another. In particular, we hold to the following practices:-

1 Ministry is always shared within the limits of those in spiritual authority. (Matthew 21:23)

All ministry is to be conducted within the limits set by the IDSM leadership. At times particular forms of ministry are discouraged simply because the Biblical and theological foundations for these kinds of ministry have not yet been introduced by the Dunamis teaching team. As a participant in the Dunamis Project you may have had prior experience in other styles or streams of ministry. Until the teaching team has introduced a particular model or form of ministry we must insist that participants refrain from entering into these forms of ministry. The ministry of deliverance is explicitly *not* to be initiated unless it is with the express and specific permission and authority of the Dunamis Leadership team. In particular, this allows for Intercessors to be mobilised.

2 Ministry teams always respect the dignity of those receiving ministry.

This dignity is preserved most appropriately when men minister to men and women minister to women. Ministry within mixed sex groups may also be effective, but ministry to a person of the opposite sex is strongly discouraged unless there is another member of the opposite sex present as well.

3 Ministry is always to be done with permission. (Mark 10:51).

Always receive permission before moving into ministry, as this permits an atmosphere of trust within appropriate boundaries. Always get permission before touching the person who is receiving ministry, or before moving into a new form of ministry (e.g. when moving into healing or deliverance).

4 Ministry is best done in teams. (Luke 10:1ff)

This is a clear teaching of Scripture. Experience also suggests that ministry teams of two to four persons are most effective in most circumstances. Teams that are too large can be fertile ground for confusion.

5 Ministry teams are to have one primary leader or 'point' person. (Exodus 7:1)

One person is to be the leader or "point" person within a ministry team. This provides the best context for keeping the ministry on course and preserves spiritual and functional unity. The Holy Spirit is free to move through all members of the ministry team, but one person coordinates the ministry and makes final decisions concerning direction and focus in the ministry.

6 Ministry may include the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. (Hebrews 6:1-2; James 5:14-15)

In conformity with scripture, these practices are permitted but are not required. There are many times when they may be undesired or even inappropriate. When either of these practices accompanies prayer, it should be done in a proper manner and with the permission of the person receiving prayer and ministry.

7 Ministry is best learned in a context of mutual accountability. (Mark 6:30)

The best way to learn ministry is to do it! As a person participates in ministry one discovers both what is helpful and what is not. Learning involves both being effective and also making mistakes, and Dunamis is designed to be a context for learning. In this context we affirm a mutual accountability and a need to debrief: to ensure the opportunity to reflect and talk about what has happened in the ministry time. Through this process we can affirm our growth and correct our errors in a way that is supportive and non-judgemental. This is why the debriefing sessions are an essential part of the effective learning experience at Dunamis, both for those who have participated in ministry and also for the overall Leadership Team.

Manifestations in Ministry

Ministry is effected through prayer, not through outward signs (Acts 9:40ff), and signs neither enhance nor detract from its effectiveness. For this reason manifestations are never expected, sought after or forced upon any person!

If manifestations occur they are entirely at the initiative of the Holy Spirit. We obey and cooperate with the Spirit, but we do not tell Him what to do! Two common manifestations are:

Resting in the Spirit

Sometimes the Spirit comes upon an individual or group in prayer or worship and, as they yield to Him physically they may find themselves relaxed and unable to stand (II Chronicles 5:14; Daniel 10:9; Acts 9:4; Rev 1:17). Do not be alarmed. Though there are many different descriptions of what happens when one Rests in the Spirit the results are often the same. The Spirit of the Lord will minister in a deep, satisfying and highly personal way. Resting in the Spirit seems to defy any logical analysis and may fall into what theologians refer to as mystery. If your ministry team prays for someone who Rests in the Spirit, one or two should remain with the person and pray quietly until the time is completed. Others should withdraw, pray quietly or seek other opportunities for ministry. Physically touching one who is Resting may be more distracting than helpful and is normally discouraged. We encourage the person who is Resting in the Spirit to take ample time to allow the Spirit to accomplish His work. Do not be in a hurry to get up and going: REST!

Praying In the Spirit

You may notice people praying in words you do not understand. This is often a prayer language given by the Spirit (I Cor 12:10; 13:1; Romans 8:26). It is simply a way in which the Spirit leads us in prayer.

International Dunamis School of Ministry (Stage 2)

International Delegate Application

18 - 26 April 2009 London

Name

Full Postal Address

Telephone Number

Fax Number

Email Address

Church Attended

Other ministries you are involved with (Please state in what capacity)

Declaration

As an applicant to participate in Stage 2 of the IDSM, I herewith:

1. agree to fax you a letter of commendation from a senior minister or official in my church/denomination, under its official letterhead and submit my Personal Introduction Questionnaire (if not previously submitted) and a Statement of Faith outlining the essential doctrinal positions of the church/denomination I serve;
2. agree to secure a UK visa (if required) and pay the full conference fees (£425.00) by 1 April 2009 on the understanding that if I register before 1 April 2009 and (a) cancel my registration *on or before* that date, I shall be entitled to a full refund of my registration fee except for any actual administration costs entailed but (b) if I cancel my registration *after* that date the entire fee shall be forfeit;
3. affirm that I have read and familiarized myself thoroughly with the Background Information provided above—and agree to abide by—the Non-EU Delegate Terms and Conditions, including the Ministry Values and Practices referred to therein; and
4. confirm in particular my clear understanding that neither the International Dunamis School of Ministry nor any associated person, church or ministry will be responsible for my accommodation before or after the dates of the event and that should I remain in the UK after the event, I will have arranged for any such accommodation and (if required) have the means to pay for my support and/or accommodation *prior* to my arrival in the UK.

Name:

Date:

NB Do not transfer any funds until your registration is confirmed and you have received our emailed Reference N^o, (within about 48hours) which **must** then be quoted on any transfer in order to ensure that you are properly credited.

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Personal Introduction Questionnaire

- a. My title and full name
 - b. Full Postal address

 - c. Landline Telephone number(s)
 - d. Cellular phone number
 - e. Fax number
 - f. Email address
2. The name and address of my church/ministry (including our web address, if applicable) is:
3. My/our denominational affiliation (if any) is
4. I heard about the Dunamis Project from
5. I understand the nature and objectives of the Dunamis Project to be
6. My primary reason(s) for wanting to attend Dunamis and make this investment of Kingdom Resources, is:

By submitting this APPLICATION for an invitation I acknowledge that the leadership team will prayerfully discern whether or not to issue an official invitation and booking form.

When you have completed this form, please use the 'Submit' button to send the application. If you want a copy for yourself, you need to PRINT the document BEFORE closing it.