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The Global Institute of Leadership (GIL) launched by the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) is a virtual worldwide training initiative focused on assisting National Evangelical Alliances in over 130 countries on board governance, leadership skills, communication, vision casting, financial sustainability and public service engagement.

This leadership institute works in two primary ways:

- 1. The GIL will partner with globally located experts and experienced mentors who will provide the best training for that region**
- 2. Learners will participate in ongoing virtual and on-site peer learning communities**

As part of the WEA, the *GIL* is designed to strengthen Evangelicals to be part of God's work in bringing about national social and spiritual transformation. Since 1846, Evangelicals have been initiating social change overtly connected to the good news of Jesus' saving grace.

The World Evangelical Alliance connects 130 National Evangelical Alliances under a common umbrella which serves to be a representative voice for over 600 million Evangelicals worldwide.



Why is the *GIL* needed?

As a global network of Evangelicals, it is vital that leadership is alive to the challenging and complex issues of our day. Specifically, leaders of National Evangelical Alliances are called on to assist in generating unity and collaboration among churches and Christian organizations in their nations.

Leaders of Alliances speak to national governments and cultures outlining how evangelical movements can offer significant solutions to critical social problems. This type of highly complex leadership role requires not only initial training, but ongoing peer mentoring, community problem-solving and "just-in-time" resources to address the dynamic needs they face.

The *GIL* is designed to accomplish the following goals:

1. To **create** leadership-centered experiences for our 130 National Alliances, our board and staff leaders.
2. To **provide** curriculum and leadership models to inform and inspire younger leaders as they serve the church and give witness to the Gospel.
3. To **empower**, through National Alliances, congregations, church denominations and associations in their public advocacy and witness of Christ.
4. To **strengthen** Regional and National Alliances in fulfilling their mandates of being a voice, providing identity and being a platform for common service and action.



What is unique in this approach?

- > Much of *GIL*'s leadership development will take place **on-line to create consistent mentoring** without the expense of travel.
- > The *GIL* faculty will meet the **practical needs** of front-line leaders
- > *GIL*'s peer mentors are from around the globe, **in tune with new models**.
- > *GIL*'s **peer learning approach will empower** young leaders, front-line leaders, and majority-world innovators to be active participants in the process.
- > *GIL* will curate the **best training resources** in the world on each topic and help participants chose a learning process uniquely customized to their culture and needs.



What is the Goal of the *GIL*?

To build strong leadership teams which in turn assures healthy National Alliances. As a global body, we've come to understand there are common measurable qualities that demonstrate a National Alliance's health and effectiveness. **These include:**

UNITY

...engaging a broad spectrum of churches, organizations and individuals who affirm a WEA aligned statement of faith united for missional action. Collaborative activities include diversity of age, ethnicity, gender, denomination, social sectors, and socio-economic relationships.

VOICE

...representing Evangelicals with a proactive, prophetic and peacemaking voice to government, media and society, all the while effectively communicating its mission and work to their community.

SERVICE

...serving its constituency with relevant and vital programs, products and services resulting in growing member involvement.

VISION

...providing visionary leadership that motivates its members and national leaders toward common goals that advance the Kingdom of God.

LEADERSHIP

...maintaining governance with clear structures and with efficient processes that hold its board and executive staff accountable to mission.

SUSTAINABILITY

...supporting its core operation from funds recruited nationally while seeking funding from both internal and external sources for projects and special initiatives.



Who is eligible to become part of this training resource?

While the GIL is designed to provide a learning platform for boards and leadership staff of National Alliances, **these learning and mentoring skills will apply to most any community of ministry.**

For those interested in becoming part of this diverse and global virtual peer learning community, please send inquires to: The Global Institute of Leadership
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LEADERSHIP

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