

HOW MANY CURRENT PARTNERSHIPS DOES ELI HAVE IN HOW MANY COUNTRIES?

As of May 2022, ELI has just over 50 faculty, serving 46 active partnerships, in 27 countries, throughout the global south.

FAQ



WHAT IS A “PARTNERSHIP”?

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An ELI “partnership” or “training partnership” is a key component of the mission of ELI. A “training partnership” consists of a national Christian leader in another country, who is matched with an ELI “Partnership Coordinator” to train and equip the national leader’s network of Christian leaders. Some of these networks are denominationally based. More often they are cross-denominational networks with a shared hunger to know Christ through His Word, and faithfully lead His people. In some instances these networks develop into denominations.



PARTNERSHIPS FAQ

WHAT IS A “NATIONAL PARTNER,” AND HOW ARE THEY IDENTIFIED AND CONNECTED TO ELI?

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Christian leaders from around the world find and contact ELI through personal relationships, word of mouth, or internet searches. This begins a conversation in which both ELI and the prospective training partners get to know each other. ELI listens carefully to learn what the training needs and objectives are, while the prospective partner listens to learn ELI’s theological commitments, and what training resources ELI provides. If there seems to be a match of needs and objectives with ELI’s available resources, the Christian leader is received as a “National Partner,” connected with an ELI “Partnership Coordinator,” and the partnership is formalized.



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WHAT IS A “PARTNERSHIP COORDINATOR,” AND WHAT DOES ONE DO?

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A “Partnership Coordinator” is an ELI Faculty member who partners with a specific national leader to develop, organize, resource, and accomplish their leadership development and training objectives. The national partner brings the vision and the opportunity; the Partnership Coordinator brings experience and encouragement while coordinating personnel, training materials, and financial support for the partnership.

In cooperation with their national partner and his or her leadership team, the Partnership Coordinator plans the curriculum sequence and the schedule for training; recruits co-teachers; and raises funds to implement the training. The Partnership Coordinator may provide other support, encouragement, coaching and advice for the national partner.



WHERE ARE ELI'S PARTNERSHIPS?

ELI's partners are spread across the so-called "global south:" Latin America, Africa, and South and Southeast Asia.

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WHAT DOES A TYPICAL ELI TRIP LOOK LIKE?

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A typical ELI trip lasts two weeks, though three weeks is not uncommon.

Typically:

- faculty depart the US on a Friday, planning to arrive in-country on Saturday;
- Sunday is a day of rest and recovery, frequently involving worship in a local congregation associated with the local partner; or, travel to the conference/seminar venue;
- Conferences/seminars usually follow a “3-day + 1 or 2-day” pattern: 3 days of presentation to a large group followed by 1 or 2 days of more in-depth study for a smaller, select group of leaders (see FAQs 11 and 12).
- A two-week trip includes two such conferences/seminars: multiple conferences with a single partnership; or conferences conducted with several partnerships.
- Usually, the team departs the country on Saturday, arriving back in their home country on Sunday.
- The particulars vary from partnership to partnership, and are coordinated by each partnership’s ELI Project Director.



WHAT DOES A TYPICAL “ELI CONFERENCE” LOOK LIKE?

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An ELI conference is usually 3-4 days (often followed by a 1-2 day seminar; see next FAQ). Teaching is usually 6-8 hours a day with lunch provided. Start-times and end-times are fluid, depending on the cultural context. The focus of the conference is to present material, model skills, and allow a larger cross-section of the respective networks to become familiar with ELI and its values.



WHAT DOES A TYPICAL “ELI SEMINAR” LOOK LIKE?

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An ELI seminar is usually a 2-3 day event (1-2 days if attached to a conference; 3 days if stand-alone) focused on a smaller, select group of emerging leaders from a given network. The participants are selected by the national partner. The goal is for seminar participants to become “Certified Trainers” (now often called “Timothys”) who re-teach the material to other leaders. Seminars, therefore, involve a slower consideration of the content, development of skills and habits of faithful Biblical interpretation, and application to their respective leadership contexts, discussion, and practice.



WHAT ARE “CCIS” AND “CTS”?

FAQ

ELI aims at a 2 Timothy 2:2 strategy to “train those who will train others.” A CCI (Certified Course Instructor, or “Timothy”) is a leader who has taken a course, participated in the more in-depth training seminar, and presents the material to other groups of leaders. A CT (Certified Trainer) is a leader who has been “certified” in the 12 foundational ELI courses selected by the partnerships, and so is certified to study and teach any of the ELI material.



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HOW LONG DOES A PARTNERSHIP LAST?

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The timeframe for a given partnership depends on the national partner's vision and training objectives. If a partnership uses ELI's curriculum and strategy "out of the box," it would have an initial team of trained trainers (CT's) after 3-5 years. ELI may remain in contact with that partnership through the Partnership Coordinator as the newly trained training team works through the curriculum to train another generation of leaders, with ELI providing coaching along the way.

