



#### PURPOSE:

The Palmetto Collective is a group of college juniors and seniors from campuses across South Carolina who are passionate about being missional leaders for the gospel. It's a unique experience where devoted followers of Jesus are equipped for a lifetime of fruitful mission and ministry as a leader for Jesus in any realm of society. Palmetto Collective students discover God's mission in the world and in their lives through studying God's word together, guided by ministry mentors, participating in leadership retreats, and serving in mission opportunities around the US and the world.

#### GOAL:

The Goal of PC is to help students answer one important question: ***“Where is the most strategic place you can be for Jesus after graduation?”*** We want to awaken their hearts to the mission of God around the world and deepen their desire to see the nations come to Jesus. We desire to expose them to as many opportunities as we can so they can go further than they ever thought possible.

#### ELEMENTS:

- **Mentorship:** Each Student is paired with a mentor from their local Baptist Church to walk through the Palmetto Collective material that challenges them with Scripture study and hands-on application.
- **Intensive Retreats:** During the school year, we bring the Students together for Leadership training, intensive scripture study, prayer and peer-to-peer sharpening.
- **Leaders at “Summit”:** During the winter break, PC members serve as trainers and mobilizers for High School students at our annual Student “Summit.” At Summit, PC teaches, trains, exemplifies and leads younger students out on mission.
- **Monthly Training Calls:** Each month we gather the students on a collective video call and interview a Missionary, Church Planter, Pastor, or Missional Leader.
- **Mission Projects:** We send the students on multiple mission trips to expose them to the Missionary Task and Church Planting. Students will attend at least one international experience with the IMB and one domestic experience in the NAMB SEND Network.

- **Preferred Summer Options:** Although PC does not dictate what students do during the summer, we do encourage them to take advantage of one of our preferred partnerships through the IMB or NAMB (GenSend). (Grants are available to subsidize the students' cost for the summer. )

### **INVESTMENT and POST-GRAD GRANT:**

The Palmetto Collective is regularly funded by the SCBC Cooperative Program, the Janie Chapman State Missions Offering of the SC WMU. In addition to these two sources, PC was able to launch in 2020 as a result of a grant from NAMB. The Palmetto Collective also relies on generous funding from SCBaptist churches. All expenses for any PC related trip or experience are covered in-full by these funds.

Additionally, upon completion of the PC program, if a student becomes a Journeyman with the IMB, moves to a NAMB Send City to join a Send Network church plant, or is employed by an SCBC Church Plant, the student will receive a \$5000 grant.

### **WRITTEN MATERIAL:**

We have produced a two-year discipleship curriculum written by Dr. Matt Rogers. The material is broken into twelve units, (six units per year). Topics range from Christ-like character growth, to Evangelism, to Church Planting and the Missionary Task.

There are two separate books, one for the student and one for their mentor. The Mentor addition tracks with the material and adds strategic coaching questions for their debrief meetings.