

# Model Interfaith proposed to UNAOC

## Welcome to Model Interfaith

**Model Interfaith** aims to improve understanding and cooperation among nations and peoples across cultures and faiths, and reduce polarization at local and global levels. It helps develop more inclusive societies, in which diversity is experienced as an asset. It does this by helping college and university students take leadership in their own lives, and in turn reach out beyond themselves.

Model Interfaith includes facilitated classroom experiences, state-of-the-art web-based interactive resources, and interfaith action projects with practical, empowering interfaith tools.



Students begin their Model experience by participating in Launching Leaders, a personal development and leadership course that applies core values to all areas of life in an interfaith environment.

Launching Leaders graduates “rise above and make a difference” by implementing what they’ve learned, creating **interfaith action projects** in their communities that can also feed into other global initiatives.

### Model Interfaith Action Projects

- **Find a Better Job** – strategies for identifying and obtaining better employment.
- **Giving Back** – Graduates identify and lead service projects, organizing individuals or groups to ban together and perform any number of services - infrastructure improvement, clean up, humanitarian relief, care for the homeless, or otherwise
- **Mentors & Mentoring** – setting up mentoring micro networks designed to lift the sights of young people to greater educational and job opportunities.
- **Charting Your Course** – teaching individuals or groups the process for planning their lives, establishing “way points” to measure progress toward larger goals.
- **Financial Fitness** – financial self-reliance principles taught in a workshop format in homes and villages, including budgeting and goal setting.
- **Habits of Success** – identifying good and bad habits, and how habits can shape an individual’s or an entire community’s future.

## RISE ABOVE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

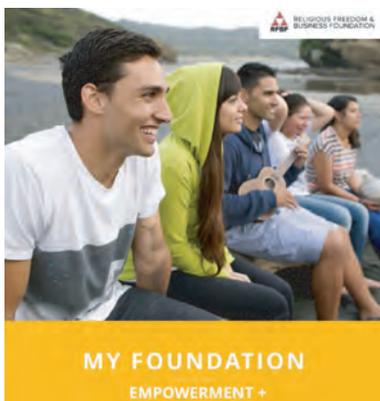
Participants in Model Interfaith are able to improve their own lives and make a difference in the lives of others by completing the Launching Leaders course, and taking advantage of additional development opportunities and projects.



### Launching Leaders Course

Applying universal principles to daily life, spirituality, and interfaith action:

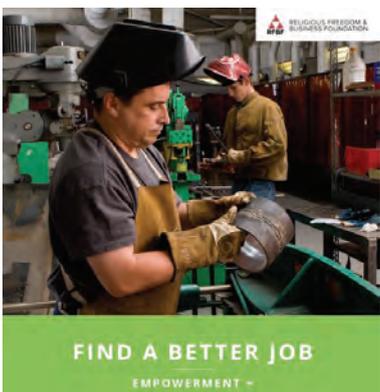
- Identify and develop your core values
- Learn how to find a mentor
- Develop a plan for life
- Be congruent - avoid a double life
- Establish good habits that build character
- Be financially self-reliant
- Be a change-maker and give back
- Learn to tell powerful stories and communicate effectively



### My Foundation

Launching Leaders participants apply spiritual principles to daily life

- The Lord Knows You and Has the Power to Help
- Make a Plan for Your Money
- Your Choices Make a Difference
- Use Your Time Well
- Work Hard: Take Responsibility
- You Are Not Alone: Serve and Work Together
- Be honest and true
- Keep Trying, Keep Believing, Become Empowered



### Find a Better Job

Launching Leaders participants help facilitate seminars helping others find a (better) job:

- Networking: Asking for help to find a job
- Match Your Skills to the Employer's Needs
- Power Statements: Explain your skills
- Written Materials: CVs and cover letters
- Do well in your Interview
- Practice Interviews
- Accelerate Your Job Search: Shorten the time looking for a job
- Succeed at Work: Doing well in your new job

## Launching Leaders Course

Launching Leaders is a personal development and leadership course that enables interfaith cooperation and understanding. Universal leadership principles are discussed that unite participants in pursuit of personal fulfillment and mutual growth. Course topics include developing your core values, planning your life, finding mentors, and financial fitness. Students develop plans for their lives and interfaith action projects that give back to their communities, building social cohesion, interfaith understanding and peace. It's part of **Model Interfaith**. Launching Leaders is a facilitated classroom experience with state-of-the-art web-based interactive resources.



## Course Objectives

1. To develop an understanding of personal leadership principles in a context of interfaith cooperation and understanding.
2. To provide a working knowledge of leadership practices that stimulates personal development and leadership of others.
3. To provide a system for identifying personal values and goals that builds a framework for creating a plan for life, including financial self-reliance.
4. To develop individual interfaith action plans intended to give back to the communities where students reside (see "Find a Better Job" interfaith project).

## Course Topics

### Introduction

Overview of personal leadership principles and practices taught in the course. Begin the process of finding mentors.

**Online Videos and Materials:** Self assessment for creating your future • Reasons for planning your life • Coaching and resources on finding mentors • Introduction to *Leadership by LIGHT: Principles That Empower* (companion book to the course) • Useful articles on mentors.

<b>Taking Control of Your Life</b>	<p>The cycle of spiritual guidance and developing core values.</p> <p><b>Online Videos and Materials:</b> The Cycle of Spiritual Guidance and developing your core values • <i>Leadership by LIGHT</i> Chapter 1: Taking Control of Your Life, and Chapter 2: The Power of Defining Your Core Values • Book summaries: <i>Organize Tomorrow Today &amp; Talent is Never Enough</i>.</p>
<b>Mentors and Mentoring</b>	<p>Mentors as the bridge to success • Finding and adopting mentors.</p> <p><b>Online Videos and Materials:</b> Understanding a mentor's role in helping you find your path • A structure for identifying and adopting mentors • A method for contacting mentors • <i>Leadership by LIGHT</i> Chapter 3, Mentors: Your Bridge to Success • Book summaries: <i>The Power of We &amp; Get in the Game</i></p>
<b>Charting your course</b>	<p>Develop a plan for your life.</p> <p><b>Online Videos and Materials:</b> A process for planning your life • Tips on the power of journaling • <i>Leadership by LIGHT</i> Chapter 4: Charting Your Course • Book summary: <i>Create Your Own Future</i></p>
<b>The Formula</b>	<p>Six steps to happiness and success.</p> <p><b>Online Videos and Materials:</b> Examples of how to apply The Formula • <i>Leadership by LIGHT</i> Chapter 5: The Formula • Book summary: <i>The Slight Edge</i></p>
<b>Beware of the Double Life</b>	<p>Difficulties of living a compartmentalized life • Advantages of living a congruent life.</p> <p><b>Online Videos and Materials:</b> Assessment on whether you're living true to yourself • Worksheet on living a double life vs a life of congruence • Steps for improving your personal online brand • <i>Leadership by LIGHT</i> Chapter 6: Beware the Double Life • Book summary book: <i>Winners Never Cheat</i>.</p>
<b>Habits of Success</b>	<p>Shaping habits that lead to fulfillment.</p> <p><b>Online Videos and Materials:</b> Identification of your habits • Ideas for creating positive habits • Four steps for developing your habits • <i>Leadership by LIGHT</i> Chapter 7: Habits of Success • Book summaries: <i>The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, The Power of Habit &amp; Achievement by Habit</i></p>
<b>Financial Fitness</b>	<p>Principles of financial self-reliance.</p> <p><b>Online Videos and Materials:</b> Five principles of financial fitness • A step-by-step path for achieving financial fitness • Spread sheet for creating a financial plan • <i>Leadership by LIGHT</i> Chapter 8: Financial Fitness • Book summary: <i>The Richest Man in Babylon</i></p>
<b>Rise Above, Make a Difference</b>	<p>Thrive not just survive • Maximize potential.</p> <p><b>Online Videos and Materials:</b> Ideas for rising above mediocrity • 10 Scrolls and 10 Vows of Og Mandino • <i>Leadership by LIGHT</i> Chapter 9: Rise Above and Make a Difference • Book summary: <i>The Winner Within</i></p>
<b>The Power of Story</b>	<p>Communication as essential to influence and leadership.</p> <p><b>Online Videos and Materials:</b> Examples from some of the world's great storytellers • Effective storytelling worksheet &amp; exercise • The three E's of effective communication • <i>Leadership by LIGHT</i> Chapter 10: Effective Communication and The Power of Storytelling • Book summaries: <i>Tell to Win &amp; Lead with a Story</i></p>

## Giving Back

Giving back now to individuals and community.

**Online Videos and Materials:** Real ideas for giving back • A path for giving back  
• *Leadership by LIGHT* Chapter 11: Giving Back • Book summaries: *Sometimes You Win, Sometimes You Learn & Give and Take*

## Onward!

Review of principles and practices learned in the course • Plans for reaching out to communities.

**Online Videos and Materials:** Ideas for using what you've learned and moving forward • Ideas for creating your own personal mantra • *Leadership by LIGHT* Chapter 12: Onward! Book summary: *Go Put Your Strengths to Work*

## Launching Leaders Format

Launching Leaders is a hybrid course with rich online content (mobile optimized video, interactive exercises, and assignments) and weekly in-person facilitated discussion group.

Learning Management System: [www.litmos.com](http://www.litmos.com) (A leading LMS based in Dublin, California, USA.)

## Projects

Students develop a personal plans for their lives throughout the course and present them to the group at the end. Their plans include financial self-reliance and giving back to their local communities through various means. The group decides on an interfaith service project that they plan and execute during the course to contribute to the community where the course is being held. Individuals or groups also do projects in hometowns or other locations.

Suggested Project: Run an interfaith "**Find a Better Job**" weekend seminar (see next page).

## Course Text & Guides

Hitz, Steven A., (2016), *Leadership by LIGHT: Principles That Empower*, (1st ed.). Create Space. (Companion book to the course. Author is a founder of Launching Leaders Worldwide, Inc. and is author of the course curriculum.)

Facilitator's Guide (Outline of recommended facilitated discussion questions, interactive exercises, and guest speaker guidelines for use in weekly in-person groups.)

Coordinator's Guide (Instructions for organizing and administering the course.)

## Register

The Launching Leaders course is packed with inspiring principles and practical steps you can apply to your life immediately. We give it to you in small chunks with lots of well-done video that's mobile friendly. Plus, you'll also get access to free download resources, our book, and apps to create your future.

**Sign up here (code RFBF):**

<http://www.lworldwide.org/religious-freedom-business-foundation/>



# Find a Better Job

## Launching Leaders Course

Using the materials from Find a Better Job, Launching Leaders participants will help people in their communities learn new skills that will help them find a job faster than before. Some of these skills are: networking, matching our skills to the employer's needs, power statements, written materials, interviewing skills, and more. At the start of each meeting, participants will talk about ideas from My Foundation that will help their lives and help them believe that the Lord can and will help them find a job.

Finding a Better Job is a facilitated group with printed and video resources. It's part of **Model Interfaith**.

### Project Objectives

1. To use a practical resource (Find a Better Job) as a means of interfaith action.
2. To meaningfully assist people in one of the fundamental needs of life - finding and succeeding at a job.
3. To learn skills in group facilitation, interfaith action, and project coordination.

## Finding a Better Job Topics

1. The Fundamentals: Basics of a Job Search
2. Networking: Asking for help to find a job
3. Match Your Skills to the Employer's Needs
4. Power Statements: Explain your skills
5. Written Materials: CVs and cover letters
6. Do well in your Interview
7. Practice Interviews
8. Accelerate Your Job Search: Shorten the time looking for a job
9. Succeed at Work: Doing well in your new job



# My Foundation

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## Interfaith Resource

Many economic and social problems are overcome when people of different religions and beliefs work together in faith and action. In My Foundation we will learn from the major world religions including Christianity, Islam and Judaism. By looking at them together we will learn from the best that is around us. Together we are stronger than if we were apart. We will need this strength as we start on our path to a great life.

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## Course Objectives

1. To develop an understanding of how spiritual principles apply to everyday activities.
2. To apply these spiritual principles in my own life and encourage others to do the same.

## My Foundation Topics

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2. Make a Plan for Your Money
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