People attend schools, colleges, and universities to be educated and to gain skill and training for nearly all of life’s callings. And in many cases, those chosen vocations require investing of a great amount of time and expense — be it doctors, lawyers, engineers, accountants, and even pastors. However, most people would think it a bit odd for one to have to go to school in order to learn how to be a prophet. Yet “advanced training for prophetic ministry” is exactly what’s being promoted by some within the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR) movement. While those within this assembly would probably never say they are pursuing a bachelor’s (BA), master’s (MA), or even a doctoral (PhD) degree in prophecy, the implications of developing and training prophets to prepare the way for their modern-day apostle counterparts, in order to establish the Lord’s Church, are not only abnormal, but unbiblical.

The NAR movement is a coterie of self-proclaimed apostles and prophets who no longer find themselves on the fringes of Christianity, but have gained a significant measure of prominence and influence across a wide spectrum of not only charismatic and Pentecostal churches, but mainline and evangelical ones as well.¹

While the NAR is not a coordinated and unified body under the direction of a single organizer, it does have its advocates that are notably conspicuous in promoting the doctrines and practices

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