



ELP Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# ELP Pastor Reference Form – Summer 2012

Pastor Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Pastor,

### Why have you been asked to complete this reference form?

In short, the high school member of your congregation who gave you this form would like to be a part of the ELP this summer and this is a requirement to be considered!

The Experiential Leadership Program (formerly Leader-in-Training) is designed for rising 11th-12th graders who are cognitively ready to be self-reflective, who are ready to accept responsibility for elementary-aged children, who want to make a difference in the lives of others in Christian service and who will benefit from gaining leadership experience before leaving home for college. Just as summer camp is guided by the understanding that faith can only be grown as it is practiced, the ELP believes that leadership cannot be nurtured without the opportunity to lead. So after a week of leadership theory and skills training, each participant will serve one or more weeks as a Day Camp Counselor, putting newly acquired skills to practice in a wonderful ministry setting. Thanks for helping to make this experience possible for your youth!

### Experiential Leadership Program (ELP) Description

#### Week 1—Leadership Development

- Safe Sanctuaries Training
- Presentations from Annual Conference leaders
- Team building on high & low elements on the Glisson challenge course
- Facilitate skills for games and activities (field games, nature crafts and study, archery, basic high ropes)
- Personality and Strengths analysis
- Leadership training and workshops include:
  - \*communication & presentation skills
  - \*exploring Biblical examples of leadership
  - \*how to do a Bible study and create a devotion

#### Contextual Leadership Training/Experience

It is required that ELP participants, with your help, participate in serving at the local church in the Fall of 2012. They can serve in, or create a new program or event.

#### Application and Interview Process

- Submit Resume
- Formal Interview process (Dec. 3 or Jan. 28)
- Personal Letter
- Parent Letter
- Pastor Reference Form

#### Week 2—Day Camp Ministry

- Counselor for Day Camps hosted at local churches of the North Georgia Conference leading campers for 5, eight hour days
- Plan and facilitate daily activities for rising 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade campers
- Nightly debriefing of the day's leadership experience with Day Camp Staff
- Host a celebration for parents and campers at the closing of the day camp week

### LIT Character Reference Questions

Please mark the boxes to the right with numbers 1-10.  
1 - "strongly disagree" and 10 - "strongly agree"

1. The applicant shows a desire to grow in his or her faith.....
2. You feel comfortable for the applicant to supervise your own children.....
3. The applicant shows concern for their personal appearance.....
4. The applicant is trustworthy.....
5. The applicant has strong and healthy peer relationships.....
6. The applicant shows respect for adults and supervisors.....
7. The applicant shows a desire to serve or is serving in a leadership role at the church currently.....
8. The applicant has a strong and healthy church relationship.....
9. The applicant performs well under stress.....
10. Is there anything else that we should know as we consider the applicant?(use back of page if necessary)

### Other Questions for the Pastor

Yes/No (check appropriate boxes)

- 1. ELP participants are required to serve in a leadership role at the local church during the Fall of 2012. Will you commit to assist this applicant in finding an appropriate position for the practice of leadership and help the church to recognize his/her capacity for serving in your church? This can be a short term task force, standing committee, or other leadership role.
- 2. Do you agree to complete a short evaluation of how they performed in this leadership role?
- 3. Will commit to pray for and disciple this participant as they serve?
- 4. Can your church commit to support this applicant financially to help cover some or all of the ELP fees?  
(Church assistance must be received by the camp no later than April 1, 2012.)

- 2012 ELP Fee (Training and Unlimited Leadership Weeks): \$795.00 My Church's commitment is: \_\_\_\_\_

### Pastor Signature

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_