



ABS & Home Group Leadership Application

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GENERAL

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ City, St, ZIP _____

Daytime Phone _____ ext: _____ Evening Phone _____

Cell: _____ Work: _____ Email: _____

Birthdate: _____ Marital Status: Single Married Separated Divorced Widowed

Spouse's Name _____ Children's Name(s) _____

Employer _____ City: _____

Hobbies: _____

What is your membership status at Westwood? Member , How long? _____ Attending Plan to join soon

When were you baptized? _____ Where? _____

EDUCATION

High School _____ College: _____

College Degree: _____ Other Schools/Degrees: _____

EXPERIENCE

What ABS Class/Home Group do you currently attend? _____ (teacher's name)

Please list other church-related experience that you have had in leadership positions:

What year did you first begin teaching a Sunday School class (any church, any age)? _____ (best guess is okay)

If you are currently teaching a class, what year did you begin attending your current class? _____

Preface to Background

Please realize that as a teacher or leader, you will be held to a higher standard. James 3:1 says, "Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly." Therefore, the church has responsibility to guarantee that: 1) only qualified, godly, and Spirit-led individuals are placed in positions of leadership for the benefit of the body, 2) that there is nothing in a leader's life that would be a stumbling block to others, and 3) members are not placed in a position that would be harmful to their spiritual walk or that of those they lead.

Although some of the following questions do not disqualify you from teaching at Westwood, you need to be aware of issues in your life and how they are handled should discussion arise in class. It is possible that you will be contacted to discuss "yes" answers in this section.

BACKGROUND

All information is kept strictly confidential. If you prefer, you may leave questions in this section blank and answer these questions in confidence with a minister. To do that, check this box () and skip this section.

- Yes No Have you been married previously? Year divorce final: _____ Years in your present marriage? _____ years
- Yes No Is there any reason that any church member would object to your placement in a leadership position?
- Yes No Are there any questionable ethics in your secular work behavior that would be a negative witness?
- Yes No Is there any major aspect of your family life that doesn't reflect Christ? (verbal or physical abuse, neglect, etc.)
- Yes No Do you smoke or use tobacco products in any form?
- Yes No Do you ever drink alcoholic beverages?
- Yes No Do you view any form of pornographic material (magazines or internet)?
- Yes No Do you use any illegal drugs or use prescription drugs other than as prescribed?
- Yes No Have you ever gone through treatment for drug or alcohol abuse?
- Yes No Have you been convicted of any crimes other than minor traffic violations?
- Yes No Do you object to a background check (including criminal history)?
- Yes No Is there anything not asked here that might need to be discussed with a minister regarding your leadership in the church?

GIFTS

Based on surveys, insight, feedback and/or experience please circle and number the top four gifts you believe are yours.

Administration	Discernment	Encouragement	Evangelism	Faith	Wisdom	Giving	Hospitality
Knowledge	Leadership	Mercy	Prophecy	Service/Helps	Shepherding	Teaching	

AVAILABILITY

Foreseeable absences: What conflicts would most likely arise for you on Sunday mornings? _____

How many times a year would that likely occur? _____

Are you currently in school or working more than one job? Yes No, If yes, please describe: _____

Do you participate in any other organizations (religious, political, community)? _____

Are you available for leadership meetings/training events on Sunday? Lunch Late afternoon Night Wednesday night

CHECK LIST OF AGREEMENT (Please initial each item below if you agree)

_____ To the best of my knowledge, I am in agreement with Southern Baptist theology and doctrine. (i.e.: eternal security of the believer, inerrancy and authority of the Bible, baptism by immersion, etc.) See the "Baptist Faith & Message" at www.WestwoodToday.com/FB&M.htm. (all caps)

_____ I have read the job description for the position in which I'm considering and agree to accept this responsibility.

_____ If I am unable to fulfill any of the expectations, including participation in leadership meetings and training events, I will discuss this with the ABS/Home Group Directors or a church staff member.

RELEASE

My signature bears witness that I have read this document in its entirety and that the information and statements provided are correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize references or churches listed in this application to provide information (including opinions) they may have regarding my character and fitness for working in ministry. I release all such references from any liability for furnishing such evaluations, provided they do so in good faith and without malice. I waive any right I may have to inspect references provided on my behalf. Should my application be accepted, I agree to be bound by the bylaws and policies of this church and to refrain from unscriptural conduct in the performance of my services on behalf of the church. I further state that I have carefully read the foregoing release and know the content thereof and I sign this release as my own free act.

Signature _____ Date _____