

COMMUNITY LIFE MINISTERS

APPLICATION

Community Life Ministers are deeply committed Christian leaders who serve the congregation by guiding them to live out the five essential practices of the Christian life, and connect them to community through ongoing ministry programs, small groups and other growth opportunities.

If you are interested in becoming a Community Life Minister, please complete and return this application to the Adult Discipleship office or email application to: Melanie.Hill@cor.org. The training requirements and additional studies are detailed on this application.

Requirements:

- Be an active member of Resurrection living out the five essential practices of the Christian life: *Worship, Study, Serve, Give, Share*
- Complete Application
- Background Check
- Volunteer Covenant
- Disciple 1 completion
- 360 Referral Process
- Interview with a staff member/pastor
- Complete the CLM training

Applicant Contact Information:

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

DOB: _____

Are you a member of Resurrection? yes no

Have you completed Disciple 1? Date: _____ yes no

Have you ever completed Safe Gatherings or a background check at Resurrection? yes no

How often do you engage in the following:



Worship

Which best describes your attendance at worship services at Resurrection?

- Weekly
- Twice a month
- Monthly
- Quarterly

How often do you spend time in prayer?

- Rarely
- 1-2 times a week
- 3-4 times a week
- Daily



Study

Attend a class? (Wednesdays/Sunday School/etc)

- Weekly
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- 1-2 times a year

Read scripture (or the GPS) on your own?

- Daily
- 1-2 times a week
- 1-2 times a month



Serve

Participate in a serving opportunity at Resurrection? (Serve Saturdays/J.O.Y Serving/etc.)

- Once a year
- 2-3 times a year
- Monthly

Do you currently serve on any regular ministry teams at Resurrection?

yes no

Please list:



Give

Do you regularly give in proportion with your income with the tithe as your goal?

yes no

Would others identify you as generous?

yes no



Share

How comfortable are you talking about your faith with others?

- not at all
- only with friends
- a little comfortable
- mostly comfortable
- totally comfortable

How often do you engage others in conversation about your faith?

- Never
- Rarely
- 1-2 times a year
- Quarterly
- Monthly

Briefly share your last experience sharing your faith with someone else?

Experience:

Are you currently in a small group?

yes no

Have you ever led a small group before?

yes no

Please tell us a little about that experience:

Which spiritual practices do you engage with? How? (ex; prayer, fasting, solitude, etc)

How do you define community?

Please share a little about your own faith journey?

Referrals:

Please share the names and contact information of 2 people who can share insight into your role as a leader.

Contact 1: Full name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

Contact 2: Full name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP VOLUNTEER LEADER COVENANT:

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

Leaders are among those who fulfill the biblical roles of elders and deacons, shepherds and teachers. In the New Testament, leaders were held to high standards. Paul set forth attributes for leaders who were to live "above reproach." Peter, likewise, challenged leaders to be "examples to the flock." As leaders, we set the pace by modeling the Christian life for our congregation and help shape the heart and character of this church. It is vital for leaders at Resurrection to walk the Christian walk because spiritually healthy leaders produce a spiritually healthy church.

Who We Are

Our Purpose: to build a Christian Community where non-religious and nominally religious people are becoming deeply committed Christians.

Our Vision: to be used by God to change lives, renew churches, and transform the world.

Our Journey: knowing, loving and serving God.

We are a United Methodist congregation, and our leaders uphold our heritage by pursuing ministry in keeping with our tradition. We seek to be orthodox in faith, generous in spirit, broadminded, passionately devoted to Christ, and wholly surrendered to God. We strive for personal holiness and inviting people into a life-transforming relationship with Jesus Christ. We also pursue social holiness in the public sphere by addressing key issues of our time so that our world will look more like the Kingdom of God. United Methodists are willing to ask difficult questions, take on challenging subjects and admit we don't always have every answer.

United Methodists are "people of the Book," whose faith is firmly rooted in and built upon the scriptures. We hold the Bible to be divinely inspired and are committed to live by its words. We also recognize the Bible was written by people who heard God in the light of their own cultural and historical circumstances. As such, we make use of scholarship and study the scriptures carefully. When we encounter theological differences among Christians, we bear in mind John Wesley's approach, "in essentials, unity; in nonessentials, liberty; in all things, charity." United Methodists share a common heritage with other Christians, holding to the historic essentials of the Christian faith.

We believe the goal of the Christian life is to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love your neighbor as you love yourself. From the beginning of the Methodist movement, we were known as "reasonable enthusiasts," those who are both emotionally and intellectually engaged. We value passionate worship, relevant preaching, small groups to hold Christians accountable to one another, and serving those who are in need. We value the spiritual disciplines and take a "methodical" approach to growing in the faith. United Methodists value the full participation of women and men, people of all backgrounds in every facet of fellowship and leadership within the church and society.

This is our heritage, and it continues to shape the Church of the Resurrection in every area of our ministry.

Leader Commitments

Three General Rules of Methodist Societies:

We continue the tradition of commitment to the "General Rules" John Wesley established to guide Methodists in the pursuit of *sanctification*, or what Wesley referred to as "*Christian perfection*."

1. Avoid things that would separate us from God, or bring harm to others
2. Do good of every possible sort
3. Pursue growth in our spiritual lives

Leader Attributes:

Leaders embody our church's best values. These guide our hiring and evaluation and call our leaders toward a vigorous pursuit of the Christian life and effective service.

Christ Centered

- Through actions and words, shows a personal desire to know, love and serve God
- Highly engaged in achieving the church's purpose, vision and journey

Committed

- Produces quality work and takes personal responsibility for fulfilling commitments
- Wholeheartedly serves others and cultivates the leadership of volunteers

Courageous

- Approaches challenges with optimism, flexibility and creativity
- Initiates and engages productively in difficult conversations, when needed

Compassionate

- Encouraging, humble, and gracious, even when under stress
- Shows respect and consideration for those within and beyond his/her immediate team

Continually Improving

- Sets high expectations and proactively improves ministry and self
- Actively seeks and responds positively to constructive feedback

Church Engagement:

Leaders set the pace of commitment for the church. As such, we commit to fulfill and exceed the membership expectations at Resurrection.

- **Worship** Attend each weekend, in person whenever possible
- **Study** Commit to personal spiritual growth and small group participation
- **Serve** Volunteer both inside and outside the walls of the church
- **Give** Contribute financially, with the tithe being the goal
- **Share** Bear witness to faith in Jesus Christ, through word and deed

Leader Standards of Practice:

Community Life Ministers will live toward one another by:

1. Demonstrating respect and grace
2. Accepting differences
3. Maintaining appropriate confidentiality
4. Publicly supporting other leaders, pastors and staff members
5. Going directly to the individual whenever a problem arises

Community Life Ministers will serve the church by:

1. Prayerfully planning and preparing for classes and small group meetings
2. Arriving on time (before the class/group is scheduled to arrive) and arranging a sub, or notifying participants when you're unable to lead
3. Demonstrating radical hospitality to your team and our guests
4. Creating a healthy, positive, and nurturing environment for all
5. Identifying and developing potential new leaders

I have read the above and am committed to living my life and pursuing ministry in a way that is consistent with these expectations, and desire to do so at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection as a Community Life Minister.

Signed: _____ Date: _____