



Life Group Leader Application

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Life Group Leader! We are excited about this opportunity for people to experience life in the context of biblical community. Please complete the following application and return it to the **Life Group Ministries Department at the church office or Welcome Center during services**. Your application will be evaluated and you will be contacted by the Life Group Pastor in the near future. Some of the information requested is for screening purposes and is requested by our insurance carrier to help the church provide a safe and secure environment at Antioch Church.

The Life Group leader is the spiritual leader of the Life Group providing leadership, accountability, and support to the Life Group. The group leader primarily serves as a shepherd for the group by facilitating and monitoring the group.

Qualifications

- Be a growing, born-again believer in Jesus Christ.
- Be a committed member of Antioch Church
- Have signed the Leadership Covenant (See pages 9, 10)
- Be in agreement with the purpose of Life Groups at Antioch Church.
- Complete or sign up to take APEX Level 1

Responsibilities

- Provide the Life Group with vision, direction, and support as outlined by the leadership of Antioch Church.
- Lead the Life Group in a home (either yours or that of another group member) on your designated Life Group night.
- Identify and develop a qualified apprentice and embrace apprentice leader development as a measure of success with the idea of multiplying the Life Group within a 12 to 18 month time period.
- Lead the Life Group through Antioch Church approved curriculum.
- Monitor the use of Childcare Reimbursement Forms. Approve and sign reimbursement forms for group members.
- Meet with the Life Group Pastor once or twice a year and attend a leader training session each year.
- Track and report attendance online.
- Inform the Life Group Ministries office of any circumstances that may need attention, such as benevolence counseling situations, hospitalizations, etc.
- Make sure group members sign and turn in the Group Member Covenant to the leader.



Life Group Leader Application

Name _____ DOB ___ / ___ / ___ Gender M or F

Spouse _____ DOB ___ / ___ / ___ Gender M or F

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

His Cell _____ His email _____

Her Cell _____ Her email _____

Marital Status ___ Single ___ Married

Children: Name _____ Age _____ DOB ___ / ___ / ___

Name _____ Age _____ DOB ___ / ___ / ___

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Antioch Church History:

- How long have you regularly attended Antioch Church?
Years _____ Months _____
- Have you completed Membership 101 of Antioch Church? Yes No
- Have you finished APEX Level 1? Yes No. If no, would you be willing to attend APEX? Yes No
- Are you currently involved in a Life Group? Yes No
- Do you tithe the first tenth of your income to Antioch Church? Yes No
- Are you currently involved in a ministry at Antioch Church? Yes No Which Ministry

- Have you previously worked as a volunteer through another department? Yes No If yes, which area _____



Information on previous church attended:

Name of church _____ City/State _____

Name of Pastor _____ Years attended _____

Spiritual History:

- Have you been born-again according to John 3:5? Yes No When? _____
- Have you been baptized by immersion in water according to Matthew 28:19?
Yes No When? _____
- Do you have an active, daily prayer and devotional time with the Lord? Yes No

Background Information:

- Has anyone ever brought or threatened a civil or criminal claim against you alleging physical or sexual abuse or sexual harassment? Yes No
- Have you been charged, arrested, or convicted of a felony? Yes No
- Is there anything in your past that might come up as a questionable issue? (i.e. pornography, sexual addictions) Yes No
If yes, please explain _____
- Please complete the “permission to obtain a background check” form on page 11. If leading a group as a couple, both individuals must complete a separate background screening.

Doctrine and Theology:

Do you adhere to and believe the following Doctrine and Theology of Antioch Church :

Yes No

The Scriptures.

The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God (II Timothy 3:16), presenting to us the complete revelation of His will for the Salvation of men, and constituting the Divine and only rule of Christian faith and practice (II Peter 1:21).



The Godhead

Our God is a trinity in unity, one God manifested in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. God is infinitely perfect, being in His three persons co-existent, co-equal, and co-eternal. God the Father is greater than all (John 14:28); the source of the Word (LOGOS) and the Begetter (John 16:28; John 1:14).

The Son was begotten of the Father, accepting earthly limitations, true God and true man; conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary. He died upon the Cross, the Just for the unjust as a substitute sacrifice, and all who believe in Him, are justified on the grounds of His shed blood. According to the Scriptures, He arose from the dead. He is now at the right hand of the Majesty on High as our great High Priest. He will return again to establish His Kingdom of righteousness and justice.

The Holy Spirit is a Divine Person, Executive of the Godhead on earth, the Comforter, sent by the Lord Jesus Christ to indwell, to guide, and to teach the believer, and to convince the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment.

Man, His Fall and Redemption

Man is a created being, made in the likeness and the image of God, but through Adam's transgression and fall, sin came into the world (Romans 5:12). "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). "As it is written, there is none righteous, no not one" (Romans 3:10). Jesus Christ, the Son of God was manifested to undo the work of the devil and gave His life and shed His blood to redeem and restore all men back to God (John 3:18).

Salvation is the gift of God to man, separate from works and the Law, and is made operative by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, producing works acceptable to God (Ephesians 2:8).

Salvation

Salvation is made possible through the meritorious work of Jesus Christ on the cross and through Holy Spirit conviction. Godly sorrow works repentance and makes possible the experience of the new birth. What Christ formed within us is the gift of eternal life (Titus 2:11; Romans 10:13-15; Luke 24:47, Titus 3:5-7).

Church

The true Church is the body of Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 4:15), He being the Head. Its earthly constituents are all true believers, born again by the Spirit (John 3:6) and by the Word (I Peter 1:23).

To it is delegated the various gifts and offices of the Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 12:7-11 and 27, 28), necessary for the successful fulfillment of Christ's Great Commission to the Church, as given to the disciples in Matthew 28:19 and Mark 16:15-20.



God, through the Holy Spirit, definitely calls such as He desires to serve as evangelists, pastors and teachers, and specifically endues the one called with the talents and gifts peculiar to that office or offices (Ephesians 4:11-13). Under no circumstances, should anyone be ordained or set apart to any such office unless the calling is distinct and evident.

Water Baptism

Baptism in water is by immersion, is a direct commandment of our Lord (Matthew 28:19), and is for believers only. The ordinance is a symbol of the Christian's identification with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection (Romans 6:4, Colossians 2:12, Acts 8:36-39).

The following recommendation regarding the Water Baptismal formula is adopted, to wit:

“On the confession of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and by His authority, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.”

Baptism of the Holy Ghost

The Baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire (Matthew 3:11), is a gift from God, as promised by the Lord Jesus Christ to all believers, and is received subsequent to the new birth (John 14:16-17, Acts 1:8; 2:4; 38-39; 1-:44-48). The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is accompanied by various Spiritual gifts, often with speaking in tongues as the initial physical evidence (Acts 2:4).

Sanctification

The Bible teaches that without holiness no man can see the Lord (Hebrews 12:14). We believe in the doctrine of sanctification as a definite, yet progressive, work of grace, commencing at the time of regeneration and continuing until the consummation of salvation (Hebrews 13:12; II Thessalonians 2:13; I Peter 1:2; Ephesians 5:26; I Corinthians 6:11; John 17:17; I Thessalonians 5:23).

Lord's Supper

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper is a commandment of our Savior; and being a memorial to His death and resurrection, is strictly limited to Christian believers (I Corinthians 11:27). Its time and frequency of observance are left to the discretion of each Congregation (I Corinthians 11:26).

Only unfermented grape juice, the fruit of the vine, as recommended by our Lord (Matthew 26:29; Mark 14:22; Luke 22:18) shall be used in connection there with.



Healing is for the physical ills of the human body and is wrought by the power of God, through the prayer of faith, and by the laying on of hands (Mark 16:18; James 5:14-15); it is provided for in the atonement of Christ, and is available to all who truly believe.

Resurrection of the Just

The Bible promises, “This same Jesus shall so come in like manner” (Acts 1:11). His coming is imminent; when He comes, “The dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air” (I Thessalonians 4:16-17). Following the tribulation, He shall return to earth, as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, and together with His Saints, who shall be kings and priests, He shall reign a thousand years (Revelation 20:6).

Setting a Time for the Lord’s Return

It is unwise to teach that the Lord will come at some specified time, thereby setting a date for His appearing, and it is also unwise to teach, preach or publish visions of numbers and dates which would tend to fix the time of the second coming of the Lord. (Mark 13:32, 33).

The Coming of the Lord

We hold to the belief of the imminent coming of the Lord as the blessed hope of the Church. Whereas, the teaching that the Church must go through the tribulation tends to bring confusion and division among saints; therefore, we recommend that all our ministers teach the imminent coming of Christ, warning all men to be prepared for that coming, which may occur at any time; and not lull their minds into insecurity by any teaching that would cause them to feel that certain events must occur before the rapture of the Church.

Hell and Eternal Retribution

The one who physically dies in his sins, without Christ, is hopelessly and eternally lost in the lake of fire, and therefore has no further opportunity of hearing the Gospel or for repentance (Hebrews 9:27). The lake of fire is literal (Revelation 19:20). The terms “eternal” and “everlasting” used in describing the duration of the punishment of the damned (Matthew 25:41-46) in the lake of fire, carry the same thought and meaning of endless existence, as used in denoting the duration of joy and ecstasy of saints in the presence of God.

Tithes

We recognize the Scriptural duty of all our people, as well as ministers, to pay tithes as unto the Lord (Hebrews 7:8). Tithes should be used for the support of the active ministry of the church; and for the propagation of the Gospel and work of the Lord through the local church and not given to charity or used for other purposes (Malachi 3:7-11; Hebrews 7:2; I Corinthians 9:7-11; 16:2).



Ministry- Related Experience:

Position/Ministry	Ministry Leader

Life Group Information:

WHAT KINDS OF LIFE GROUPS ARE THERE?

Married Couples:

Life Groups comprised of married couples in the same stage of life (couples without children, with children, and empty nesters) and geographic location.

Men’s and Women’s :

Men and women can join same-gender, singles-only groups or various stages of life groups (married, single, divorced, widowed).

College Age:

Life Groups comprised of men or women from ages 20 to 30. Each group is either all men or all women.

What type of group would you like to lead? (Please Circle One) Single Men’s, Single Ladies, Married w/o Children, Married w/ Children, Married Empty Nesters, Ladies, Men’s, College Age

Age Group: (Please circle one) 18-29 30-40’s 50-60’s 70 and Up

In which region would you like to meet? (Please Circle One)

- Overland Park Prairie Village Leawood, Lenexa
- Olathe Shawnee KCK Turner North Kansas City KCMo
- Other _____

When do you plan to meet? (Please Circle One)

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

(We ask all Sunday Meetings are during the afternoon or night. All meetings are during Life Group week, which is the 1st, 3rd, and 5th, ”when applicable,” week.

Meeting Time _____ Meeting Place Address _____



Commitment

- Are you willing to make a 12-18 month commitment? Yes No
- Are you committed to raising up an apprentice with the intent of multiplying your Life Group after 12-18 months? Yes No

Please provide the name of three personal references (excluding family members). If leading as a couple, include reference for spouse.

Name	Relationship	Phone
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Applicant Statement- All Applicants MUST SIGN

The information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize any references or churches listed in this application to give you any information (including opinions) that they may have regarding my character and fitness for working with or around adults and/or minors. In consideration of this evaluation by Antioch Church, I hereby release any individual, church, youth organization, charity, employer, reference, or any other person or organization, including record custodians, both collectively and individually, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind or nature which may any time result to me, my heirs, or family, on account of compliance or any attempts to comply with this authorization. I waive any right that I may have to inspect any information provided about me by any person or organization identified by me in this application. Should my application be accepted, I agree to be bound by the Bylaws and policies of Antioch 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 CONTENTS THEREOF AND I SIGN THIS RELEASE AS MY OWN FREE ACT. This is a legally binding agreement which I have read and understand.

Applicant Signature required _____
 Date ___/___/___/

Spouse Signature(If Applicable) _____
 Date ___/___/___/

Required of all applicants less than 18 years of age:

Parent or Guardian Signature _____
 Date ___/___/___

Please return to the Life Group Ministries Department upon completion.



**Antioch Church
 Leadership Covenant
 (Applicant)**

Whereas membership in a local church is predicated upon membership in the body of Christ, leadership in the local church is based upon biblical qualifications, personal character and commitment. The Bible mandates a higher standard for those who lead in the body of Christ (1 Tim. 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9). I understand that as a leader I will lay down some liberties so as not to be a stumbling block to anyone (Rom. 14:1-23; 15:17).

The Antioch Church leadership covenant will be signed by the Antioch Church Leadership Team, Antioch Church Board and those who are deemed ministry leaders by the Executive Team and the Senior Pastor.

As a leader in the Antioch Church family, in addition to my membership covenant I commit myself to God and the body of Christ to be an example in the following areas:

- I agree to daily cultivate an intimate relationship with God through prayer, Bible study, and a lifestyle of worship. (Rom12:1,2)
- I agree to faithfully attend a weekend service
- I agree to attend the Wednesday night prayer service 2 times a month (unless my leadership responsibilities require otherwise).
- I agree to support all ministries of the church in word, attitude, and in regular prayer.
- I agree to financially support Antioch Church by giving a tenth (10%) of my income and by setting a leadership example in over and above giving (missions faith promise, building campaigns, offerings, etc.).
- I agree to take the high road on all questionable behaviors like tobacco, alcohol, etc. during Life Group events.
- I agree to give my loyalty and every effort to promote and maintain the unity of the church in all matters supporting the Senior Pastor and all church leadership (Eph. 4:1-16).

Date: _____ Print name: _____

Signature: _____

Pastor's name: _____

Pastor's signature: _____

Please note: If leading a group as a couple, both individuals must sign a separate Leadership Covenant (See page 8).



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Leadership Covenant
(Spouse)**

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Signature: _____

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Permission to Obtain a Background Check

(This form authorizes the Church to obtain background information and must be completed by the applicant. The Church must keep this completed form on file for at least two years after requesting a background check.)

THIS IS NOT A CREDIT REPORT

I, the undersigned applicant (also known as “consumer”), authorize **Antioch Church** through its independent contractor to procure background information (also known as a “consumer report and/or investigative consumer report”) about me. This report may include my driving history, including any traffic citations; a social security number verification; present and former addresses; criminal and civil history/records; and the state sex offender records.

