

Team Timothy USA 2018

Trinity BPC, Weed, CA

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Dear Prospective Team Timothy Trinity BPC Member,

Team Timothy is a ministry of Presbyterian Missionary Union, Bonners Ferry, Idaho, to assist the work of our BP churches. The purpose is three-fold: to give spiritual encouragement to local churches, to be involved in a witness ministry, and to engage in work projects. In August of 2018, we are gathering a team of eight to twelve people to work in Weed, CA. Pastor Justin Hoke and his small congregation have invited us to come assist them in doing gospel outreach work in the community, and some possible light property maintenance. Trinity has recently joined the BPC. The congregation is small, however, and needs help in getting the word out about the church's mission and message. You can be a great help in extending the capabilities of Trinity's congregation in reaching their neighborhood with the gospel. See the "Team Opportunities" page for further descriptions, including dates and costs.

Who qualifies to be part of the team? Individuals entering ninth grade to adults, as well as families, may apply. Team members must have trusted Christ as their Savior and give evidence of a Christian walk in their daily life. A desire to serve the Lord and willingness to work together for Christ is required.

You are required to obtain a pastoral/session evaluation; the form for this is included in this packet. Please return that completed form with your application.

Participation is a privilege and involves certain standards and obligations to be considered as a member. In the interest of fielding the most spiritually effective team possible, we are asking each applicant to carefully examine his/her own heart for hidden sin, conflict, or disunity with brothers or sisters in Christ, and other impediments to laboring in Christ's vineyards. Please take care of these things biblically, before applying. *Important:* Your application does not guarantee you will be named to this year's team. Final team selection will be made by March 24, 2018. A letter of acceptance and an outline of specific team objectives and assignments will be sent to you after we receive a letter from your church session or pastor, and you are finally approved. See the enclosed Application "To Do List."

Team members will raise their own support from friends, church, and interested sponsors to cover travel, living, and project expenses.

We are pleased with the prospects for this team and believe much will be accomplished for the Lord. If you are named to the team, we will send you a detailed information packet with everything you need to know about your team's ministry.

This is a faith venture. You will gather support, travel, serve others, and earnestly seek to be a witness for Christ, just as our missionaries do. "Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it" (1 Thessalonians 5:24).

You may return this application via mail or e-mail. **It must be received by March 15, 2018** Please pay special attention to the attached "Application to Do List." Each step is important. God bless you as you seek to serve the LORD.

In our Master's service,

Dr. Leonard Pine
Field Director

Enclosures: Application Packet

Team Timothy Application “To Do” List:

- ◇ Send us a completed Pastoral/Session Evaluation Form. (Your pastor or session may question you about your spiritual walk or why you wish to be part of the team.) This document is a vital part of your application and is required to complete your application process. Thus, it is also due to the office by March 15. This information will be kept confidential and will be destroyed after the completion of the ministry.
- ◇ Complete the enclosed application and attach a photo, suitable for use in *the Missions Banner*. **We prefer pictures in electronic format.** JPEG is best. You can e-mail your application, evaluation form, and picture to office@presbyterianmissions.org.
- ◇ Begin to assemble a list of family and friends to whom you could send a letter about the team and the projected ministry, asking them for their help. You will find a suitable letter in the full Team Timothy information packet that will be sent to you upon your acceptance.
- ◇ **Your completed application, with session approval and photo, must be in the PMU office by March 15, 2018.** If you know your application will be delayed a day or two, call ahead for approval. We are sorry but, otherwise, we cannot consider a late application.

Team Timothy -- Trinity BPC Opportunities

Leaders: Dr. Len Pine and Rev. Casey Southerland

Dates: August 9-18, 2018 (Travel to California on the 9th. Boot camp will be the morning of the 10th.)

Objectives:

- Tract ministry and street evangelism
- Door-to-door work in the area to introduce and invite people to the church
- Worship/fellowship during services
- Possible family/home ministries
- Possible light property maintenance

Boot camp: At the church

Cost: Approx. \$700-850* (depending on team size and housing available)

Team Size: 8-12, including leaders

Application Deadline: **March 15, 2018**

* Cost is based on an eight to twelve member team and may vary if the team is significantly different in size. Includes food, local transportation costs, team shirt and ministry materials. ***Cost does not include travel to California.*** Travel to the ministry location will vary depending on your distance from California and your chosen mode of transportation. (Please note: the airport you will fly into is **Medford, OR.**) Adjustments to the funds you need to raise can be made in relation to your travel needs. Additional personal funds needed are approximately \$50-100 (depending on baggage checking fees you are responsible to cover).

Pastoral/Session Evaluation Form for Team Timothy Applicants

To the Pastor: Thank you for your efforts in partnering with PMU in the selection process. It is our desire to assemble the best team possible for the sake of our brethren on the field, and for the testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ. This form is designed to help guide your discipleship as it relates to the requirements of a team ministry outside the bounds of your local church. We assume that we will not receive this form until you've had a chance to meet with the applicant and go over these areas together pastorally. ***Your responses will be kept confidential between you and the team leadership, and destroyed at the conclusion of the team ministry.*** You do not have to write extensive answers, but we would appreciate answers that are "full enough" to be useful.

Many, many thanks,

Dr. Len Pine, *PMU Field Director*

Applicant name: _____ Date _____

1. How well does the applicant manage his time? _____

2. How dependable is the applicant when given a task to accomplish? _____

3. Is the applicant able to work independently, or is he a better team player? _____

4. How would you characterize the applicant's leadership abilities? _____

5. Please describe the spiritual character of the applicant from your observations. _____

6. How does the applicant respond in situations of conflict? _____

7. Has applicant demonstrated a willingness to put aside his own desires for the sake of others? _____

8. Is the applicant a person whose devotional life (prayer, Bible study) bears evident fruit? _____

9. In your interview with or personal knowledge of the applicant, are you satisfied that he or she is under the control of the Holy Spirit and is striving to glorify God in the following areas?
 - a. Substance abuse? _____
 - b. Pornography? _____
 - c. Anger? _____

- d. Dishonesty? _____
- e. Entertainment choices? _____
- f. Worldliness in speech? _____
- g. Worldliness in priorities? _____
- h. Worldliness in appearance? _____
- i. Rebellion against authority? _____
- j. Conflicts with others? _____

[If you are, or become, aware of issues in these areas in your interview process, please do not forward your evaluation and recommendation on to us until you are satisfied that the situation is resolved.]

Team Timothy ministries are intended to be a discipleship tool for our churches. As such, we are not looking for perfect people! We know there are none. Knowing of discipleship issues in a person's life prior to approval and participation, however, is vital for us here as we plan and prepare to serve you and your congregation, as well as the ministries on the field. We cannot serve as a "reform" institution, but we can help in discipleship. Please give me a call to discuss any particulars that you believe would be helpful as we go through the approval process on our end. Again, many thanks!

Pastor's Signature _____

Team Timothy Team Member Application

Please complete as fully as possible. E-mail a portrait (wallet size or larger) and return this application via regular mail or e-mail to PMU by March 15, 2018. PLEASE PRINT CAREFULLY. Thank you!

Applying for 2018 Trinity BPC Team: August 9-18, 2018

Personal Information

Name (as it appears on your ID) _____ Age _____

DOB _____ Male ___ Female ___ Email you check often _____

Mailing Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____ Work phone _____

Year in School _____ School Name _____ Home School _____

Home church _____ T-Shirt Size: S,M,L,XL,XXL? _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency Contact's E-mail: _____ Address: _____

Ministry Experience and Abilities (Use extra paper if needed.)

Have you ever done short-term missions work before (or lived on a mission field)? If so, describe where you went and what you did briefly.

Do you have any particular abilities that you think would be useful in this mission project? Please describe them.

Testimony and Calling to this Ministry

Please describe your relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and explain why you want to be a part of Team Timothy's ministry this year.
