

Team Timothy USA 2010 - New York City

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Dear prospective Team Timothy 2010 New York City member,

Team Timothy New York City is a ministry of the Presbyterian Missionary Union, Grand Island, New York, to assist the work of missionaries and the churches in the US and other countries. The purpose is three-fold: to give spiritual encouragement as a Christian youth team, to engage in work projects, and to be involved in a witness ministry. In August, 2010, we intend to send a team to work in New York City. The team will engage in training and practice in evangelism in an inner-city, multi-cultural environment. See the "Team Opportunities" page for further descriptions, including dates and costs.

Who qualifies to be part of the team? Those entering ninth grade or above may be considered. You must have trusted Christ as your Savior and give evidence of the walk of a Christian in your daily life. Your desire to serve the Lord and willingness to work together for Christ is required. Interested adults are also encouraged to apply.

You will be asked to obtain a letter from your church session or pastor, indicating their interview of you about your sincerity in applying for this opening and their observation of your Christian character. Those with a "Lord, take me and use me" outlook are invited to apply.

Participation by anyone 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 their 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 by November 15, 2009. 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 next year's 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, become a servant to 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 after completion. We also need a color photo suitable to be published in *The Missions Banner* as soon as possible. We prefer that you send your picture to us via e-mail in jpeg format. Also, please encourage your Pastor/Session to mail the *Application questionnaire* to us as soon as they are able. God bless you in your preparations.

In our Master's service,



Dr. Leonard Pine
Field Director

Enclosures: Application Packet

Team Timothy Application “To Do” List:

- ◇ Using the enclosed questionnaire get a letter of recommendation from your church session or pastor and send that to us. (They will question you about your spiritual walk, why you wish to be part of the team, and anything else they might want to include.) [Please ask your pastor to fill out this questionnaire to include with his letter of recommendation. **Your application is incomplete without this document and will not be processed without it!** This information will be kept confidential. Thank you.]
- ◇ Complete the enclosed application and attach a photo, suitable for use in *The Missions Banner*. WE PREFER PICTURES IN AN ELECTRONIC FORMAT. JPEG is best. You can e-mail your 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 approval to go.
- ◇ **Your completed application, with session approval and photo, must be in the PMU office by October 31, 2009.** 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 -- New York City Opportunities

Leader: Dr. Len Pine

Dates: August 14-21, 2010

Objectives: Learn and practice evangelism with a special emphasis on evangelizing Jewish people; tract distribution; street preaching; music ministry; all on the streets and in the parks of NYC. Possible light construction work in assisting in the refurbishing of an old Reformed church now being restored to ministry for our host church in the city, Tompkins Square Gospel Fellowship.

Boot camp: Daily training during ministry

Cost: Approx. \$600 *

Team Size: 10-15

Application Deadline: **October 31, 2009**

* Based on a 10-member team. Cost does not include travel to NYC. Travel to the ministry location will vary depending on your distance from NYC and your chosen mode of transportation. Adjustments to the funds you need to raise can be made in relation to this. Additional personal funds needed are approximately \$100.

Application questionnaire for Pastoral/Session Use

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 in New York City, and for the testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ. Your responses will be kept confidential. You do not have to write extensive answers, but we would appreciate answers that are “full enough” to be useful.

Many, many thanks,
Len Pine, for PMU

Applicant name: _____ Date: _____

1. How well does the applicant manage his time? _____
2. How well does the applicant respond to the authorities in his life? _____
3. How dependable is the applicant when given a task to accomplish? _____
4. Is the applicant able to work independently, or is he a better team player? _____
5. How would you characterize the applicant’s leadership abilities? _____
6. Please describe the spiritual character of the applicant from your observations. _____
7. Has the applicant ever struggled with any of the following? If the answer is yes, please describe how the applicant has dealt with the problem, and the results of those efforts. _____
 - a. Substance abuse? _____
 - b. Pornography? _____
 - c. Anger? _____
 - d. Dishonesty? _____
 - e. Entertainment choices? _____
 - f. Worldliness in speech? _____
 - g. Worldliness in priorities? _____
 - h. Worldliness in appearance? _____
8. How does the applicant respond in situations of conflict? _____
9. Do you know of any unresolved conflict between the applicant and anyone in the church? Without divulging details, what steps have been taken to address this problem? _____

10. Has applicant demonstrated a willingness to put aside his own desires for the sake of others? Please give one example. _____
11. Is the applicant a person whose devotional life (prayer, Bible study) bears evident fruit?

Pastor’s Signature _____

