



LIMITLESS PIONEERS

Church Application Form

A recent survey of 11,700 churches discovered that nearly half of churches (48%) have fewer than five under 16 year olds. We know that even within our own movement there are over 100 of our churches facing this same challenge. But here at LIMITLESS we have a vision for a dynamic youth ministry through **every** Elim church. And so began LIMITLESS PIONEERS, a means of serving our churches not currently engaging with the young people in their communities...

Limitless Pioneers is about experiencing the adventure of pioneering youth ministry through local churches to ensure a stronger tomorrow for the church of today.

Why is this important?

Limitless Pioneers is a ministry with a specific focus on establishing new youth ministries through the local church by a variety of dynamic, authentic and creative evangelistic initiatives.

The goal of a Limitless Pioneers team is that, having worked with a local church for an academic year, they will leave it with:

- 1. An established youth ministry**
- 2. A trained up local team of youth work volunteers**
- 3. A welcoming and friendly church culture for young people**

Young people in the UK are the future politicians, plumbers, painters, bankers, musicians, artists, mums, dads, leaders and influencers... they're also the future of the church.

BUT..... Did you know?

It is proven that *'Youth and children's workers are the most effective type of lay workers for a growing church'* (Church Growth Research Programme 2013.)

The teenage years are formative for most life long decisions about faith, values and ethics. It is therefore essential for every church to engage with young people and youth culture today...

'90% of adults currently attending church also attended as children.' (John Walker, Last Chance Saloon, 2011)

'72% of Christians come to faith by the age of 20' (E.A. 2012 research)

So...

It is mission critical for the health of the church of today and the future of the church of tomorrow to be engaging with young people.

Now is the time for churches to be equipped & empowered to engage with the young people in their communities.

How to become a Partnering Church?

To become a partnering church and receive a team of Limitless Pioneers there are a few commitments and requirements for the local church to consider, all of which should be prayerfully processed and then practically implemented.

A local church receiving a team must:

1. HAVE NO CURRENT YOUTH LEADER OR ONGOING YOUTH MINISTRY
2. IDENTIFY LOCAL CHURCH VOLUNTEERS FOR YOUTH MINISTRY
3. IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE HOST FAMILIES
4. COMMIT TO BUDGETRY REQUIREMENTS

These are outlined in further detail below...

1. HAVE NO CURRENT YOUTH LEADER OR ONGOING YOUTH MINISTRY

The main requirement is that a partnering church must be in a position where they currently have no youth leader or ongoing youth ministry.

2. IDENTIFY LOCAL CHURCH VOLUNTEERS FOR YOUTH MINISTRY

Longevity is important therefore the identification and establishing of a local team is of paramount importance for the ongoing work of ministry into the next generation.

A local church must therefore identify a minimum of 3 people from the local church to partner with the Limitless Pioneers team. These people will receive training in youth ministry over the course of the year.

The local church is responsible for ensuring all relevant checks, and child protection policies are in place. As an Elim church there are many resources available on Elim NET, via: www.elim.org.uk

3. IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE HOST FAMILIES

Individuals accepted on the Limitless Pioneers gap year go through a thorough suitability process. These individuals are giving a year of their life to learn, serve, grow and ultimately see young people come to faith in Christ.

Who they live with is very important and it is the responsibility of the local church to make these arrangements which also need to be confirmed with the Limitless Pioneers Team Leader.

Identify those in your church who have the spiritual gift of hospitality and who are warm, friendly and generous. If the host is single please ensure they are the same gender as the Limitless Pioneer staying in their home.

The local church may wish to consider compensating the host family for their generosity in hosting one of the Limitless Pioneers.

4. COMMIT TO BUDGETRY REQUIREMENTS

The average wage of an individual youth worker in the UK is between £16,000 - £25,000. Limitless Pioneers partnering churches work with an experienced team leader, support from Limitless HQ and a team of youth workers rather than just one person. This equates to the added value to your church equivalent to £72,000! All for a launch investment of £3,500!

The budgetary requirements for a partnering church are as follows:

- Administration fee of £2,500, which is directly reinvested into the running costs of Limitless Pioneers Gap Year Program. It is possible to pay this monthly, quarterly or annually but all payments are made in advance.
- Limitless Launch Budget: The Limitless Pioneers will be launching a new youth ministry in the local church and the launch budget of £1,000 will be specifically invested in all things needed to make this happen such as equipment and other resources.

The above simply means that the local church receives a full time team of youth workers serving, leading and investing in the next generation as well as training and equipping for local volunteer youth teams, for only £3,500!

Ongoing investment commitments:

Once the Limitless Pioneers team moves on after an academic year, it is still a requirement for the local church to have committed to investing and designating £1,000 a year for a further 2 years to the youth ministry to ensure longevity.

Longevity is essential to making life long disciples. A one year program alone is not the solution which is why the Limitless Pioneers partnering churches are asked to commit to 3 years of investing into youth ministry. Practically this financial commitment remains in the hands of the local church but we do ask our partnering churches to hold themselves accountable to this essential commitment after this first year of launching into ministry comes to a close.

This ongoing investment is an encouragement to the local team and a step of faith of investment into the future of the local church and community.

How do I apply?

Fill out the application form and send it to:

Limitless HQ
Elim International Centre
De Walden Road
West Malvern
WR14 4DF

You will be contacted regarding the next steps of the partnership process.

Application Form Checklist

- ☐ Identify a minimum of three volunteers from the local church.
- ☐ Commit to budgetary requirements (Launch budget needs of £3,500 / Ongoing investment available for 2 years of £1,000 per year).
- ☐ Identified appropriate host families.
- ☐ Complete and return application form.

We pray that together we can begin reaching the young people in your community to ensure a vibrant church today and a healthy church tomorrow!
We look forward to partnering with you.

LIMITLESS

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YOUTH LEADERS, INSPIRING DYNAMIC YOUTH
MINISTRY THROUGH THE LOCAL CHURCH**



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1. PASTOR / LEADER DETAILS

First Names:

Surname:

Email:

Tel: (Home)

Tel: (Mobile)

Address:

Postcode:

Date of Birth:

Age:

Place of Birth:

Nationality:

2. CHURCH INFORMATION

Name:

Elim Church Code:

Address:

Tel No:

Website:

Average weekly attendance:

Local population:

Please briefly explain why you'd like to have a Limitless Pioneers team at your church?

3. OTHER INFORMATION

At present, are there any young people between 11 - 18 attending your church?
If so, how many?

How is the church situated in consideration to local schools? i.e. geographically, relationally, local transport links, how many secondary schools locally along with any other useful information.

Do you currently have access to any equipment that can be used for youth ministry? i.e. games consoles, TV, sports equipment? If so, please list below.

What are your hopes for the youth ministry in your church in three years time?

4. FINANCES

I've read and understood the financial expectations of the Limitless Pioneers Program. (please circle)

Yes / No

How would you like to pay initial fee:

Total Upfront

Quarterly

Monthly

4. FAMILY HOSTS

I understand my commitment to accommodate the Limitless Pioneers Interns and am able to identify appropriate host families.

Yes / No

If so, how many?

FINISH

Send completed form to:

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