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### **Spiritual Space Elevator**

Cornerstone Christian Fellowship (West Chester, Pa) is actively searching for young men and women who believe they are called to be pastors, youth pastors, missionaries or other full-time ministry endeavors (social justice, campus ministry, economic development, etc). We have adopted a unique paradigm for finding, training, sending and planting — a paradigm that we call the space elevator. The objectives of this paradigm are:

#### *Find Them!*

Young men and women who are committed to church planting and mission endeavors that advance the Kingdom of God.

#### *Train them!*

Build it and they will come.

People are going to see the space elevator rising above the horizon.

We will train people who are willing to learn and who are called to serve.

#### *Send them!*

There are thousands of people who have great willingness and passion for the Kingdom of God. Thousands of young men and women who are willing to run the race.

### **Commissioning Process**

Completing the internship program does *not* guarantee commissioning. Our goal is to plant churches globally. If you are called to the ministry, are willing to work with others and submit to leadership, commissioning is a strong possibility.

In order to be commissioned as a Cornerstone pastor or full-time missionary:

- [1] The student must complete an academic curriculum equivalent with a Masters of Theological Studies Degree (two year full-time) including systematic theology, NT, OT, Church History, Biblical Interpretation, Greek, Pastoral Care, Hermeneutics. This can be accomplished concurrently with the 18-24 month internship program at Cornerstone.
- [2] Must satisfactorily complete the internship program at Cornerstone (the specific program the instructors have designed for you) which includes: a weekly meeting with the mentoring team, participation in the community of faith, a practical ministry project that involves a ministry goal and leading a group of people toward that ministry goal, practical ministry training (how to conduct an elder meeting, lead a prayer vigil, prophetic preaching, working with staff, administration, mission philosophy, finances, youth ministry, children's ministry, evangelism, equipping, etc).
- [3] Must satisfy the Elders of Cornerstone concerning your training, your Christian character, doctrine, your ability to stand in difficult circumstances, your teachability, lifestyle, the practicing of the spiritual disciplines, willingness to be part of a team, ability to work with people, and ability to submit to authority in a healthy way.

We will stand with those we commission. We will help our commissioned pastors plant a Cornerstone church by supporting them in prayer, financially, with a pioneer team, etc. We will support our commissioned missionaries in similar ways. Our goal is to reach the nations with the whole gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and advance His Kingdom through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Cornerstone holds to the following doctrine and practice:**

- [1] We affirm the faith statements declared in the historical creeds of the church (the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds).
- [2] We affirm that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, fully trustworthy and authoritative for life and faith.
- [3] We are called to live the Christian life by the power of God's Holy Spirit (there is no other way) and believe that the spiritual gifts are to function in fullness for the purpose that the mission of the church to be completed.
- [4] We believe church leadership is to be elder-run, servant and plural. The elder team makes directional decisions by consensus.
- [5] We affirm the biblical truth that every believer in Christ is a priest of the Kingdom of God and that the church is to equip the saints for works of service.
- [6] We affirm the Great Commission as the missional goal of the church. We are called to proclaim the whole gospel (evangelism, justice) for the whole world (local, global).
- [7] We believe men and women are to work together as equal and complementary partners in ministry and family beneath the headship of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- [8] We are called to hold to the Word of God *and* allow the Holy Spirit freedom to move.
- [9] We hold to the following core values:
  - [1] To respect and value all people regardless of race, gender or age.
  - [2] To establish a culture of learning and discovery under the headship of Christ.
  - [3] To stay at the table and work hard to build and maintain relationships.

Are you interested in becoming a pastor of a church with these distinctives? If so, find out more about the spiritual space elevator ([www.spiritualspaceelevator.com](http://www.spiritualspaceelevator.com)).

The following list constitutes the eligibility criteria for the CCF internship program. The candidate:

- [1] is a member (or planning to become a member) of Cornerstone Christian Fellowship.
- [2] believes he/she is called to full-time career in ministry and desires to be trained, ordained and sent by CCF.
- [3] demonstrates a willingness to work with the pastors and elders of CCF, and is committed to consistent participation in the life and ministry of the church (prayer vigils, worship services, Tuesday evening prayer service).
- [4] Is open to correction and teachable.
- [5] demonstrates good character and integrity.
- [6] is stable in his/her personal life (family, relationships, finances, etc) at this present time.

[7] The Cornerstone pastors and elders confirm the strong possibility of a career ministry call on the candidate's life.

Do you fulfill the list of eligibility requirements? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**  
Career Ministry Internship Program

**General**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(last name) (maiden name) (first name) (middle name)

Present mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Effective until: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Other: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Permanent home address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

If presently employed, give your occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Of what country are you a citizen? \_\_\_\_\_ Visa Status? \_\_\_\_\_  
If you are not a U.S. citizen, you must submit a copy of your visa.  
Passport expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

What person or event influenced you to apply for admission to this program? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Marriage and Family**  
*(Fill in all blanks which apply to you)*

If married, give name of spouse: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of marriage \_\_\_\_\_ Is spouse in agreement with you joining this program? \_\_\_\_\_  
If not, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's signature for confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have children, indicate their names and ages below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Education

List below all previous academic and professional training including education, theological studies, conferences, certifications, CCF courses, and any other related continuing education endeavors. Feel free to attach extra paper if needed.

Name of School and Location	Attendance	Degree	Date Received or Expected
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____

List your undergraduate major: \_\_\_\_\_ minor: \_\_\_\_\_  
If you have pursued graduate study, specify the field of concentration: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Church Background

State chronologically the history of your church involvement. Begin with the church with which you first united and continue with a list of local congregations in which you have been active. Accompany this list with the dates of each involvement. Include any long period of non-membership or inactivity.

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In what church are you presently a member? \_\_\_\_\_  
Length of membership \_\_\_\_\_ Name of pastor \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address of church \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail or website of church \_\_\_\_\_

## Christian Ministry

Please check all that apply, and fill in applicable spaces:

I am licensed to preach. By what church/group? \_\_\_\_\_

I am ordained. By what church/group? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of ordination \_\_\_\_\_

My ministerial work does not require licensing or ordination. Please briefly describe your ministry: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In what denomination do you plan to work upon graduation from seminary? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your availability over the next calendar year? (Please be specific, including travel for holidays, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Will you be available to participate in last minute ministry opportunities (late night, early morning, distance with travel, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Legal Disclosures

Have you been convicted of a crime within the last 7 years (other than a minor traffic violation)? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, give details on a separate sheet.

## Personal Statement

See the Personal Statement form.

## References

Please submit the names and contact information for *both*:

- a. your most recent Pastor, pastor-figure or ministry mentor, and
- b. another Christian leader who has worked with you in ministry, or who is able to assess your strengths, weaknesses and potential for ministry.

We will send each of them the required reference forms to complete on your behalf. *You must alert them ahead of time that you have submitted their names, and then follow up with them in a couple of weeks to ensure that they have returned the forms to us.* These references will serve as a baseline for mentor/colleague feedback, and will become part of your student file in the Office of Student Formation.

### a. Pastor/Mentor Reference

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**b. Christian Leader Reference**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship/Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Church/Institution \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Fee**

Please enclose your non-refundable application processing fee of \$30.00.

**Declarations**

\_\_\_\_\_ I am in agreement with the CCF doctrinal statements.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am in agreement with the CCF distinctives as provided to me herein.

I testify that all above information has been provided truthfully by me to the best of my knowledge.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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## PERSONAL STATEMENT

### Instructions

You may send your Personal Statement to the Admissions Department separately from the rest of your Application. If you are accepted for admission to CCF's Career Ministry Internship Program, your Personal Statement will be used as a benchmark for advising and assessment purposes, and will become part of your file.

### Part I

Please respond to the following. Feel free to attach additional sheets as necessary.

What persons, events, and other factors have significantly influenced your Christian journey thus far? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe the significant motives, convictions, persons and/or experiences which have led you to pursue this program. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What happens when you are offended? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you see yourself as teachable? Please elaborate. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What would your trusted friends say are the greatest strengths and most challenging weaknesses in your personality? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

When you are not in church, at work or in school, how do you enjoy spending your free time? How often do you get to enjoy these activities? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you are accepted as a student in this program, what areas of needed growth do you hope will be developed by your experience with us? Also, what areas of strength do you believe we can help you develop further? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Part II**

In 4 to 8 double-spaced, typed pages, please exhibit your best writing and thinking skills by developing an essay that responds to the following:

- A. Describe your conversion experience.
- B. Describe your calling. How was it confirmed? What criteria do you use to confirm a call? If asked, "How do you know God called you to this?" how would you respond?
- C. What do you see in your future?

Please return directly to the Admissions Department at  
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**REFERENCE**

Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

To the Evaluator: The person named above has applied for admission to Cornerstone Christian Fellowship's Career Ministry Internship Program. Please evaluate the applicant by completing this form. *If you are a close relative, please have the applicant choose another appropriate person to write the reference.* If the applicant is accepted for admission to CCF, your reference will serve as a baseline for mentor/colleague feedback, and will become part of the student's file. Since realistic feedback is essential to genuine growth, we appreciate your candor. Please use separate sheets as necessary.

How long have you known the applicant, and in what capacity? How recently have you had significant contact with the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

There are several characteristics/qualities that could affect both the applicant's success as a seminary student and his or her subsequent ministry. Please check your rating of each one for this applicant:

CHARACTERISTIC/QUALITY	UNABLE TO JUDGE	WEAK	AVERAGE	STRONG
Committed to Christ	_____	_____	_____	_____
Has vibrant, growing faith	_____	_____	_____	_____
Committed to Christian Community	_____	_____	_____	_____
Able to think critically	_____	_____	_____	_____
Willing to learn from others	_____	_____	_____	_____
Has leadership ability	_____	_____	_____	_____
Takes initiative	_____	_____	_____	_____
Relationally comfortable & appropriate	_____	_____	_____	_____
Compassionate	_____	_____	_____	_____
Open & vulnerable	_____	_____	_____	_____
Listens to & hears others	_____	_____	_____	_____
Interacts constructively with diverse views	_____	_____	_____	_____
Willing to accept constructive feedback	_____	_____	_____	_____
Able & willing to be self-reflective	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cooperative & collegial	_____	_____	_____	_____
Dependable	_____	_____	_____	_____
Emotionally stable	_____	_____	_____	_____
Affirms self & others	_____	_____	_____	_____
A person of integrity	_____	_____	_____	_____
Able to balance competing personal and professional demands	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sets clear and appropriate boundaries	_____	_____	_____	_____
Is teachable	_____	_____	_____	_____
Submits to authority	_____	_____	_____	_____

*(Explanatory comments about the applicant's characteristics and qualities, your recommendation, and other issues are welcome.)*

**Declaration**

I attest this is my best assessment of the application as I know him or her.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Church/Institution \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_