



Dear Partners in Ministry,

As you know the church is challenged to capture the hearts and minds of young people for Jesus Christ. We know young people who are active in church as youth and leave the church as young adults. We must do better at holding on to young people in the church.

In the Fall of 2010 we launched **iLead**, an intense program for youth in our churches that began the process of building up the faith and leadership skills of this generation of disciples and leaders. We had a great experience and saw many youth impacted who are going back to their churches empowered to lead and build up the ministry of their church. We are inviting you to consider youth who may want to be a part of the new **iLead** group which **will begin in November**.

iLead will bring together youth from different churches in our region for 6 retreats that will focus on these five areas:

- o **Spiritual Formation** – learning and practicing spiritual disciplines
- o **Theological Formation** – understanding the essentials of the Christian faith
- o **Missional Formation** – finding our part in spreading God's love in the world we live in and the world beyond our own
- o **Leadership Formation** – tools to equip youth to become servant leaders
- o **Life Formation** – 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens

iLead is for mature 14 (9th graders) -20 year olds. Those that apply need to be available for **ALL** of the events; have a desire to grow in the walk with Jesus Christ; have church leaders that believe in their potential to become leaders; be willing to learn and **be fully endorsed by their church who will provide an adult mentor and financial support**.

Time Commitment – this is a serious commitment of time. However, because so much time is spent together with dynamic teaching and lessons and practical learning – the impact will be great.

Every **iLead** participant will have an adult mentor. This is an adult in the church who will meet with the **iLead** participant on a regular basis and will be an advocate for the **iLead** participant in the church.

• **Important Dates:**

- o Now – consider who from your church has the potential and time to participate in iLead.
 - o November 2nd – Application, iLead applicant essay, reference letters and \$100 are Due.
 - o **iLead Dates:** All of the retreats will begin on Friday Evening and conclude on Sunday afternoons.
 - **November 11-13, 2011**
 - **December 3, 2011 (Youth Christmas Party)**
 - **January 13-15, 2012**
 - **March 2-4, 2012**
 - **April 13-15, 2012**
 - **April 27-28, 2012 (30 Hour Famine)**
 - **May 18-20, 2012**
 - **Summer 2012, Camping at Yosemite**
 - o **In addition** to the retreats the iLead participants will be invited to provide leadership during the Youth Christmas Party on December 3rd and the Winter Youth Retreat February 18-20, 2012. The group will also be taking a bonus camping trip to Yosemite National Park in June.
- **Cost** – **iLead** will cost \$450 per participant. This is an investment of the church into forming disciples and leaders. The cost can be shared between the church and the family. \$100 per participant needs to be submitted with the application that is due on September 26, 2011. After that payment is received the remaining payments can be made in installments.

Please consider young people in your church that may want to be a part of iLead! A flyer about iLead and the application and release form are enclosed.

In Christ,

Rev. Doug Hubbard
Regional Minister
American Baptist Churches of L.A.

iLead Application

Application CHECKLIST Due by November 2, 2011:

- Completed Application
- Essay
- Two reference letters endorsing iLead participation from pastor or youth leader **AND** a person who knows the applicant from outside the applicant's church
- Release form
- \$100 ~ Pay Online at www.abcla.org

Please mail the entire Application, Essay and recommendations to:

iLead, ABCLA, P.O. 1868, Glendale, CA 91209
Or FAX to: 818.484.2079 and

Questions? iLead@abcla.org; 818.396.6070;
ABCLA/ABCOSH Facebook Page

Name _____ Age _____ Church _____
Cell: () _____ - _____ Home Phone: () _____ - _____ E-Mail: _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please attach a one or two page essay that includes one paragraph to each of these questions:

1. How would you describe yourself?
2. Why do you want to be a part of **iLead**?
3. Besides regular church attendance, how are you involved in your church?
4. What does it mean to you to be a follower of Jesus Christ?
5. What kind of legacy would you like to build as a leader and follower of Christ?

I understand that **iLead** is about helping me grow as a Christian and to help me grow in my understanding of what it means to be a servant leader. I understand that there will be classes and various experiences to help me learn more about the Christian faith and leadership. My family, church and I understand that attendance at all of the events is required and will make sure my schedule is clear so I can participate.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

This portion is to be completed by the ILEAD participant's Youth Pastor/Leader; Pastor and Mentor

We understand the financial commitment of the **iLead** program. (The total cost of iLead is \$450 which covers program costs and all of the retreats)

- The church is going to contribute this amount: \$ _____
- The family is going to contribute this amount: \$ _____

\$100 needs to be submitted with the application by November 2, 2011. Payments can be made online or by check. There are 3 Payment Schedules for the remaining \$350. Please indicate which one you will be using:

- _____ Full payment by December 13, 2011 of \$350.
- _____ Two Payments on : December 13, 2011- \$175 and February 27, 2012-\$175
- _____ Three Payments on: December 13, 2011 - \$100; February 27, 2012 - \$150; May 7, 2012 - \$100.00

This is the person who will serve as a mentor for this **iLead** participant:

Name _____
Cell: () _____ - _____ Home Phone: () _____ - _____ E-Mail: _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

I am willing to serve as a mentor for the **iLead** participant: _____
Mentor Signature

We support this person on their participation in iLead.

Parent Signature Youth Leader Signature (required) Pastor Signature (required)



American Baptist
Churches of Los Angeles and
Congregations of the Southwest & Hawaii

Los Angeles Baptist City Mission Society
Db a American Baptist Churches of Los Angeles
International and Domestic Discipline, Liability & Medical Release Form
Make a copy for yourself and mail the ORIGINAL to the Region Office

Name of the Event you will be attending: iLead Program

Please check which one best describes your attendance:

Youth (under 18) Youth (Over 18) Youth Leader / Pastor / Volunteer

Participant Name _____ Age _____ Male _____ Female _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Participant email _____ Home Phone _____ H.S. Graduation Year _____
 Church You are Attending _____
 City/State _____ Group Leader's Name _____
 Health Insurance Company _____ Policy Number _____
 Known Allergies and Reactions _____ Medications Currently Taking _____
 Other Concerns Related to the participants physical condition: _____

Parents/Legal Guardians Name (with whom you live) _____

Emergency Contact Info of Parent/Legal Guardian:

Cell Phone _____ Parent(s) email _____

Person to notify if parent/legal guardian cannot be reached:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

.....
 I, the parent or legal guardian of the participant listed on this form, certify that he/she has my full approval to participate in the event(s) listed above with the American Baptist Churches of Los Angeles and the American Congregations of the Southwest and Hawaii. The individual identified on this form understands that all participants are expected to abide by the Program rules and be directly responsible to their church leader. The Event Director assumes responsibility for discipline at the Program and, if necessary, may, because of misconduct or disobedience, require a participant to leave. In such instance, I will assume full responsibility for returning the participant home.

Further, I do release and hereby agree to hold blameless American Baptist Church of Los Angeles, American Congregations of the Southwest and Hawaii and its employees and agents from any and every claim arising, or which may be asserted by me or by any member of my family by reason of participating in any activities associated with the American Baptist Churches of Los Angeles. I also release the lessor/owner of properties on which the Program is held. **I agree to pay for any damages or property loss as determined by American Baptist Churches of Los Angeles, American Baptist Congregations of the Southwest and Hawaii or the event officials, including any keys not returned at the time of group check out.**

Further, I do authorize the minister or sponsor of this activity or any American Baptist Churches of Los Angeles staff member, in the event I cannot be reached by phone, to give consent to a physician and/or hospital for emergency medical or surgical treatment while on this trip. It is understood that I will assume any financial responsibility for any expense that may be incurred for said emergency treatment.

Further, I do certify that said participant is covered by adequate accident insurance. My consent and signature is given below. I have read and agree to the information given in this entire form.

Signature of Participant Named Above _____ Date _____

Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian _____ Date _____
(If under 18 parent or legal guardian must sign)

Signature of the Parent/Legal Guardian _____ Date _____