

## LAY COUNSELOR APPLICATION

At Woodstock AG we place a high value on spiritual leadership. We take very seriously the qualities needed to partner spiritually with individuals and groups in a short-term counseling capacity. Thus, we require the following for all lay counselors:

- A personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.
- A member of Woodstock AG.
- Participate in Woodstock AG lay counselor training.
- Agree to come under the guidance of Woodstock AG pastoral staff leadership.
- Agree to fulfill Woodstock AG's requirements of a lay counselor. (These will be detailed in the lay counselor training course.)

If you have questions please call us at 815.338.1316, or email us at e-mail us at [info@woodstockag.org](mailto:info@woodstockag.org).

Thanks for your interest in serving God and Woodstock AG in this exciting ministry!

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ How Long: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children - Please list names and ages: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you a member of Woodstock AG? \_\_\_\_\_ How long? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, are you registered for the next membership brunch? \_\_\_\_\_



List any other areas of ministry in which you have served, or are currently serving, at Woodstock AG?

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Please describe any times when you have undergone psychiatric or talk counseling therapy as well as any periods of clinical depression. (when, how long, the circumstances, medications):

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Have you ever been arrested for or convicted of any unlawful activity? If so, please explain:

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Would you be willing to submit to a background check? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you hope to accomplish or experience as a part of this lay counseling training program?

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Please list your hobbies, interests, or pursuits:

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Please list 3 areas you would be comfortable talking with others about:

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Please list 3 areas you would be uncomfortable talking about with others:

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What are the last 2 books you have read or are now reading?

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Please tell us what you believe your spiritual gifts are and how you envision using them as a part of this ministry:

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Describe a time when you have sensed the Lord's presence working in your life:

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In which areas of the Lay Counseling ministry do you see yourself serving?

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Do you feel that there is anything in your life that would keep you from effectively serving in this ministry?

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Lay Counseling is a high touch ministry. You will interact closely with people in situations where they may be/feel very vulnerable. Frankly, because of the nature of this ministry, those you meet will often put a great deal of trust in you without really knowing you. *This is a sobering responsibility.*

In order to be a good steward of this responsibility, we ask that you allow your life to be accountable and open to examination.

**First, to the Spirit of God:** Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way. Psalm 139:23-24

**Second, to the word of God:** Please take some thoughtful, prayerful time to read and meditate on the following scriptures: Ephesians 4:31-5:2; 1 Timothy 3:1-16; 2 Timothy 2:15; 22-25; Titus 2:1-10.

The purpose of this accountability and examination is not to strive for perfection, but to be honest and humble before the Lord and others, constantly aware of our need for His grace, mercy, forgiveness and loving-kindness in our daily lives.

Please answer the following question honestly:

Not that you are perfect, but are you daily aspiring to the standards of servant leadership, as described in all of the above listed verses?

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