



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 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 working with Limitless Pioneers must:

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

In order to establish this work, there is a certain amount of money that needs to be paid for the partnership between each local church and Limitless.

The budgetary requirements for a partnering church are as follows:

- Administration fee of £250 per month, which is directly reinvested into the running costs of Limitless Pioneers Program. This will be paid for each month that Limitless is directly working with the church, up to a maximum of an academic year (10 months). Therefore, each church would pay up to £2,500 for the partnership with Limitless.
- 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 partnership with Limitless, leading and investing in the next generation as well as training and equipping for local volunteer youth teams, for a maximum cost of £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**

Once an application has been received a member of the Limitless Pioneers team will contact you and have a consultancy conversation regarding how to best work with you. We aim to tailor make the process for each church and have different options available.

Application Form Checklist

- Identify a minimum of three volunteers from the local church.
- Commit to budgetary requirements (Launch budget of up to £3,500 needed / Ongoing investment available for 2 years of £1,000 per year).
- 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 monthly financial expectations of the Limitless Pioneers Program. (please circle)

Yes / No

FINISH

Send completed form to:

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