

OUTREACH CHALLENGE

A Note About This Event: *We feel the need to encourage our students and adults to strive for excellence in Leadership Training for Christ. Perhaps more importantly, we want to encourage them to take skills learned or refined by LTC involvement beyond benefiting student or congregation – we want them to serve those who do not know Christ. When feasible, church coordinators may wish to designate an elder, minister, or other church leader to serve as a local “event coach” for this event. In the end, we pray that this event will assist churches in reaching out to those who don’t know Christ.*

PURPOSE: To encourage Christian young people to reach out and teach others the gospel of Christ. It is to promote the need of reaching out to those who do not know Christ.

PROCESS:

Each participant will:

- Complete outreach projects and submit a **completely filled out Outreach Challenge Certification Form** no later than the Challenge Event Deadline. (See “Submitting Material” guidelines.)

The Church Coordinator (or local coach) will:

- Work with the participant to verify each project as to the level of participation for that individual.
- Mail the verified Certification Form and the report to the Event Coordinator on or before the Pre-Convention Event Deadline. (See guidelines on “Submitting Documentation”)

The Event Coordinator will:

- Assume responsibility for the Mid-West LTC Outreach Challenge.
 - Receive and log Outreach Challenge Certification Forms and attached questions.
 - Send **email confirmation** of receipt of the Certification Forms **if** requested in writing by Church Coordinator.
 - Confirm appropriate awards and report results to the Awards Committee.
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GUIDELINES:

Participant Eligibility

- Participants in grades 7 – 12 are eligible for this event.

Outreach Project Rules

- *Bible Study Outline:* When individual Bible studies are conducted, the participant must outline a study approved by the church coordinator (or local coach for outreach challenge designated by church coordinator) before the actual study begins. Occasionally, a spontaneous opportunity arises to have a Bible study. The intent of the Outreach Challenge event is to promote a planned study. However, should a spontaneous study occur, the student should document the study for the local coach. The local event coach may choose how this study should be documented so that it honors the intent of outreach.
- *Material Used:* Material must be Bible-based and evangelistic. The objective is to help those who don’t know Christ to accept Him Biblically.
- *Documenting Outreach Encounters:* Each participant and the local event coach will keep records of dates, materials used, and the participant’s response to these outreach projects. Projects can be performed up to three times. “Spontaneous studies” can also be repeated three times for project credit.
- *Note to those assisting students who undertake this challenge:* This is an advanced leadership event which will benefit students and others most if mature Christians mentor, encourage, and advise students.

Suggested Outreach Projects

IMPORTANT: While the projects suggested below may be repeated up to three times, each project must be explained well on the Outreach Challenge Certification Form.

- a. Conduct a Bible study with a non-Christian or a group of non-Christians.
- b. Conduct a Bible study with someone(s) recently baptized on living the Christian life.
- c. Participate in a mission trip.
- d. Bring at least 4 non-Christians with you to worship.
- e. Organize and/or conduct a regular Bible study for your peers (including a non-Christian – not necessarily the same person) for a total of four meetings.

- f. Be a part of an organized outreach team that works for one day to invite people to worship, a gospel meeting, VBS, or to participate in a Bible study.
- g. Invite a friend to a Bible study activity. Whether or not your friend attends, explain the circumstances and especially the friend's response. Include thoughts for self-improvement.
- h. Organize or work on a youth rally designed to reach youth in your area.
- i. Make four contacts with those who visit your bible class inviting them to return and study. (e.g.: visit, phone call or card)
- j. Be part of a teaching team that works with a VBS reaching out to area youth.
- k. Extend an LTC event to an audience in your community with the intent to reach people who do not know Jesus. The following events are eligible to be used in this manner:
 - Radio Minute Message
 - Alternative Art
 - Traditional Art
 - Bible Reading
 - Group Singing
 - Live Modern Drama
 - Puppets
 - Signing & Interpreting for the Deaf
 - Speech
- l. Assist the local outreach minister/leader in teaching the gospel to people who have not accepted Christ. This can be a project designed by the participant, outreach minister/leader and approved by the church coordinator (or designee such as the local event coach).
- m. Create other Outreach Challenge projects. Must be approved by the Church Coordinator. Projects should be consistent in time and effort required with that of other projects listed.

Submitting Material (Certification & Other Material)

The following material must be sent to the Event Coordinator, no later than the Challenge Event Deadline:

- **REQUIRED:** Outreach Challenge Certification Form (2 pages) that vouches for each participant's outreach projects must be submitted in order for awards to be given. These must be typed or legibly printed.
 - The church coordinator must sign the Certification Form after the participant has completed the outreach projects. The local event coach may confirm these projects.
- **OPTIONAL:** Include written request for confirmation of receipt of Certification Forms when submitting documentation for this event (including current email address). Confirmations will only be sent via email.

The Outreach Challenge forms may be submitted via the postal service or email. If emailed, the **church coordinator** MUST send the documents to the event coordinator and vouch for their authenticity. (A Microsoft Word version of the forms is available on the website.)

AWARDS (assuming clear documentation is properly submitted):

Gold: 8 projects Silver: 5 projects Bronze: 3 projects Participant: 1 to 2 projects

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This Section to be filled out by Student

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Congregation: _____

Address: _____

City/State _____ Phone (____) _____

Signature of student: _____ Grade: _____

Outreach Projects You Completed:

Instructions:

Using the list of suggested projects in the Outreach Challenge Guidelines, indicate the Project Letter. The church coordinator (or local event coach) must initial each project, certifying that the information is accurate. The student must provide a brief description of the project.

	Project Letter	Description of Project
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Answer Below (or on a separate sheet of paper)

(Since this is an advanced leadership event, thoughtful and specific reporting is expected.)

Which outreach project did you learn the most from? Why?

Which outreach project was the most frustrating? Why?

Which was the most rewarding? Why?

Which project do you think most fits the current year's LTC theme? Why?

This Section to be filled out by Church Coordinator

This is to certify that the participant named above has successfully completed the requirements of the Outreach Challenge. This participant has met the requirements for a _____ award by completing the above listed outreach projects. (Refer to the Guidelines for the award based on the number of outreach projects completed.)

The student has also completed *Outreach Challenge Report Section* above.

Signature of adult certifying completion _____

Student [is ____ // is not ____] attending convention. (Check one)