

History and Activity Working with Children and Youth

For any church or other type of organization (profit/non-profit or employee/volunteer) in which you have worked with children or youth, please provide the name(s) of the organization, the dates of service, a contact person, and the address and phone number for each organization:

Spiritual History

Are you a Christian?

On a separate piece of paper or on the last page of this form please: (Feel free to e-mail this in as well)

Please provide a brief testimonial about you becoming a Christian.

Describe where you are currently at spiritually, and how you maintain and grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ.

How you would define what it means to be a Christian.

Spiritual Beliefs

One of the great joys and opportunities of working with children is how impressionable they are. With this great opportunity comes great responsibility. It is critical that we agree on the “basics” of our Christian faith. La Jolla Community Church has laid out its core beliefs in the Essential Doctrines. Please read the LJCC Essential Doctrines carefully. You will find them on the church website: www.LJCommunityChurch.org. If you agree with them, please sign below. If you have any questions, concerns, or differ with anything in the Essential Doctrines and do not wish to sign below, please contact the Director of Children’s Ministry or Youth Ministry to discuss your views.

By signing below I testify that I agree with LJCC Essential Doctrines. I understand the importance of unity among those who are involved in the Children’s and Youth’s Ministries. If at any time I question or disagree with the teaching of this church, I will speak with the Director of Children’s or Youth’s Ministries to discuss my concerns.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Personal Background

Please answer the following questions and be assured that a “yes” answer will not necessarily preclude you from being involved in the Children’s and Youth’s Ministries. If you do answer “yes” to any of the following please provide an explanation on another sheet of paper so the Children’s or Youth Director can discuss these with you personally. These questions help us as we strive to provide a safe and secure environment for our children through truth and love.

1. Do you have any health limitations that would keep you from working with children or youth? Yes / No
2. In the past five years have you been hospitalized or treated for alcohol or substance abuse? Yes / No
3. Have you been arrested for a criminal offense excluding minor traffic violations? Yes / No
4. Have you been accused, arrested, or convicted for any sexually-related crimes? Yes / No
5. Have you been accused, arrested, or convicted for any abuse-related crimes? Yes / No
6. Are there any circumstances involving your lifestyle or background that would call into question your ability to work with children, including but not limited to, cohabitating as an unmarried couple? Yes / No
7. Have you ever been denied the opportunity to work with children at a church, institution, or any other setting? Yes / No
8. Have you ever been under discipline at any church or ministry? Yes / No

Why do you want to work with children or youth?

References

Please list three references and their contact information (in the following categories if possible):

Pastor, Elder, or Trustee who knows you (Preferably from LJCC if possible)

Name: _____ Known, how long? _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Home Phone: _____ Cell or Work Phone: _____

Describe their relationship to you: _____

Someone who can attest to your personal character and dependability

Name: _____ Known, how long? _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Home Phone: _____ Cell or Work Phone: _____

Describe his or her relationship to you: _____

Someone who can attest to your prior experience in ministry or with children

Name: _____ Known, how long? _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Home Phone: _____ Cell or Work Phone: _____

Describe his or her relationship to you: _____

Volunteer Application Statement

I understand that being involved in the Children's and Youth Ministries of La Jolla Community Church means I am making a commitment to:

- Continue to grow and develop my relationship with Jesus Christ
- Regularly attend worship services
- Pray for the children, volunteers, staff, and leadership of LJCC
- Fulfill my responsibilities as laid out in the job description for my area of service, with an attitude of unity and loving support
- Attend all training and development meetings (unless excused)

The information contained in this application is correct to the very best of my knowledge.

I understand that the information given to La Jolla Community Church on this application will be verified to insure that I have provided correct and accurate information. I authorize La Jolla Community Church to conduct a thorough inquiry into all areas deemed necessary to arrive at a decision to clear me for volunteer service: all educational, driving, and criminal public record information relating to my application may be examined.

I authorize any of the references listed in this application to provide La Jolla Community Church with any and all information they may have in regard to my experience for the volunteer position. I specifically release all personal and professional references, criminal information repositories and courts, law enforcement agencies, schools, and former employers from any liability so that they may freely and completely respond to any inquiry relating to my application for volunteer service.

Should my application be accepted, I agree to be bound by and follow the policies of La Jolla Community Church and to refrain from any unscriptural conduct in the performance of my service.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this application to La Jolla Community Church offices 5752 Oberlin Dr. #106, San Diego, CA 92121 or directly to the Director of Children's Ministry or the Director of Youth Ministry. If you have questions about any part of this form or the process, please call Charles or Chris at 858-558-9020.