



WORSHIP APPLICATION

Dear Applicant,

Our application process for the LS worship ministry is designed to both test your character (1 Timothy 3:10) and make sure that you understand the commitment that worship ministries require. Of all the volunteer positions at Living Stones, the music team is the biggest time commitment.

IMPORTANT: During steps 1-4, you are expected to be actively attending a **community group** and **servng** in another (non-music) ministry of Living stones.

STEP 1 THE APP.

The first step in joining the LS worship ministry is to email Liz Blauvelt, our Worship Arts Intern, at liz@lsreno.com for a worship application. If you're reading this, you have probably already done this step. Fill it out at your nearest convenience. Return to Liz via email or drop off your hard copy at the church during office hours.

STEP 2 THE CD

Exchange your completed application for a practice CD. The CD has common songs played at LS. Then, learn 3-4 songs, so that you can play them all the way through with no music sheets in front of you.

STEP 3 ATTEND AN AUDITION

Then, try out at a LS Worship Audition, or we will set up a private audition. Here you will play your prepared songs from step 2. You will receive constructive criticism on musical elements (tempo, pitch, style etc). Your evaluation will be submitted to you within a week of your audition. At this point, you may or may not be asked to continue in the process.

STEP 4 SIT -INS

Lastly, you will be asked to sit-in on 2-3 weeks of practices so that you understand how we run our rehearsals, and be ready to work with the rest of the team.

STEP 5 YOU'RE ON

Pending approval from the Living Stones Elders, you will then be placed in the worship team rotation. Make sure that if you are exiting other ministries of LS, that the team leader knows, and your role has been replaced and/or fulfilled.

QUESTIONS?

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ABOUT THE LS WORSHIP TEAM (Please read carefully)

VISION

The worship ministry of Living Stones exists solely to bring glory to our Maker, through music, prayer, and creative arts. We know that worship is not exclusively a song or the words of a prayer, *but an ongoing, never-ending life of praise* (Hebrews 13:15).

It is our goal as the MUSIC MINISTRY of Living Stones to always be:

- growing closer to Christ and maturing in our understanding of God, and who we are in Him
- improving musically/artistically/creatively
- accountable for our commitments

REQUIREMENTS & COMMITMENTS

The following is expected from all members from the worship team of Living Stones.

PRAYER

Praying for the ministry one serves in is perhaps *too* obvious, and thus overlooked. It is all too easy to forget, or procrastinate when it comes to covering your ministry in prayer, but we firmly believe that prayer is not an optional, but essential part of our service. Here is a short list of issues we need prayed for regularly:

- team unity
- receptive hearts in the body of attendees
- spiritual sensitivity, humility and focus for the leader and team
- protection from technical issues / distractions
- God's delight in our efforts

It is required that worship team members attend the Living Stones prayer meetings preceding the service they are serving at.

ATTENDANCE AND PREPARATION

Serving on the music team is a serious commitment. As a team, we are dependent on each other to work together in our effort and responsibility to play skillfully, offering only our best to God. Because most of us involved are volunteers, it is even more crucial that we respect each other's time. Being late without notice is disrespectful towards everyone else involved. **If for any reason you will be late/absent, contact the leader as early as possible.**

We are all also committed to many other things in our lives, our work, our school, our families... Please understand that signing up to serve in this ministry will mean that you will have fewer hours in your week to give to those other things.

PRACTICES

Mid-week Practices: Times/locations are set by the worship team leader. Always call the worship team leader to confirm the start time each week. Practices run from an hour to three hours long. This time is committed to arranging song order, completing road maps for each song, and introducing new songs to the band.

Pre-service Practices: The sound check immediately before the Sunday service is not meant to be a time for new material, but review. This time is committed to answering any questions, addressing trouble spots in the set, adjusting transitions, and clarifying the road map from the previous mid-week practice.

Part of being involved with the music team means you will be expected to learn parts and songs outside of practice time. **It is important that you follow through by learning the parts that the worship leader asks of you before the pre-service practice on Sunday.**

FELLOWSHIP

Members of the music team are required to be in regular attendance of Living Stones worship gatherings. It is also required that you are involved in a community group of Living Stones. This serves as a means of spiritual accountability and avenue for building relationships with those in the church. **Members are required to be a LS Covenant Member or in the Membership process.**

WRITTEN PORTION

Fill out the questions below with several sentences or until adequately addressed. Include supporting scripture references where applicable. Email to liz@lsreno.com when finished, or drop off printed version at LS offices.

Define your understanding of worship.

What is your favorite verse pertaining to *worship* from God's word and why?:

What is your favorite verse pertaining to *music* from God's word and why?:

Describe your journey with Christ thus far. Was there a time when you made a decision to follow Him and make Him Lord?

PRACTICALITIES:

Primary Instrument: _____ Secondary Instrument(s) _____

Do you own your own gear: Y / N

If No, do you have a plan to purchase or borrow gear? _____

Can you transport your own gear in your own vehicle? _____

What is your availability? Please list a few possible times that you would be available for

mid week practices:

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS APPLICATION, OR ABOUT WHAT IS EXPECTED FROM YOU AS A TEAM MEMBER, PLEASE ASK LIZ MUMFORD BEFORE SIGNING. ANY FAILURE TO CONSISTENTLY ACHIEVE THESE EXPECTATIONS WILL RESULT IN DISMISSAL FROM THE WORSHIP MINISTRY .

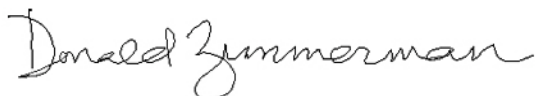
Today's Date: _____ Your birth-date (MM/DD/YY) _____

Full Name: (print clearly) _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Applicant Signature _____

Thank you for applying. We firmly believe that God desires to further His kingdom, using the music ministry of Living Stones. God places servants in positions of leadership, and that they are called to bring others into His presence. This is life's greatest ambition!!!



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