

CALVIN

College

Barnabas Team **2008-2009**

None of us do life alone. The Bible gets that. So should we. We are designed to be in relationship, to be in community. We are encouraged to do life together. Nowhere is that more clear than when we find ourselves living in a dorm or an apartment complex at Calvin College. This is one of the rare opportunities we get in life to live in such a diverse & dynamic community. Maximizing this opportunity can be life-changing.

The Offices of Christian Formation and Residence Life take seriously the exceptional opportunities given to students by living in community. Perhaps the greatest opportunity that faces residents is that of growing, challenging and embracing their faith formation. We are sold out to the idea of doing everything we can to encourage students in their faith formation

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The ***Barnabas Team*** is responsible for promoting Christian growth among the student body at Calvin College. The ***Barnabas Team*** strives to develop Christian community, challenge students to live together as the Body of Christ, thus promoting Christian growth so that students are transformed in all aspects of their lives. The ***Barnabas Team*** does this by being servant leaders of fellow students, gathering students together for activities promoting Christian community, and helping students find ways to minister to one another within that community.

Serving as ***Barnabas Team*** members, students will be supervised directly by their Resident Director, but will be additionally trained, equipped, mentored and encouraged by the Pastor of Residence Life, along with other staff in the Office of Christian Formation. Team members experience life-changing growth through personal and team challenges and support, and through involvement in Christian leadership, supervision, programming, and human services.

QUALIFICATIONS

The ***Barnabas Team*** is a volunteer position comprised of senior, junior, and sophomore Calvin students who exhibit spiritual maturity, personal initiative, and a strong, contagious commitment to Jesus Christ. These students have an understanding of and desire to grow in Christian community and are committed to encouraging and equipping others. They have vision for renewal, restoration, healing, and prayer to take place among students, staff and faculty.

Applicants should maintain a 2.5 GPA, be in good conduct standing with the college, and have had at least one semester of past residency in Calvin's on-campus housing system. While a ***Barnabas Team*** member, other extra-curricular activities and employment should be kept to a minimum.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

Barnabas members serve in teams alongside other residence hall leadership, and are required to live in the residence hall or apartment where they are called to do ministry. They are required to be present on-campus for the duration of 2008-2009 academic year (interim not included).

The ***Barnabas Team*** members are responsible for 3-5 hours a week during the school year, which includes the following responsibilities:

- Working closely with RDs, the Pastor of Residence Life, and other residence hall/apartment staff, the ***Barnabas Team*** members:
 - **Discern** the needs for Christian growth within each residence hall or apartment.
 - **Design** activities to address those needs.
 - **Deliver** the programs and activities in the residence hall or apartment.

- Delivering programs and activities, the *Barnabas Team* members:
 - **Identify** potential leaders from among both on and off-campus students to lead Bible studies, small-group discussions, and larger-group worship meetings.
 - **Model** good leadership practices.
 - **Support** leaders in their ongoing activities.
 - **Recognize** they are part of a team.

- Mentoring and discipling students, the *Barnabas Team* members:
 - **Build** strong friendships with the students in the residence halls and apartments
 - **Encourage** students in their Christian growth
 - **Challenge** students to live out their faith in the context of the broader Calvin community

- Training and continually developing their skills, the *Barnabas Team* members:
 - **Meet** regularly with RDs, the Pastor of Residence Life, and other residence hall/apartment staff.
 - **Pray** regularly with their ministry partners and other residence hall/apartment staff.
 - **Celebrate** what God is doing in the lives of students across Calvin's campus.

TRAINING

Barnabas Team training begins August 26, 2008 one week before classes start up in the fall for the purpose of on and off-campus training and team building. All housing and training costs will be covered by the Office of Christian Formation. Barnabas will be asked to attend meetings twice a month for on-going training/teaching, prayer, encouragement and team building.

Barnabas Team
2008-2009
Application Form

Please fill out clearly:

Name _____ Student ID # _____

Local Address _____ Phone _____

Calvin email _____ Home address _____

Date of Birth _____ Current G.P.A. _____ Gender: M ___ F ___

Major _____ Current Year at Calvin _____

Please have one recommendation completed by a current RA, RD, Barnabas, Faculty or Staff .

Name _____ Position _____

Please attach a typed response to the following questions:

1. What is your hometown and home church?
2. What church do you currently attend?
3. What is your leadership experience?
4. Please list all extra-curricular commitments you hope to keep next year (e.g. sports, musical ensembles, internships, student teaching, work hours, etc.) *Note: Barnabas Team Leaders are advised to keep other extra-curricular activities and employment to a minimum.
5. Which areas of ministry most interest you?
6. What gifts and skills would you bring to your work as a *Barnabas Team* member?
7. Thinking about our community life here at Calvin, where do you see God's hand at work?
8. What vision do you have for Christian community/Christian formation at Calvin?
9. How might you see serving on the *Barnabas Team* fit into God's call on your life?
10. Have you been charged with any Calvin College discipline violations? If yes, please explain.

I wish to be placed: ___ in the Dorms ___ in the KE apartments ___ either, no preference

Please return this form and one reference to
The Office of Christian Formation
(Commons Annex 150)

**Calvin College
Student Life Division
Office of Christian Formation**

Barnabas Team Recommendation

_____ has applied for a position on the *Barnabas Team* for the 2008-2009 school year. If selected, he/she will assume a leadership role, working to develop Christian community, challenge students to live together as the Body of Christ, and promote Christian growth among the Residence Halls. He or she will do this by being a servant leader of fellow students, gathering students together for activities promoting Christian community, and helping students find ways to minister to one another within that community.

Please evaluate the candidate on each of the characteristics listed below. Rate each characteristic on a 1 – 5 basis: 1=Low, 5=High. Comment if needed.

RAPPORT BUILDING: Consider the ability of this person to establish rapport with others. (poise, mannerisms, listening skills, first impression, etc.)

– 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5
Comments:

COOPERATIVENESS: Consider attitude and ability to work with others, how the candidate gets along with superiors, equals, subordinates.

– 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5
Comments:

RESPONSIBILITY: Consider the degree to which this person is dependable, prompt, accurate and conscientious.

– 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5
Comments:

COMMUNICATION: Consider his/her ability to understand questions, grasp new ideas and express his/her thoughts.

– 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5
Comments:

EMOTIONAL STABILITY: Consider this person's disposition and mood; how they handle stress and conflict; ability to confront others constructively

– 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5
Comments:

INITIATIVE: Consider this person's ability to take initiative.

- 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5

Comments:

CHRISTIAN FAITH COMMITMENT / SPIRITUAL MATURITY: Consider this person's ability to demonstrate and articulate their Christian faith.

- 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5

Comments:

TEACHABILITY: Consider this person's openness to grow and learn from others.

- 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5

Comments:

List the strengths of this candidate: _____

List possible weaknesses of this candidate: _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Would you

- Highly recommend
- Recommend
- Recommend with Reservation _____

Reference name _____ College Position _____

Your relationship to the candidate _____ How long have you known the candidate _____

Reference Signature _____ Date _____

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Thank you for your time and input into our selection process!