

# ELDER CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Program 1-1

## **Pastoral Team - Visitation**

*Name:*

*Email:*

*Phone number:*

*Church:*

## **Elder's relationship with their pastor**

1. From a Biblical perspective, how important are good functional relationships within the church family?
2. Describe three ways in which the elder can support the ministry of the pastor.
3. What does it mean when we say that Jesus modeled Servant Leadership?
4. Describe the ways in that you are being a servant leader.
5. Moving forward, what are you going to do to pastor your pastor?
6. Describe the role of the elder in the early days of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

7. Make an appointment with your pastor. Talk with your pastor about the way you can partner up with him/her. Share below the results from this conversation.

### **The Theology of Visitation**

1. Share four texts that speak to you about the Biblical basis for visitation.
2. What examples of visitation do you see in the Bible? Name at least two from each Testament.
3. What link do we have between the Third Angel's Message and visitation?
4. Select one or two Biblical passages, and one or two quotes from Ellen White that you will use to form your own theological basis for visitation. Once you have made those selections, share with us why you should be visiting you flock?

## Visitor's Qualifications

1. What is "pure religion" according to James?
2. List three core qualities of a visitor.
3. Why is it that Paul reprimanded Peter? Where's that in the Bible?
4. What personal preparation do you need to have before you go out to visit?

## Targeted Visitation

This section requires action. You learned the theory, now we are asking you to go out and visit. Please remember that we are not to make visits alone.

This section also requires you to coordinate with your pastor. Partner up with the pastor, or with another church elder. You can also bring your spouse along in these visits. Make sure that whoever comes with you, understands what you are trying to accomplish with this visit.

1. Missing and former members
  - a. In consultation with your pastor select a person or family who has been absent from church for some time.

- b. Following the training plan a visit for this person/family.
- c. Report on the results from this visit, and the follow up you will do.

2. Shut-in visit

- a. In consultation with your pastor and/or church elders, make a list of church members who are no longer able to attend church because of physical limitations, or because they are caring for someone who has become shut in.

- b. Follow the steps in the training to make the visit
- c. Report on the results from the visit, and the follow up you will do.

3. Nursing home or hospital visit

- a. In consultation with your pastor and/or church elders, make a list of individuals who are currently in a hospital or nursing home.

- b. Follow the steps in the training to make the visit
- c. Report on the results from the visit, and the follow up you will do.

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