

MEMO

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TO: The Way Corps  
FROM: Corps Director's Office/Rico Magnelli  
SUBJECT: Four-Year Way Corps Training Program

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God bless you.

Attached is the new four-year Way Corps training program information that Rev. Martindale mentioned on Corps Morning, July 9.

We are in the process of developing the application procedures to accompany the program.

Thank you for your believing support as we transition into this new training format as Way Corps II, advancing into the "promised land."

Love you.

## **THE NEW FOUR-YEAR WAY CORPS TRAINING PROGRAM**

In getting the new Way Corps training program into action, the Corps should explain this concept to the household. Share it with them to educate and inspire and build their support for the new four-year Way Corps training program.

The new program will have a candidacy year, an apprentice year, and then two years in residence. It is still four years; however, the believer must be accepted to the Corps candidate year, and then to the apprentice year; then he does two years in residence in a row.

### Prerequisites for Applying for Corps Candidacy (Singles, Couples, or Families):

- Advanced Class graduate (which assumes all the previous prerequisites)
- No debt or pending legal matters

They are to be out of debt before they are accepted to the Corps candidate year. With this, they're at least going to have two years living debt-free before the in-residence training.

- Marital status stays unchanged (they could have just gotten married, and then they can start their candidacy year)
- No additional children during the next four years

A believer considering Corps candidacy gets with his Limb/Country/Campus/Cabinet overseer, and together they talk candidly about the believer's desires and abilities in leading people and about the extent to which he has proven his discipleship. The fundamentals of acceptance are proven discipleship and leadership potential. The overseer should know of the believer's good report among the household and his capacities for spiritual leadership. An application is filled out and then signed by the overseer and the believer and mailed to The Way Corps Director's Office--no more writing the Corps Director's Office to get an application.

The believer must apply no later than January 1, 1998, to be considered for W30 or F26.

### Candidacy Year

Within this year, the candidate is to live with or in close proximity to Corps leadership, coordinate a household fellowship, and assist in coordinating a foundational class on The Way of Abundance and Power. This will allow the candidate to be exposed to numerous leadership disciplines and skills, such as participating in leadership meetings, planning calendars, learning to be both a student and teacher of God's Word, as well as providing exposure to coordinating other classes and watching over finances--all of which are an integral part of the Corps leadership's life-style.

If the candidate is in his last year of college, he would only need to assist in coordinating a household fellowship and to help in some capacity in coordinating a Foundational Class, due to necessary academic involvement. The key is to stay as active as possible with the household fellowship, yet uphold requirements for college graduation.

Accordingly, someone in their last year of college could be in their candidacy year, but by the apprentice year they would no longer be a college student. Many of our Corps should come from our college people: they are the ones with the abilities and drive to develop their minds; they have

exposure to the academic experiences; and then if they wanted to, they could move right into the Corps.

- Live with or close to Corps leadership
- Coordinate a household fellowship (assist if in college)
- Assist in coordinating a foundational class on The Way of Abundance and Power (help in some way if in college)

The candidacy year also begins the no use of tobacco products. The candidate will need to start a systematic and consistent plan of physical fitness in this year also, as well as continuing to develop financial stewardship. He will have at least two years of adjusting physically and keeping the discipline before the in-residence program.

- No tobacco products
- Begin a plan for physical fitness
- Continue developing financial stewardship (i.e., budget)

Six months into the candidacy year, in February, the individual will need to have a complete physical and begin working on the Preparation Checklist for entering in-residence training. Completing a physical and having access to basic items such as proper clothing for all types of weather, as well as study materials, are good preparation for any disciple.

- In February have a complete physical
- Begin working on the Preparation Checklist

At this stage of growth, and due to the variety of exposure to spiritual leadership, a candidate should prove to himself and to his Corps leadership who is working and believing with him that he has leadership potential to oversee a Branch at minimum. He manifests character that is sound, uncontaminated, and Word-centered. He can comprehend the Word and teach it. He can understand people's needs and how the Word can be applied. The leadership potential he has will be even more evident. The candidate will see by experience whether or not he has the ability and desire to serve full-time as a good minister of Jesus Christ.

Should the candidate have a successful year, with his overseer's recommendation and the approval of The Way Corps Director, he may continue with the program and become apprentice Way Corps. If the candidacy year proves to the individual that he does not desire to go further in The Way Corps training, then he, along with his overseer, may decide that he could serve in other responsibilities in the ministry. He could coordinate a household fellowship and work a secular job or serve as Staff at a Root locale or wherever the need is for his life and the ministry. This way everyone is aware that The Way Corps is for training graduate-level ministers--full-time leadership service in the household. Of course, we expect them to succeed in the candidacy year; it's not a year of seeing if they like it or not. We expect them to hold it fast. There could be some element of people not making it, but not overall.

#### Requirements for Candidacy Year:

- Live with or in close proximity to Corps leadership
- Can be a senior in college
- Coordinate a household fellowship (assist if a college student)
- Assist in a foundational class on The Way of Abundance and Power
- No tobacco products
- Start a plan for physical fitness

- Continue developing financial stewardship (i.e., budget)
- In February have a complete physical
- In February start the Preparation Checklist
- Prove leadership ability (sound and uncontaminated Word-centered character, ability to comprehend and apply the Word, passion for receiving, retaining, and releasing spiritual truths)

### **Apprentice Year**

With the recommendation of the overseer and the approval of The Way Corps Director, the candidate will move into his apprentice year of The Way Corps training. At this time he may begin spiritual partnerships.

He still maintains all the requirements for the candidacy year throughout the apprentice year. In this second year, a greater quality of growth should be evident to the leadership involved and to our ministry as a whole. Each apprentice Corps person will be a coordinator in the Disciples of the Way Outreach Program. During this year, each person needs to coordinate or assist in coordinating at least one foundational class on The Way of Abundance and Power.

Once finished with the Disciples of the Way Outreach Program, the apprentice Corps will continue to live with or in close proximity to Corps leadership. Each will coordinate a household fellowship or serve on Staff at a Root locale.

A consistent, systematic physical fitness plan is still expected and will be checked on throughout the apprentice year. If there is any outstanding physical challenge during the apprentice year, the individual, with the oversight of the Corps leadership, should obtain the required results for evaluation and resolve the problem.

By May 1 of the apprentice year, the first Way Corps Sponsorship installment is due. Steady progress on the Preparation Checklist will be made and checked throughout the year. It will be completed before entering in-residence training.

### **Requirements for Apprentice Year:**

- Go Way Disciple as a coordinator
- Coordinate or assist in coordinating the foundational class on The Way of Abundance and Power
- Continue to live with or in close proximity to Corps leadership after the Way Disciples program
- Continue coordinating a household fellowship or serve on Staff at a Root locale after the Way Disciples program
- Stay consistent and systematic with a physical fitness program
- Continue developing financial stewardship
- Continue no tobacco products
- Begin spiritual partnerships
- Meet the May 1 sponsorship first installment
- Complete the Preparation Checklist

### **In-residence Training**

In-residence training is two years straight. It is a structured learning environment. As a student of God's Word, an in-residence Way Corps person will be shown what he can really do and how far he

can grow. The Corps learn to adapt and be flexible, developing the ability to move swiftly in all categories of life, physically, mentally, and spiritually.

The overriding principle in The Way Corps training is to allow the Corps to master and become proficient in as much of the Word as possible, doctrinally and practically. They will develop strong study habits and expand their ability to teach the Word of God. They will learn to successfully oversee God's Word, people, and materials. God's Word is at the center of The Way Corps training; therefore, the motto of The Way Corps is "It Is Written."

When Way Corps graduate, they are expected to be full-time ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ, with the capabilities of serving, at minimum, as Branch coordinators in areas of concern, interest, and need.

Assignment changes are expected at least every three to five years, meeting the spiritual needs of the ministry.

With the caliber of this new program, we're expecting much more out of those that enter The Way Corps, and we're expecting more when they graduate.

**TIME LINE**  
**By Corps Number**

|     | 1997       | 1998       | 1999       | 2000     | 2001     | 2002     |
|-----|------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|
| W26 | Elder      | Graduate   | -----      | -----    | -----    | -----    |
| W27 | Interim    | Elder      | Graduate   | -----    | -----    | -----    |
| W28 | Younger    | Interim    | Elder      | Graduate | -----    | -----    |
| W29 | Apprentice | Younger    | Elder      | Graduate | -----    | -----    |
| W30 | Candidacy  | Apprentice | Younger    | Elder    | Graduate | -----    |
| W31 | -----      | Candidacy  | Apprentice | Younger  | Elder    | Graduate |
| F22 | Practicum  | Graduate   | -----      | -----    | -----    | -----    |
| F23 | Elder      | Practicum  | Graduate   | -----    | -----    | -----    |
| F24 | Younger    | Elder      | Practicum  | Graduate | -----    | -----    |
| F25 | Apprentice | Younger    | Elder      | Graduate | -----    | -----    |
| F26 | Candidacy  | Apprentice | Younger    | Elder    | Graduate | -----    |
| F27 | -----      | Candidacy  | Apprentice | Younger  | Elder    | Graduate |