



Student Leadership Team 2021-22 Information

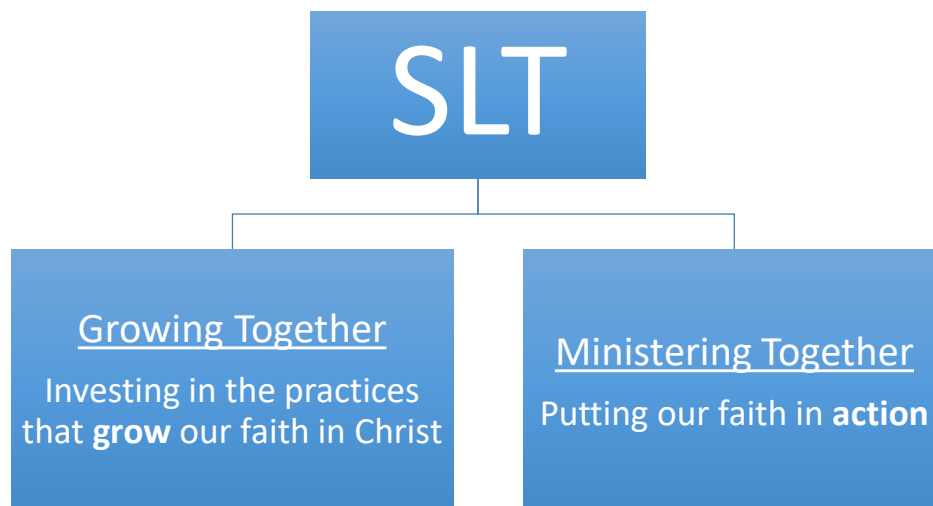
We are grateful to God and excited by your interest in the Student Leadership Team (SLT)! Before you apply, please take time to thoroughly read through the purpose and expectations of the team.

What is the SLT?

A group of students at Vienna Presbyterian Church who believe in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and who help shape VPC Student Ministries through their leadership.

Why does the SLT exist?

For students to grow in their faith together and minister to other students for the glory of Jesus Christ.



Who should apply for the SLT?

The wonderful thing about the SLT is that there is no perfect applicant! We don't expect you to be a ready-made leader. We want to invest in you so that you can grow in both your love for Christ and in your leadership abilities.

**If you are concerned that you may not be ready to lead, consider applying anyway in order to learn, be trained, and mature as a leader.*

How many students will be on the SLT?

We will have eight (8) students on the SLT this year. This will allow Tom and Leah to have more focused investment in a smaller group of people.



In order to foster growth and effective leadership within Student Ministries, here are some traits needed for potential SLT members:

- You are a **rising 8th through 12th grader**.
- You **want to trust and follow** Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord every day of your life, not just Sundays.
- You **have a teachable attitude** and are committed to grow in your faith and leadership, even when it's not easy.
- You **care about the church**. You want to see other brothers & sisters in Christ grow in their faith.
- You **care about people outside the church**. You want to see unbelieving friends, family members, and neighbors know and follow Christ.
- You **want to be a part of the mission** of VPC Student Ministries:

"VPC Student Ministries exists to glorify God by fostering a safe, patient, gospel-saturated community that falls in love with Jesus Christ and follows Him the rest of our days."

- You are **available**. Being a part of the Student Leadership Team will require a commitment of time.

What are the expectations of SLT members?

- Attend monthly meetings (1.5 hours) for training, development, and planning.
- Consistently participate in Sunday worship services, AM and/or PM, and other planned Student Ministries events.
- Read and discuss two books on faith and leadership (one in the fall and one in the spring).
- Be in communication with other SLT members as needed to plan and prepare for events and responsibilities.
- The SLT term will be from **August 1, 2021 to June 12, 2022**.



Student Leadership Team 2021-22 Application

Due by: June 30th, 2021

Send completed application and parental permission form as a PDF or Word document to Tom (tom.rho@viennapres.org) and Leah (leah.cothran@viennapres.org).

INFORMATION

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Student cell phone: _____

Grade in 2021-22 academic year: 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th

School: _____

Full Address: _____

Name of parent(s)/guardian(s): _____

Emergency contact name: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Emergency contact primary phone: _____

Emergency contact relationship: _____

INTERVIEW

We would love to get to know you better and understand why you want to join the SLT. In order to do that, we will schedule a meeting with you (Zoom or in person) after you submit the application. Please be prepared to discuss the following questions in our meeting (you do not need to submit written answers):

- What does it mean to put your faith in Christ?
- Why do you want to join the SLT?
- What are your strengths? What could you bring to the team?
- What questions do you have about the SLT?



Personal Covenant for SLT Members

I recognize that ministry is a gift from God for the purpose of bringing Him glory. I desire to serve God and be a good steward by faithfully using the spiritual and natural gifts God has given me.

I believe the foundation of ministry is a heart that seeks after God. My actions will show evidence of this through regular prayer, reading of God's Word, corporate worship, and building biblical friendships. I understand that I am to model Christ through my words, actions, conduct, and attitude, striving to be encouraging and honoring of others with the help of the Holy Spirit.

I acknowledge that my presence is necessary in order to make an impact for God's Kingdom at VPC. For as much as is within my ability, I will not schedule other commitments at the same time as Sunday worship services, AM or PM, and Student Leadership Team meetings on Sundays. In the event of an absence, I will communicate my absence to Tom, Leah and my teammates through text or email at least one week prior to the meeting or event.

I pledge to work with a servant's heart, recognizing that supporting my teammates and preserving the unity of the SLT is more important than getting my way. In the event of a disagreement, I pledge not to gossip or dishonor my teammate(s). I commit to approaching my teammate(s) in discussion, with an adult leader acting as a mediator if necessary, to lovingly bring our dispute to resolution.

I recognize that the term of service is for the entire 2021-2022 academic year (August 2021 to June 2022). I understand that in addition to my regular activities and commitments, SLT will require a significant time commitment. I am responsible to be a faithful student who balances my schedule, activities, and commitments appropriately, recognizing that SLT is not an excuse for not fulfilling family and academic commitments.

I support the ministry of VPC and its vision. I submit myself under the spiritual authority of the Pastors, Elders and ministry leaders of our church.

Through God's grace, I commit to serving VPC as part of the Student Leadership Team. I understand the expectations of this covenant and strive to follow through to the best of my ability. I understand that if, during the course of my service, I fail to uphold my end of the covenant, Tom and/or Leah will work with me to figure out the necessary next steps, which may include stepping down from the team.



Parental Permission for Student Leadership Team

**If you have concerns about your child serving on the Student Leadership Team, please bring them to Tom and Leah before completing this portion of the application.*

I have read all of the information and expectations of SLT members, and I give permission for my child, _____, to serve on the team if accepted. I understand that SLT involves a meaningful time commitment. **I understand that my child's service on the SLT is also a commitment of my time and energy in consistently bringing them on time to VPC for Sunday worship services, monthly SLT meetings, AM and/or PM, and special events.** I understand that I can contact Tom Rho by email (tom.rho@viennapres.org) or by phone (646-942-8855) at any time to talk about my student. If for any reason my student cannot honor the commitments set forth above, I or my child will inform Tom Rho.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Name (Printed): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Primary Phone: _____