



December 1, 2015

Dear Church Leader,

How do you equip young leaders in your church? Creating authentic learning environments, safe opportunities for hands-on leadership practice, and meaningful mentoring relationships are tasks that we believe can be accomplished better together than on our own.

The Central Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church, in partnership with Covenant Point Bible Camp and a team of Central Conference youth pastors, want to encourage you to consider Adventures in Leadership (AIL) - a small-group, wilderness, discipleship and leadership training experience designed for young people who are entering grades 10-12.

Inspired by a similar model being successfully used in the Northwest Conference for many years, the Central Conference now has three years of our own successful AIL programs under our belt, and about 40 students who have successfully completed the program. This summer, (June 26 - July 2), we're excited to be continuing this unique leadership program at Covenant Point Bible Camp and on trail along the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore on Lake Superior.

The cost of the experience is \$150 from each participant, and \$150 from each sponsoring church. Optional bussing from Chicago, Elgin, Rockford, and Madison is available for \$129 round-trip or \$95 one-way. (If your students are accepted, churches are encouraged but not required to invest in your students by providing up to 100% of their costs.)

Over the past few years of this experience, Adventures in Leadership has become part of the DNA of our Central Conference ministry to youth, and a valuable resource for equipping young people to lead in the Kingdom of God. While the experience is intentionally small in size, we long to see students and youth pastors from every corner of the conference participating, believing that our diversity will add to the richness of the learning experience for all involved.

You and your church have the unique opportunity to select one or two students, who will be entering grades 10-12, for application to AIL. We can only accept two applications per church in order to grant this opportunity to as many churches as possible. You are encouraged to talk about AIL with potential applicants and their families as soon as possible; program materials are included for your use. Space is limited to a maximum of 16 students; preference is given for age and demonstrated leadership potential.

To help a student from your church apply, you may contact Covenant Point Bible Camp and request an application packet, or go to [www.cpbpc.com/AIL](http://www.cpbpc.com/AIL) to download appropriate forms and read more about the experience. Completed applications must be postmarked by Friday, April 15, 2016.

Please feel free to contact Erik Strom at Covenant Point Bible Camp (906.265.2117 or [erik@cpbpc.com](mailto:erik@cpbpc.com)) with any questions. We seek your prayers as we plan and make decisions about this year's participants.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Erik Strom".

Erik Strom, Executive Director, Covenant Point Bible Camp

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dustin Johnson".

Dustin Johnson, Program Manager, Covenant Point Bible Camp