APPLICATION FOR SBHOP WOMENS MINISTRY HOUSE 2016

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GENERAL VISION

Dear Potential SBHOP Ministry member,

We are thankful and excited at the possibility of your joining with us in this year’s SBHOP Ministry House. The SBHOP Ministry house will offer a unique opportunity for those who desire to live with a company of people living on mission, dedicated to bringing Church Unity and Citywide transformation to Santa Barbara.

A prayer movement is being birthed in Santa Barbara that we believe will trigger transformation for Christ in California.  Santa Barbara House of Prayer (SBHOP) desires to join and fuel this movement through sustained prayer in the heart of Downtown.   We are committed to interceding for Santa Barbara and seeing Jesus' prayer in John 17 answered - the Church of Santa Barbara unified!  We believe the result will be a City set free from sickness and bondage, and God's saints working together to be the hands and feet of Jesus, solving fundamental City problems (homelessness, drug addiction, prostitution, the need for gangs).

*Do you have a heart for the presence and voice of God?*

*Are you burning for Church unity and citywide transformation?*

*Do you thrive living in community and working in a united team with a kingdom vision?*

*Do you feel prepared to endure and overcome the obstacles and opposition to the promises of God?*

In the following sections of this application, you will be asked a number of questions that will help us all determine if you are a right fit for the SBHOP Ministry House

In each section, there will be a space provided for you to sign signifying that you agree and will comply with the aforementioned statement(s). Applicants will be reviewed first come first serve, so please help us by turning your application in ASAP. Filling out this packet and sending it back neither locks you into a position nor guarantees you a position. Please fill it out, putting your response(s) in RED. Then email it back to info@sbhop.org

Thank you for your interest in partnership with us in furthering God’s Kingdom in Santa Barbara and the Nations. May He truly empower you with His Presence, His Love and His Power for the glory of God in Jesus name!

Yours in Christ,

The SBHOP Leadership Team

Please contact Justus Gibson with comments or questions.

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**Questionnaire about You:**

1) How many years have you been a Believer:

2) What Church do you currently attend/ How Long?

3) List ministries you are involved with now, and what is your role?

4) What ministry team (Hospitality, Evangelism Outreach, Media) are you most drawn to and why?

5) Why do you feel called to impact Santa Barbara, serving God through SBHOP while living in community?

6) Please give a brief explanation of your testimony of how you met Jesus:

7) Where do you go to School and/or Work now?

8) Are you Struggling, or have you ever struggled, or have any of your roommates had a problem with you in any of the following areas in the last two years (please highlight all that apply)?

Drugs   Alcohol       Cigarettes        Opposite Sex   Partying        Gossip    Worldliness Bitterness      Anger         Lying              Greed       Forgiveness    Depression   Anxiety            Pride

9) If you answered yes to any of the above, explain how you have learned to cope or overcome that situation.

Please give us the name of a pastor or parent that can be contacted as a reference to your character.

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ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

As mentioned earlier, the main purpose of this Ministry house is to provide housing for those who desire to be highly involved in the ministry and community of SBHOP.

The residents are committed to one of three areas of ministry: the Media Group, Hospitality Team, and Evangelism Outreach. Each team is required to give a minimum 4-hour commitment every week.  Community house participants will have the opportunity to switch teams throughout the year depending upon availability.

Ministry House members commit to attending weekly house meetings for fellowship, communication, and mutual support.  The house will also hold occasion evenings of teaching, individual ministry, and worship, as well as few road trips. Living in community is a dynamic experience that requires commitment to one another in love in order for it to work.  Your commitment to community is essential.  We estimate you will be required to invest at least 3 hours a week in the community house.

Your commitment to the ministry house is a one year commitment with a trimester mutual review, meaning every 4 months the decision for your stay in the ministry house will be mutually revisited. If in any case the ministry house does not fit for you, the trimester review is the appointed time to begin a transition out of the Ministry House.

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A FEW RULES: (for mutual protection and peace)

1) Having established and led ministry houses for many years it has become evident that we need to have a few set rules for the mutual blessing of the house. Please consider whether your own individual desires are more important to you than house unity and the well being of others in each of the following questions.

“Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will never eat meat again…” -1 Corinthians 8:13;

“For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.” -Gal 5:13.

After reading these two verses, do you agree to not bring any “R” rated movies or secular music into the house that someone in the house disagrees with?

   [ YES ]    [ NO ]

Is house unity and peace with house-mates more important to you than your own personal pleasures and interests?

      [ YES ]    [ NO ]

2) Many verses throughout the bible insist that Gods servants be “beyond reproach”, in other words, we must never give even the appearance of evil whereby anyone could speculate against us. “…prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world.” -Philippians 2:14-15 (see also, Col. 1:22; 1 Tim. 3:2, 7, 10; 1 Tim. 5:7; Ti.1:6-7; Ti. 2:8)

After reading these verses, do you agree that it is not appropriate to spend the night at the opposite sex’s house even if you are just “friends”?

           [ YES ]     [ NO ]

Do you agree not do any illegal drugs, in or outside of the house for the year?

   [ YES ]      [ NO ]

3) There are many verses in the Bible that call us to be under submission and to be in unity. “Submit yourselves to each other out of reverence to Christ” -Ephesians. 5:21 (see also, Rom 13:1-3; Heb 13:17; 1Pet. 2:13).

After reading these verses, do you agree that it is God’s

will that you honor and submit to each other as well as to respect the house and SBHOP leadership? [ YES ]   [ NO ]

4) There will be multiple times as you are living in the house that sin will be exposed in you or someone else in the house. Jesus tells us plainly:

“If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private… if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that at the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile or a tax collector.” (Matt. 18:15-17)

Peter then asks Jesus, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I still forgive him? Up to seven times? Jesus said to him, I do not say to you up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.” (Matt 18:21-22).

Jesus then goes on to teach a parable about how since God has forgiven us a lifetimes worth of debt, we should be quick to forgive an hour, a day, a week, a month or even a years worth as well. With the organization and government of the house, we hope that Matthew 18 will be easily practiced. If someone has offended you, or if you feel someone has sinned against you or the house, scripture shows us that after prayer, you are to go immediately to that person, and work it out with him or her. If you go to another person, you could bring divisiveness, resentment and division into the Body of Christ.

Do you agree not to harbor any resentment towards anyone in the house but to do your best to forgive everyone no matter what they do?

                [ YES ]     [ NO]

Do you agree to not take offense if someone confronts you in accordance with Matthew 18 concerning any potential sin in your life?     [ YES ]     [ NO ]

Do you agree that when you see someone else in sin, you will not speak to anyone but them first about it. Then if they persist in it, to let them know that you will take it to the house leadership?

  [ YES ]     [ NO ]

5) Contribution to Work

“...if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either. For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to work in quiet fashion and eat their own bread. But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary of doing good. If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of that person and do not associate with him, so that he will be put to shame. Yet do not regard him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.” (2 Thes. 3:10-15)

Here Paul suggests very strong discipline for those who would use the grace found within Christian community as a means to be lazy or to serve themselves. It is very important that everyone who is considering moving into Christ-Centered community realize that the goal is not to find a place to where you will be better served but to find a place where you can better serve.

Do you agree right now to make your goal not to get the most from the house and people therein, but to give the most to the house and people therein?                              [ YES ]     [ NO ]

If everyone agrees to these, we should have few problems and receive great mutual blessings.

If you agree to meet all of the above stated or implied rules on this and the previous page;

Sign to indicate you understand & agree \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

HOUSING EXPENSES:

MONTHLY RATES PER ROOM:

STANDARD: Two people to a room - rent is $495 each. Deposit: $900

SINGLE:            Your own room - rent is $1000

Deposit: $1200

\* Rates include all utilities, Internet, Administration, etc.

Deposits are due June 1st, 2016

Participants are expected to raise support or get a part-time job in Santa Barbara, or a combination of support and income.

SBHOP will has a specific Ministry house bank account for all monies collected for rent. The excess in this account will go toward paying utilities, paying for discipleship house semi-regular parties and events and a portion might also go towards SBHOP.

Sign to indicate you understand & agree.

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