

From Where I Sit . . .

"LADS TO LEADERS / LEADERETTES COMING TO BROAD STREET"

Following a presentation to the congregation on Sunday morning regarding the Lads to Leaders and Leaderettes leadership training program for our young people, volunteer forms were passed out to the entire assembly to get preliminary indications of adult willingness to help as teachers, assistant teachers, trip chaperones, event judges at convention, and coaches who will work with our youth in preparation for convention. This was followed by a statement from John Porter on behalf of the elders indicating their support of the program and stressing that it was a work of the Broad Street church. I appreciated his perspective that this is not "Terry's program" or "Jim's program." To summarize his thoughts: It's Broad Street's program. We will use it in the manner that best suits our needs and interests. In fact and indeed, the program is far broader than any one person. The whole congregation is needed either as workers or supporters of our young people.

The church received the presentation with great eagerness and anticipation of the good which can follow. We had a marvelous response in the initial volunteer forms, and we know of several who are yet to turn theirs in. Forty-five adults have turned forms in expressing willingness to work in from one to many aspects of the program. Thirty of these adults indicated willingness to work with the students in training as coaches. Eight men and five women said they would train to be teachers in the classes while another fourteen indicated they would like to train but serve as helpers in the class. Twenty adults expressed willingness to be trip chaperones for the National Convention, and seven of these said they would help judge events.

Young people, you should be greatly encouraged that this many adults are committed to working with you in this particular program of development. They are interested in YOU, and what you can become. Add to this the number of volunteers who are already working as Bible class teachers, youth center chaperones, and work project coordinators. Please don't forget the interest of your parents as well. It is obvious that the eyes of expectancy and hope for tomorrow are upon our youth by our adults. I am so thrilled with this response.

We will begin the teacher training process in just a few weeks. The coaching aspects will come later. Thank you, Broad Street, for your volunteer spirit.

..... Terry Broome

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