

Bishop Melvin George Talbert Leadership Institute
GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION FORM



BISHOP MELVIN
GEORGE TALBERT
LEADERSHIP
INSTITUTE

The mission of the Bishop Melvin George Talbert Leadership Institute is to identify, select, and engage young leaders in meaningful learning experiences and mentorship incorporating the Talbert values for the benefit of the church.

A program of
BLACK METHODISTS FOR CHURCH RENEWAL, INC.

ONLY COMPLETED APPLICATIONS WILL BE REVIEWED
(Please read guidelines carefully)

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATION

Welcome and thank you for considering the Bishop Melvin George Talbert Leadership Institute (BMGTLI) as a building block for your development as a leader in The United Methodist Church and the world. The process for completing this application will be spelled out in detail below. Additional information will be attached for you to learn more about Black Methodists for Church Renewal, the Bishop Melvin George Talbert Leadership Institute and the person for whom the Institute is named.

Please make sure that your application meets all of the requirements for selection and is completed in full. All applications will only be accepted electronically. The web address for submission listed below.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION IS FRIDAY OCTOBER 8, 2010.

Eligibility Requirements:

To apply the applicant must:

1. Be between the ages of 18 and 30.
2. Be a member of The United Methodist Church for at least two years.
3. Be willing to sign a Covenant Agreement if selected to participate in the program.
4. Three letters of reference must be submitted by those individuals to the BMCR office at the following address: one of the three must be from the pastor of the Church that holds your membership. Letters of reference need to include, but are not limited to, your church involvement, community service, and your relationship with the person providing information to the selection committee.
BMCR
c/o BMGTLI
201 Eighth Avenue South
Nashville, TN 37203
5. A 500-word essay, 3-minute video/DVD, and/or writings sharing your background, why you are interested in this process, and your personal, future goals in your community, in the world, and The United Methodist Church. Include your perspectives on the Talbert values (see page 8).
6. Please indicate your proficiency with the internet for learning, administration, and collaborative usage. Do you have access to the internet?
7. Submit the application with all necessary parts by the deadline of October 30, 2010 to: bmcr@umpublishing.org

If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Marilyn Magee Talbert by email (mmtalbert@gmail.com) or by telephone (615-309-8096).



**Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Inc.
Bishop Melvin George Talbert Leadership Institute**

Application Form

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Type:

Marital Status: Single Married Divorced Widowed

Church Name: _____ Annual Conference: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ District: _____

You are currently in: College Seminary Other Completion Date: _____

Name of Institution: _____ Classification: _____
(freshmen, sophomore, etc.)

EDUCATION

Name	Location	Yrs. Completed	Degree
High School	_____	_____	_____
College	_____	_____	_____
Graduate School	_____	_____	_____
Seminary	_____	_____	_____

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Employer: _____ Work Hours: _____ Per Week: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Position: _____ Length of Service: _____
(years/months)

Please give the type and length of involvement in the following areas:

Past/current involvement in your local church:

Past/current involvement in your community:

Current or past involvement at the district, annual conference, or general church level:

List any international travel/experience:

Current or past involvement in Black Methodists for Church Renewal:

Future Goals:

REFERENCES *(Please provide three references):*

Name: _____ Relationship

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____ Relationship

Address: _____

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

Reference letters must be sealed in an envelope and sent to BMCR, Inc., 201 Eighth Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37203 or emailed to bmcr@umpublishing.org.

I certify that all answers given herein are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I authorize an investigation of all statements contained in this application. I understand that any false or misleading information given in my application or interview(s) may be justification for refusal of admission or if admitted, immediate expulsion from the Bishop Melvin George Talbert Leadership Institute.

I authorize the Bishop Melvin George Talbert Leadership Institute to contact my educational institutions, employers, and references for information to be held in the strict confidence and hereby release the individuals connected therewith from any liability.

All persons selected for the Bishop George Talbert Leadership Institute will be subject to a background check. The Bishop Melvin George Talbert Leadership Institute will operate under policies as defined in the United Methodist *Book of Discipline* and *Book of Resolutions* regarding a safe space for its participants and leaders. We have a zero tolerance for sexual misconduct: sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and/or sexual malfeasance. This policy will be spelled out more specifically in the orientation process.

By signing this application, you agree to the above statements. If you are completing this form electronically, please enter type your full name and click the electronic signature box.

Signature

Date

This is an electronic signature

Print Name

Attachments to the Application

- Executive Summary of the Talbert Leadership Institute
- Talbert Values
- Curriculum Outline
- BMCR brochure is available at www.bmcrumc.org.



Executive Summary

Creative leadership for world-changing realities calls for bold witness, centered in compassion and good will for people. Known and highly regarded for his gifts of leadership and for that same bold witness, Bishop Melvin George Talbert's name is given to a new leadership institute, established to honor the man who, throughout his ministry, expertly exhibited bold witness and administrative acumen. Bishop Talbert often used the phrase, "a teaching moment" and actively sought and continues to seek those moments, leading by example in the past, as a mentor, pastor, conference staff member, district superintendent, general secretary, bishop and continues in retirement.

At the urgings of the Ebony Bishops, Bishop Talbert served as Executive Director of Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Inc., for three years assisting the organization in the relocation of its national office, stabilizing its financial health, and overseeing the first youth lay speakers sessions at Youth Harambee.

The Institute was conceived and authorized by the National BMCR Board of Directors at the 2008 Annual Meeting of Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Inc. Designed to engage young leaders - laity and clergy - the Bishop Melvin George Talbert Leadership Institute will enhance their leadership and administrative potential through knowledge and praxis in scholarship, interpersonal relations, skill development, strategic thinking and planning.

Using an incubator approach, the Institute will foster greater awareness of United Methodism and the distinctiveness of our Wesleyan heritage. The Talbert Leadership Institute will engage collaboratively in leadership projects with United Methodist seminaries, historically Black colleges and universities, and the general agencies of The United Methodist Church. It may assist Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Inc., in working with conference leadership development programs for high school youth and young adults.

A coordinating committee led by Bishop Alfred Johnson, BMGTLI Dean, will develop strategies, encourage bold witness, and oversee the development of the Institute.



Talbert Core Values

The following are Bishop Talbert's personal values:

- Timeliness
- Preparation
- Respect
- Advocacy
- From me to we
- Ecumenism
- Courage
- Radical Inclusivity

Curriculum and Process

The Bishop Melvin George Talbert Leadership Institute will operate with a multidisciplinary approach to learning and experiences in order to provide the optimum opportunity for participants to grow to their heights of leadership.

Curriculum. The Talbert Leadership Institute will provide several modules of course content from studies of the self to the global realities of our world. A core curriculum with options will be available. Each participant will engage in a special project based on their goal of values learning.

Facilitators. Courses, seminars, webinars will be facilitated by distinguished scholars from a variety of disciplines.

Strengths. Participants come to the Institute with a variety of experiences, skills, and gifts. Opportunities will be provided to assist participants in identifying their strengths and how to use those in leadership. Participants will be expected to respect strengths in others and work together in community.

Coaches. A cadre of coaches - clergy, lay, male, female, and young adults - will be available for one-on-one, small group and other configurations. These coaches have distinguished themselves as experienced and productive leaders in the church, education and other fields of knowledge.

Internet Learning and Sharing. Participants in the Institute will experience course work, affinity groups, meet-ups, and other experiences using the internet.

Supportive Community. The participants in the Talbert Leadership Institute will be surrounded by a community composed of the coordinating committee, resource persons from the general boards and agencies of the church, and supporters of the Institute from across the country.