



LEADERSHIP TRAINING REPORT

BRIGHT LIGHTS YOUTH EMPOWERMENT,

FREETOWN

23rd and 24th July, 2015

Leaders of Godly Character International (LGCI) in partnership with Youth for Christ Sierra Leone organized a two days leadership seminar for Bright Light Youth Empowerment organization on the 23rd and 24th July 2015 at the Wesley Methodist Church Hall Lamina Sankoh Street, Freetown. Bright Light Youth Empowerment is a non-profit organization that works with young people within the age of 15- 35. They build the holistic character of young people through character building, bible study sessions, mentoring and also raise the English language standard campaign in schools. They are also involved in teenage pregnancy campaign which aims to see that no girl gets pregnant in their teen-age. This leadership seminar was for high school (secondary school) youth.

The training attracted a total number of 167 young people (Girls- 61, Boys-106). The first day of the training was for girls from The Annie Walsh Secondary and Saint Joseph Secondary schools; the second day was for the boys from The Sierra Leone Grammar School, Methodist Boys High School, Collegiate Secondary School and the Services Secondary School.

The training was facilitated by Mr. Abu S Conteh, National Director, Youth for Christ Sierra Leone. In each of the two days, his introduction was centered on the need to raise good leaders of Godly character that will better serve their communities and nation. He explained that the first person you lead as an individual is yourself because if you cannot lead yourself well, you will not be able to lead and influence others positively. After series of examples of what God has blessed us with as a nation both human and material resources, it was concluded that the major problem affecting us as a nation is bad leadership.



The benefits of having Godly leaders in the home, school, church and work place were extensively discussed as well as the consequences of the absence of Godly leaders in these.

Mr. Conteh trained the participants on the four minimum requirements of Godly leadership which are; Integrity, Vision, Courage and Passion. Participants were taught that integrity is “honesty and truthfulness in words and deeds”. Vision is a clear picture of a yet-to-materialize future. Courage is the ability to stand firm and uphold things that are morally correct even in the face of opposition. Passion is the drive, determination, and undying commitment to a particular cause despite the many obstacles. Following this explanation, the participants were divided into four groups, with each group assigned specific scenarios that deals with one of the four minimum requirements.



For each leadership scenarios, the groups were asked to identify the short term and long term benefits and consequences of the actions of the people depicted in the scenarios. Each group then gave a presentation of their analysis of the leadership scenario and the short and long-term benefits and consequences of the actions of the principals in the scenarios. The participants quickly learned, through the presentations, that when good leadership qualities of Integrity, Vision, Courage and Passion are demonstrated, there is

usually a negative short term consequence, followed by positive long term benefits that far outweigh the short term consequences. Conversely, when good leadership qualities are not demonstrated, there are usually positive short term benefits, followed by negative long term consequences that far outweigh the short term benefits.

The seminar ended with the participants having a much better understanding of the definition of leadership, the knowledge that they are all leaders, the recognition of the minimum qualities of good leaders, and the understanding of why it is so difficult and uncommon to find good leaders. They were left with the challenge of being good leaders themselves.

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Thank you and God bless you,
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