

THE RELEASED PROJECT

THE KALEO ACADEMY **RELEASED PROJECT** IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE GOD USE YOU IN SPECIFIC WAYS HE MAY BE CALLING YOU TO (IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, CHURCH, YEARLY MEETING OR AROUND THE WORLD).

Early Friends would call those going out into ministry “Released Ministers”. We want to use this opportunity to release this young generation of Friends leaders into ministry in the church, communities and the world.

- Partner with your pastoral leaders and your Mentor in finding an effective service learning project (it could be organized like an internship).
- Pick a Released Project that fits both the needs of your community and your gifts and calling (your S.H.A.P.E.).
- Contribute at least 50 hours toward this project during your year in Kaleo Academy.

How is God going to use you?!

How to discern the **RELEASED PROJECT** that fits you!

For starters, here are some questions to consider that may help you.

- What is a need within your church or community that concerns you? Why?
- If you were to ask your church or community, “How can I serve you?” how would they respond? Why? (please make plans to ask these questions as you move through this process further in coming weeks).
- When you think about ministry in the future, what area of ministry would you love to concentrate on...to practice at...to go ahead and start now? Why?
- Among people that know you now, what areas of ministry or life do they see you most used by God, or have the greatest potential to be used by God, right now? Why?
- From the perspective of your personal life, what activities do you do that make you feel you are making the greatest contribution to God’s Kingdom? Why?
- Though you may have dismissed the thought many times for various reasons, what do you sometimes feel that you really should be doing? Why?
- When you hear others talk about a passion for ministry, what do you often begin to think about giving your life to accomplishing? Why?
- What qualities of character do you most admire and desire for God to shape into your life? Why?

1. What common insights or themes surface in your reflections of the above questions?

2. Holding in tension the needs of the church and/or the community with your calling, passions and gifting, name three or more project ideas you could select for **THE RELEASED PROJECT**.

- Be creative!
- Listen to your Kaleo Academy mentor and others around you.
- Consider a title for your ‘ministry position’ in this volunteer project.
- Your project may be for an hour or two a week, or it may be clustered into a certain time of the year where it fits best...or both!
- You may find it beneficial to explore more than one area of ministry. Go for it!

Idea 1:

Idea 2:

Idea 3:

Now with your list of ideas, hold them in prayer as you continue to ask God what HE would have you do in serving at this time in your life. Hold them in your hands with open hands rather than tight fists. Ask appropriate church leaders in your home church and/or yearly meeting to further discern how your RELEASED PROJECT might be utilized the very best to honor the Lord Jesus Christ, your church and your family. As appropriate we would love to see your church commission you into your ministry, with whatever formal or informal titles or levels of resourcing or collaboration that is needed for success in your project.

Please work with your Kaleo Academy mentor, along with any other appropriate local or regional church leaders, to select your RELEASED PROJECT.

KALEO ACADEMY will give you directions in coming weeks about how and when to report your plans or activities to Kaleo Staff.