



Casowasco Camp & Retreat Center

"Transforming Lives"

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Dear Pastor,

Many of our youth around the conference are leading Sunday school, youth events, local and global mission projects, serving on church committees and leading school and community activities. They have demonstrated leadership potential, but often lack confidence, training, direction or opportunity to develop their gifts. Soon they will be adults working in a variety of careers, be parents, and spiritual leaders. We recognize the opportunity the church has to guide them into their adult roles by offering them the skills that will enrich their faith, build their confidence and teach them how to use their potential.

Director's Invitational (DI) is a five day, spiritual leadership seminar developed to help youth recognize their style of leadership and to develop their own unique God-given gifts. They will explore many different ways they can use their talents in service. I have invited a diverse group of pastors and lay people, including alumni of DI to form a "DI Design Team" assisting me in developing the most effective and meaningful experience for our conference youth. Over 180 DI Alumni are serving as leaders around the world today.

Please consider nominating one or more youth from your congregation for this seminar. As a way to show these youth the value that their church places in them, we require that the sponsoring congregation pay the cost of this seminar. An opportunity like this can be a wonderful investment into young leaders on an individual level, but this investment is not limited to merely themselves; previous participants ("DI Alumni") have returned to their home churches with a passion to use these newly -discovered or well-developed skills to help serve in Christ's name. Alumni of the program may be re-nominated until they reach their 18th birthday, but their cost is not expected to be provided for by your congregations. If your church can only finance one youth, we encourage you to nominate a first time participant this year. If you do not have a youth to nominate please consider sponsoring a youth from another church or by contributing directly to the "Director's Invitational Discretionary Fund".

DI, a *Casowasco Center for Excellence in Leadership* program, is open to youth ages 14 through high school 2015 graduates and will begin on August 9th. We will send them a registration form upon their acceptance to the program. Churches and individuals making nominations will be invoiced for the program fee, \$335, (\$260 for Alumni) when the nominee has accepted our invitation by returning the registration form.

Please return your nomination as soon as possible, as space is limited in this program. Thank you for your commitment to the growth of young leaders and may God bless them as they grow.

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