

GENERATION LINK

LABORERS IMPACTING NATIONS FOR THE KINGDOM

Mission: Equip the next generation of laborers to impact nations for the kingdom.

Core Values:

Leadership Development – *Learn and utilize valuable leadership skills as you train for a lifetime of ministry.*

As a residency rigorously prepares medical students to be doctors, Generation LINK is an intense environment to train leaders for a lifetime of ministry in a Christian vocation or the marketplace. Generation LINK residents will be empowered with significant opportunities to lead in an area of ministry while being developed in both life and leadership skills.

Theological Training – *Equip residents with the tools and resources to think and live from an explicitly Christian worldview.*

Generation LINK is designed to equip pastors and missionaries for a lifetime of Christian vocation. Therefore, theological training is a significant value of our program. Though we recognize that not all Generation LINK residents will complete a seminary degree, we believe seminary is valuable both for vocational ministry and in the marketplace. Along with theological training, residents will be equipped in ministry skills (i.e. strategic planning, discipleship, evangelism, studying God's Word, etc.).

Intentional Discipleship – *Be intentionally mentored by pastoral staff, trained to mentor others, and equipped to advance the gospel.*

Generation LINK trains students and post graduates through the local church to be life-long disciple-makers in the church and the marketplace. One of the highlights of Generation LINK is one-on-one discipleship with a pastor, church staff member, or pastor's wife who can recognize and affirm spiritual giftedness and offer wise counsel as major decisions are made in this season of life. Those who sense a call to vocational ministry will have the opportunity to see what it's like to serve in the church and benefit from a season where church leadership comes alongside to affirm an internal call. Generation LINK residents will also be expected to invest in younger believers.

Gospel Community – *Live, learn, serve, and have fun together as a part of a local body of believers.*

Though Generation LINK residents work hard, it isn't all work and no play! Generation LINK residents will develop a vision for biblical community and learn how to experience biblical community in relation to other Generation LINK residents, church staff, and the local body of believers. While serving with Generation LINK, residents will experience community by regular socials and retreats and may live together.

Ministry Experience – *Residents will use their gifts and passions to serve God through various ministries of the local church.*

Responding to the command to share the gospel and make disciples, Generation LINK residents will come alongside the staff of a local church to contribute meaningfully to the ministries of the church and help the pastoral staff accomplish more for the kingdom. Generation LINK residents are expected to embrace a lifestyle of evangelism and to live intentionally to reach the lost in their community. Generation LINK also recognizes the value of church-multiplication strategies in reaching the world with the gospel and will utilize residents to help local churches plant new churches around the world.

Ministry Assignments

Depending on the Generation LINK location, there are various ministry assignments where Generation LINK residents can focus their ministry training. While residents will give most of their focus to one or two areas, it is vital that they recognize they are also part of a larger team and will play a role in helping to accomplish the vision and tasks needed in their respective ministry settings. Below are some possible areas where Generation LINK residents can focus their ministry:

- College
 - Men
 - Women
 - International students
 - Greek (fraternity and sorority)
 - Athletes
- Youth
 - Middle school
 - High school
- Children's Ministry
- Women's Ministry
- Men's Ministry
- Media (Graphics, web-design, and video)
- Communications
- Worship Arts
- Pastoral Leadership (personal assistant to the pastor)
- Missions and Evangelism
- Administrative Leadership
- Discipleship/small groups
- Assimilation
- Church planting

Through the application and interview process, prospective residents will have opportunities to request certain areas where they will focus their ministry and discipleship training. Considering the needs and areas available for service, we will do our best to match a resident's gifts and passions with the areas of most crucial need.

Weekly Schedule

A Generation LINK resident's schedule varies from week to week and depends on the area of ministry that he/she serves in. For participants doing Generation LINK, there is a strong work ethic, but there is also understanding and flexibility for work hours. In addition, Generation LINK values involvement in a personal ministry through evangelism and discipleship. Regardless of the areas where Generation LINK residents serve, they will be encouraged to invest in younger believers through intentional discipleship. If this scares you, don't fear, we are committed to training and equipping you to be effective in your ministry of personal discipleship.

Though each resident's schedule is different, in general, Monday through Thursday is the workweek, Fridays are devoted to seminary training, and Sunday involves ministry responsibilities. The expectation is that Generation LINK residents will allocate **40 hours per week** (outside of their seminary training) for ministry related projects, appointments, preparation, discipleship meetings, and training. We recognize that this schedule is demanding, therefore in an effort to shepherd our residents once a month Generation LINK residents are allocated a day for the purpose of prayer and planning.

Theological Training

Generation LINK desires to develop an environment where theology is applied in personal ministry. We believe that the local church can provide God-called men and women with valuable experience in hands-on ministry opportunities. We want to give our residents valuable experience in applying theology to a number of different ministry areas. One of the most unique and exciting dimensions of the program is the theological training one will receive through our partnerships with Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (SEBTS) and the Southern Baptist Seminary (SBTS). Seminary training plays a key role in our desire to see our residents equipped to think and live from an explicitly Christian worldview. In the course of a year, Generation LINK residents can earn 12-18 credit hours of graduate level seminary training. Additional seminary classes may be taken through Generation LINK on a case-by-case basis. To learn more about SEBTS or SBTS, please visit their websites at www.sebts.edu or www.sbts.edu. The yearly schedule will typically look as follows:

Sequence of Classes

- **Summer 2016** – 3 credit hours – one week intensive class during the GLINK summer training (Christian Ethics – ETH5100)
- **Fall 2016** – 6 credit hours – classes will be taken via hybrid, online, or in person (Old Testament I - OTS5110)
- **Spring 2017** – 6 credit hours – classes will be taken via hybrid, online, or in person (Old Testament II - OTS5120)

Please see the MDiv and MA Curriculum maps at the end of this packet for more information on how pursuing theological education fits within the Generation LINK program.

Support Raising and Part-Time Work

The expenses of Generation LINK are covered by local church partners, support raising, and /or part-time work. Though building a team of ministry partners may seem like a scary endeavor, it is a great opportunity to increase your faith. This is an opportunity to trust God and involve others in your ministry. As a Generation LINK resident, you will be responsible for building a team of ministry partners who will support you both prayerfully and financially. Once you are accepted into the Generation LINK discipleship program, you will be trained to build a team of ministry partners, which will include looking at the details of your personal financial situation and setting your support goal. After support training, you will devote one to three months building a team of ministry partners. During this time, we will provide you with

coaching and encouragement. While you are developing your team, you will be encouraged not to take on a full-time job so that you may devote a lot of time for corresponding with potential ministry partners.

For someone who prefers to gain marketplace job experience while doing Generation LINK, it is possible to have a part-time job in the community. This may also be an option for someone who experiences difficulty in support raising and would like to take on a part-time job to decrease his/her monthly support goal.

Sample Support Goal

Please note: support goals vary greatly depending on individual needs. This is simply one example.

	Monthly
Base Salary (net)	1278.72
Employee's Taxes	446.28
Reimbursable meals	40
Mobile phone	60
Seminary (Tuition & books)	550
Total Support for the year needed	28,500

Housing and Benefits

- Insurance - While participating in Generation LINK, you will have the option to raise additional support to be provided with health insurance through GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention (Blue Cross Blue Shield). The Generation LINK support package also has the option of raising additional support so you are able to reimburse medical expenses until you meet your deductible.
- Housing – It's a lot of fun to work with other Generation LINK residents, but it's by living together that you *really* get to know someone. Depending on the location in which you will be serving, you may live with other Generation LINK residents of your same gender.
- Retreats and socials – When Generation LINK residents have a social or retreat, the expenses will be provided by Generation LINK and not incurred personally.
- Ministry expenses – Expenses you incur directly related to ministry are provided by the church and are reimbursable (i.e. college events, kids ministry supplies, etc.).
- Administrative expenses – While serving with Generation LINK, administrative expenses, such as the cost to print and mail monthly newsletters and the expenses incurred to operate the Generation LINK program (i.e. publicity, recruiting, etc.) are provided.
- Reimbursable expenses – Generation LINK residents will also have the option to raise support to cover personal expenses, such as cell phone, reimbursable meals for ministry appointments, and ministry partner development expenses incurred while support raising (i.e. envelopes, stamps, etc.).

Summer LINK 2016

Summer LINK equips students to become a part of the momentum already mounting across the country and globe—men and women willing to live on mission, following Jesus to the ends of the earth, and seeing the fulfillment of the Great Commission. Participants serve for six to ten weeks in a location to impact their community with the gospel. This summer we will have Summer LINK in many locations. All Generation LINK residents will participate in Summer LINK in some way. Some Generation LINK Residents may be given the opportunity to serve as a Director or Assistant Director at a Summer LINK location. Summer LINK is an excellent opportunity for residents to be developed as leaders.

2016-2017 Generation LINK Partnerships

Generation LINK is an intensive discipleship program owned and operated by local churches through national and international partnership. Generation LINK operates through sending and receiving participants; churches receive participants to disciple and equip, with the intention of sending them out on mission.

Anderson: Renewal Church, www.renewalanderson.org

Through the “gospel partnership” of Crosspoint Church of Clemson and the Bridge Church of Anderson, Renewal Church of Anderson became on June 1, 2014 as a new church plant with the mission of “making disciples of all people for God’s

glory.” Renewal Church staff would love to see more Generation LINK participants jump on board to pursue college students, worship, and missional opportunities.

Atlanta: NewBranch Community Church, newbranchchurch.org

NewBranch Community Church launched in January of 2008 with the mission of glorifying God while making disciples of all nations. Located in Dacula, a Northeast suburb of Atlanta, NewBranch is committed to equipping believers to proclaim the gospel and make disciples where they live, work, and play. We desire to develop leaders who will be sent out from us to take the gospel to nearby communities and far-reaching lands through intentional church-planting.

Boston: Redemption Hill, www.redemptionhillchurch.com

Redemption Hill Church is a church in Boston, Massachusetts, that began when four families (including Jeremy Chasteen’s brother and family) moved to the Medford area. Launched in April 2011, Redemption Hill seeks to glorify God by living out his mission as a community transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ. Crosspoint, in partnership with Renewal Church and Cornerstone Church, has the opportunity to pray for them and to send mission teams to support this young church.

Charleston: Centerpoint Church, centerpointcharleston.com/

God is at work in Charleston through a city-wide movement of gospel centered churches. Centerpoint Church is joining hands with other new and established churches to strategically engage the brokenness of our city by passionately pursuing Christ, living missionally and equipping leaders.

Clemson: Crosspoint Church, www.crosspointclemson.org

Crosspoint Church was planted seven years ago in the heart of the Clemson community because of the need for a healthy, gospel-centered church near Clemson University. Generation LINK was birthed out of Crosspoint with the passion to reach and train the next generation of pastors and disciple-makers.

Columbus: Paramount Church, www.paramountcolumbus.com

Paramount Church is the result of a gospel-centered ministry by Open Door Church (Raleigh) and the North American Church Planting Foundation. Paramount Church is located in Bexley, Ohio, a historic enclave of Columbus. Bexley is known for its rich heritage, Jewish culture, and the State Governor's Mansion. Bexley is home to Capital University, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, and is located just a short drive from The Ohio State University. Paramount Church exists to make the gospel paramount through a Christ-centered shepherding model of local church ministry and strategic evangelism and missions.

Greenville - Hub: The Church at Cherrydale, www.tccherrydale.com

Matt Rogers and his family moved to Greenville, SC in 2009 to plant Renewal Church. In the fall of 2013, Renewal Church merged with an existing church in the city and became The Church at Cherrydale. The Church at Cherrydale is now in the process of both multiplying disciples in its congregation and multiplying churches in the upstate of South Carolina.

The Church at Greer Station, www.tcgreerstation.com

Since September of 2014, The Church at Greer Station has been laboring in the city of Greer, a town in the heart of GSP. Greer is a small revitalized community in need of vibrant, healthy church presence. TCGS is a kingdom community on mission with God – followers of King Jesus living in community with one another working to live and preach the good news of Jesus. Our heart is to be at the core of this small town’s exciting new life.

Florence: Cornerstone Church, www.exit137.org/

Cornerstone Baptist Church exists to magnify the glory of God through worship, small groups, and a missional commitment to church planting.

India: www.go2southasia.org

Desiring a strategic partnership to reach the nations, Generation LINK is sending laborers to intentionally target a state that has over 30 unreached people groups. Crosspoint Church sent out a family to serve long-term in India in the fall of

2009. Since 2009, Crosspoint has sent Generation LINK residents to India for several years. We desire to continue to sending residents to India to reach the over 400 million people there who have never heard of Jesus Christ.

Miami: Providence Road Church, www.prclife.org

Providence Road Church is a gospel-centered community, living in a multi-cultural city, making known the gospel of Jesus Christ, to all people for the glory of God. Providence Road was planted in Miami in the summer of 2010 with the purpose of taking the gospel to the city. Like the city they love, Providence road is a church of multi-ethnic, multi-lingual and multi-generational families who are committed to the cause of Christ.

Raleigh: Open Door Church, www.opendoorlife.com

Open Door is a church in the North Raleigh area whose mission is to believe in the fullness of God's gospel, live out their faith together in authentic, cross-cultural biblical fellowship, share the good news of salvation with others and multiply disciples and churches to the glory of Christ and his kingdom. Open Door desires for Generation LINK to be a means of equipping Raleigh Area college and seminary students.

Seattle: Essential Church, www.essentialchurch.cc

Essential Church is a church plant in Bellevue with a great vision to Magnify Christ and Multiply His Kingdom in the Pacific Northwest through: (1) Christ-centered, Biblical worship, community and service; (2) Living and sharing the Gospel in authentic and relevant ways; and (3) A simple method for multiplying disciples, leaders and churches.

Other International Partnerships: More Information Coming Soon

Czech Republic (Prague)

Turkey

Frequently Asked Question

How can I find out more information about Generation LINK or apply?

Please visit our website at www.generationlink.org for more information or to fill out our online application.

How will I be assigned my ministry position and a mentor?

Your ministry position will be assigned partially based on what you're passionate about and want to do, and partially on the needs of the church where you'll be doing Generation LINK. You will work with your Generation LINK Area Director to determine your ministry position before you begin Generation LINK. In addition, your Area Director or the Generation LINK Assistant Director will work with you to establish a mentoring relationship. Your mentor may be your supervisor, a church staff member, or a mature church member.

When does Generation LINK start and end?

Generation LINK begins August 1st and ends July 31st. If needed, there can be flexibility with the start and end dates of Generation LINK in some situations.

How are Generation LINK residents funded?

Generation LINK residents are funded through a variety of means. Church partners invest in individual residents and into the Generation LINK program. In addition, Generation LINK residents have the opportunity to raise funds and support their seminary and personal needs. Residents also have the opportunity to work part time to fund their expenses.

In the future will Generation LINK residents be fully funded by partnering churches?

Though our partnering churches desire to increase their giving to Generation LINK each year because they see the significant benefit of the program, there will always be an element of support raising. However, we hope that a day will come when anyone who wants to serve with Generation LINK may do so without being hindered by a financial barrier. In the meantime, we see how throughout the support raising process God grows and stretches the faith of incoming residents as they personally experience His faithfulness to raise their financial support.

What does the money go to?

Money from your supporters goes **100%** to your personal support. See your specific support goal breakdown to explain what your expenses are. Generation LINK does not take any kind of cut from support you raise.

Does the money go directly to you or into one big Generation LINK fund?

When you receive your support checks, they are to be recorded in your personal database. Then they are given to our financial administrator where they are processed and the money is credited to your personal Generation LINK account. All money raised for Generation LINK residents is kept in a Generation LINK checking account, but it is designated for individual residents within our accounting records. Each month an income report, which reflects deposits in your account from checks you turned in and online contributions, will be printed for you to verify that the amount of money you deposited is the same as that recorded by the financial administrator.

What happens if you don't raise all of your support?

We want to do everything we can to help you to raise full-time support. Each resident's situation is unique, and all are handled on a one-on-one basis. Throughout the support raising process you will have a support coach who will check in periodically to encourage you and hold you accountable. If there is a time that you struggle with getting appointments or things are just slow, your support coach will try to help you to brainstorm the names of more people to meet with. If you have exhausted your contact list, the next option is to work part-time with Generation LINK and to acquire another part-time job in the community. Though in the past some residents have needed to drop to part-time work, we will do all we can to help you to be at a healthy full-time support level.

What happens to the money you don't end up using each month or at the end of your Generation LINK term?

Throughout the year giving fluctuates so the money in your Generation LINK account will carry over each month. We will monitor your support levels and you will receive monthly income and expense statements to see where you stand. At the end of your Generation LINK term, if there is money left in your account a few different options are available to you. If you plan to continue seminary training, the money can be used to pay for future classes. If you do not continue with seminary, you can reallocate the money within Generation LINK to support fellow residents, to support Summer LINK, etc. A third option is to give money back to you through benefits – reimbursing personal ministry expenses, meals, etc., or we are able to increase your salary if you are working part-time and it looks like you will be finishing with a *significant* amount of extra support. Because supporters give to Generation LINK to support your ministry, lawfully we are unable to give any leftover money directly back to you-

4-Year MDiv in Christian Ministry Curriculum Map

	Fall	Spring	Summer
Year 1 15 Hrs	BTI5100 Hermeneutics - Anderson Extension - 4 Weekdays (7am-7pm) - Taught by SEBTS prof. Practicum #1	HIS 5130 Baptist History - Anderson Extension - 4 Weekdays (7am-7pm) - Taught by SEBTS prof. Supervised Field Ministry	ETH 5100 Introduction to Christian Ethics - Mon-Fri (8am-5pm) in the summer - Taught by SEBTS prof.
Year 2 15 Hrs	OTS5110 Old Testament: Pentateuch and Former Prophets - Anderson Extension - 4 Weekdays (7am-7pm) - Taught by SEBTS prof. Practicum #2	OTS5120 Old Testament: Latter Prophets and Hagiographa - Anderson Extension - 4 Weekdays (7am-7pm) - Taught by SEBTS prof. Supervised Field Ministry	MIS5100 Christian Missions: Principles and Practice - Mon-Fri (8am-5pm) in the summer - Taught by SEBTS prof.
Year 3 15 Hrs	NTS 5110 New Testament: Jesus and the Gospels - Anderson Extension - 4 Weekdays (7am-7pm) - Taught by SEBTS prof. Practicum #3	NT 5120 New Testament: Acts, Epistles, and Revelation - Anderson Extension - 4 Weekdays (7am-7pm) - Taught by SEBTS prof. Supervised Field Ministry	THE6130 Christian Theology III - Mon-Fri (8am-5pm) in the summer - Taught by SEBTS prof.
Year 4 15 Hrs	THE 6110 Christian Theology I - Anderson Extension - 4 Weekdays (7am-7pm) - Taught by SEBTS prof. Practicum #1 or Elective	THE 6120 Christian Theology II - Anderson Extension - 4 Weekdays (7am-7pm) - Taught by SEBTS prof. PHI 5100 Christian Philosophy - Online/hybrid or Anderson Extension	EVA5100 Evangelism: Nature and Practice - Mon-Fri (8am-5pm) this summer - Taught by SEBTS prof. - Taught at GLINK location

- The MDiv is a 90 hour degree. Additional classes needed to complete the MDiv that are not included in this curriculum map: HEB5110- Hebrew 1, HEB5120- Hebrew 2, GRK5110- Biblical Greek 1, GRK5120- Biblical Greek 2, HIS5110- Church History: Patristic, Medieval, and Pre-Reformation, HIS5120- Church History: Reformation and Modern, PRS6100- Bible Exposition, and three 3 hour elective classes
- For one of the 3 hour elective classes, students are required to take PRS 6500 Sermon Delivery or another 3 hr. communication course (e.g., PHI 7550 Critical Thinking. Women are encouraged to take CED 6270 Women & Communication).
- You are only allowed to take 9 hrs worth of Practicum. Once you use up your Practicum hours you can replace that course with a PMN6591 Supervised Field Ministry or another elective class.

4-Year MA in Christian Studies Curriculum Map

	Fall	Spring	Summer
Year 1 9 Hrs	BTI5100 Hermeneutics - Anderson Extension - 4 Weekdays (7am-7pm) - Taught by SEBTS prof.	HIS 5130 Baptist History - Anderson Extension - 4 Weekdays (7am-7pm) - Taught by SEBTS prof.	*ETH 5100 Introduction to Christian Ethics - Mon-Fri (8am-5pm) in the summer - Taught by SEBTS prof.
Year 2 9 Hrs	OTS5110 Old Testament: Pentateuch and Former Prophets - Anderson Extension - 4 Weekdays (7am-7pm) - Taught by SEBTS prof.	OTS5120 Old Testament: Latter Prophets and Hagiographa - Anderson Extension - 4 Weekdays (7am-7pm) - Taught by SEBTS prof.	*MIS5100 Christian Missions: Principles and Practice - Mon-Fri (8am-5pm) in the summer - Taught by SEBTS prof.
Year 3 9 Hrs	NTS 5110 New Testament: Jesus and the Gospels - Anderson Extension - 4 Weekdays (7am-7pm) - Taught by SEBTS prof.	NT 5120 New Testament: Acts, Epistles, and Revelation - Anderson Extension - 4 Weekdays (7am-7pm) - Taught by SEBTS prof.	THE6130 Christian Theology III - Mon-Fri (8am-5pm) in the summer - Taught by SEBTS prof.
Year 4 9 Hrs	THE 6110 Christian Theology I - Anderson Extension - 4 Weekdays (7am-7pm) - Taught by SEBTS prof.	THE 6120 Christian Theology II - Anderson Extension - 4 Weekdays (7am-7pm) - Taught by SEBTS prof. * PHI 5100 Christian Philosophy - Online/hybrid or Anderson Extension	*EVA5100 Evangelism: Nature and Practice - Mon-Fri (8am-5pm) in the summer - Taught by SEBTS prof.

- It's possible for an MA student to complete their degree in 2 years while doing GLINK
- *Take either MIS5100 and EVA5100 and then audit the other course online to receive credit for MIS5000 (Introduction to Great Commission Studies)
- *Take either ETH5100 (Introduction to Christian Ethics) or PHI5100 (Christian Philosophy: Worldview, Western Thought, and Apologetics)
- You must take GEN7530 (MA Research Project)
- Map begins with EVA5100 in Year 4