

## CHRISTIAN ESSAY

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### PURPOSE

Written communication has always been an important means of teaching and admonishing Christians. Since the time inspired authors gave instruction until the modern journals and publications of today, clear ideas presented skillfully have made lasting impressions on the hearts and minds of those who wish to learn the meaning of God's will.

This event challenges individuals to use the written word to communicate God's message. Their writing content, style, and message should reflect a respect for the importance and value of communicating God's message in written form.

### PROCESS

**Each participant will:**

- Write an article reflecting some aspect of the current year's LTC theme.
- Make the essay length 250-500 words.
- Mail **four copies** of the essay and one cover sheet to your Church Coordinator.
- Church Coordinator will collect all essays, make sure each has a cover page, and mail as a bundle using a trackable shipping method to the Event Coordinator on or before **March 1, 2018**.

**The Event Coordinator will:**

- Send a confirmation of receipt of essay to the Church Coordinator.
- Fill out top portion of judging forms with name, grade, and congregation of participant.
- Organize the essays for judging.
- Provide a Judge's Score Sheet for each essay for the three Judges.
- Compile judging sheets and assign award category G, S, B, P.
- Mail all judging sheets, comment sheets, a copy of each essay with its cover sheet, and award recommendations to the Award Entry Coordinator **March 15, 2018**.
- Essays will be displayed at the Convention.

### RULES

1. The essay length is to be 250 to 500 words. Essays over or under this amount will receive a 5-point penalty for every 25-word infringement of the length rule.
2. In the beginning of the paper, the current year's LTC theme should be introduced. The thesis statement should be clearly stated and supported by three to five points in the body of the paper. The essay should be ended by reaching a reasonable conclusion sustained by the previous points.
3. The essay must be typewritten, double-spaced. For students sixth grade or younger, handwritten work is admissible. It must be, in the minds of the judges, legible and neatly presented.
4. The essay must contain no identifying marks (see Submission of Essays, paragraph below), but should start with the title and be followed by the text.
5. Copies of an oratory speech will not be accepted as an essay.
6. Adult assistance should be limited to discussing the theme and its application to today's lifestyles.

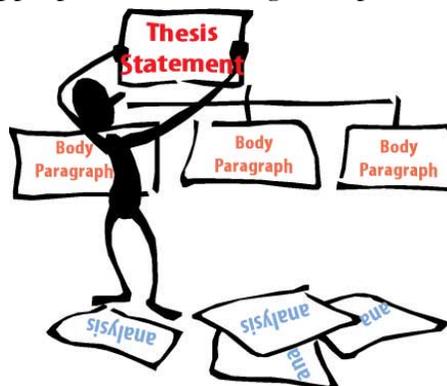
7. Paperclip ONE cover sheet to the FOUR copies of the essay. The format for the cover sheet is under “Submission of Essays” below.
8. There are five grade categories for the event:
  - Grades 3-4
  - Grades 5-6
  - Grades 7-8
  - Grades 9-10
  - Grades 11-12
9. Each higher-grade category should demonstrate more effective use of the written word.
10. Penalty will be taken if word limit is exceeded or not reached and may result in a change of the award.

## SUBMISSION OF ESSAYS

1. ONE typed cover sheet should be in the following format:
  - Name
  - Grade
  - Congregation
  - Congregation Address
  - Congregation Phone Number
  - Name of Church Coordinator
  - Church Coordinator Email Address
  - Title of Composition
2. Essays are to be gathered by the Church Coordinator.
3. Essays are to be sent to the Christian Essay Coordinator at the address at the top of these instructions. Essays are to be postmarked by March 1, 2018.
4. Essays may be sent via email to the coordinator.
5. All materials that are submitted for judging become the property of LTC. It is understood that LTC reserves the right to use materials for promotion, instruction, or any other manner deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

## AWARDS

1. There will be three Judges. Comment sheets will be provided for each participant in the Take Home Packet.
2. Participants will be assigned a Gold, Silver, Bronze, or Participation Rating based upon the judges scores and will receive an appropriate-colored engraved plate for the individual’s award plaque.





<b>Leadership Training for Christ Christian Essay Judge's Form</b>	Name:
	Church:
	Grade:
<b>Theme:</b> Use of assigned theme. The essay should blend creatively with the parameters of the theme.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Below Average <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Work    Comment:	
<b>Language:</b> Use of the English Language. Word usage, spelling, and grammar.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Below Average <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Work    Comment:	
<b>Structure of the Essay:</b> The LTC theme should be clearly introduced in the beginning of the paper.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Below Average <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Work    Comment:	
<b>Thesis:</b> The thesis statement should be clearly seen.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Below Average <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Work    Comment:	
<b>Conclusion:</b> The essay should be closed by a conclusion sustained by the previous materials.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Below Average <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Work    Comment:	
<b>Readability:</b> This area concerns relevance to today, pagination, absence of typographical errors, and the ability to hold the reader's interest	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Below Average <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Work    Comment:	
<b>Mood:</b> The essay's theme, points, and conclusions are enhanced by proper use of humor, personal stories, and illustrations.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Below Average <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Work    Comment:	
<b>Thoughts:</b> The work should clearly be seen as the writer's thoughts and expression rather than a collection of the thoughts of others.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Below Average <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Work    Comment:	
<b>Penalties:</b> Exceeds or does not achieve word limit.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Penalty    Comment:	
<b>Additional Comments may be written on the back of this form.</b>	
<b>FOR USE ONLY BY THE EVENT COORDINATOR:</b>	
<b>G   S   B   P</b>	
<b>Judges Name:</b>	