



Dear Soulforce Local Group Leader Applicant,

We are pleased that you are interested in becoming a Soulforce Local Group leader. Participating in Soulforce activities, particularly as a leader, offers both challenges and rewards involving the wonderful power of spiritual renewal and the transformation of hearts and minds.

Soulforce work (relentless nonviolent resistance) is a journey that requires all of us to look at our emotional, physical, and spiritual lives in ways which hold us accountable for our thoughts, feelings and actions. We are challenged to make choices in our lives that far exceed the accepted ways of “being” in our culture.

The Soulforce, Inc. Local Groups Committee takes this work very seriously and understands the difficulty required in developing and sustaining a local group based on the philosophy and principles of Soulforce. At the same time, we are aware that “soul force” principles are essential to the transformation of GLBT, as well as to the treatment of GLBT in faith communities and society. Utilizing the Soulforce mission and principles as the basis for the work of the local groups provides our greatest opportunity for success. We believe that the local group leader is crucial to the success of the group they lead. In order to preserve the integrity of Soulforce and assist local group development we need to know as much as we can about potential local group leaders and their plans for group formation and development. To that end we have developed the local group application and interview process.

We challenge ourselves to check egos at the door and will request the same of you. There are a number of things we will want to know about you. We want to know that you are a committed activist or likely to become one, that you know and understand your community and have its respect, that you have accumulated leadership skills, that you can work in a team, that you have learned to live and act nonviolently, and that you can teach and inspire others to do the same. Due to the high public profile of this position, it is important that you are out as a gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or allied individual; it requires that you be comfortable with yourself and the various situations which you might encounter.

The forms and questionnaire which follow will help us gain confidence in you. There are no right or wrong answers on the questionnaire. We want to know where you have been, where you are now, and where you want to be. Leadership involvement with Soulforce offers tremendous opportunities for growth and renewal.

Please fill out the forms and answer the questions as honestly as you can, being true to yourself and taking time to consider all your answers. Your past will not count against you; it is your journey and where you are today that is important.

Come grow with us!

Sincerely,

Soulforce Inc., Local Groups Committee

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