



CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE FORM

From Past EHMA Graduate, Pastor, Priest or Minister

This section to be completed by Applicant first

Applicant Name Surname

Qualifications and courses or pastoral study undertaken by the applicant:.....

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Signature Date

This section to be completed by Referee

The above applicant has applied for enrolment as a student at an Elijah House Ministries Keys to Transformation Course (see information attached). We would appreciate your views as to their potential to successfully complete this training. Further information about Keys to Transformation Courses is available on our website, or by phoning the Registrar on the number below, or the Resource Centre on 07 5492 8588. Thank you for taking the time to complete this reference.

Who should attend? People in the health professions, Christian counsellors, pastors, those in pastoral ministry, social workers, church leaders, those who wish to gain spiritual development for themselves, and those who may wish to use their experience to become skilled helpers within the Body of Christ.

Referee Details - Title.....Name..... Surname

Address

Referee's Church Church Phone.....

(If referral comes from a graduate, there is no need to complete church details)

1 How long have you known the applicant?..... In what capacity?

2 Is the applicant involved in prayer ministry or counselling in their church? Yes No

3 Is the applicant currently under any psychological or psychiatric care? Yes No

If so, please comment.

As this is a very challenging course, Elijah House Ministries needs to be aware of any mental health issues. If the applicant is receiving treatment, a recommendation would be required from their practitioner.

Please comment below (and over the page if more room is required) on the applicant's suitability and Christian maturity, and how you believe the course would benefit them or your Church community.

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Concerning the applicant attending the Keys to Transformation Training Course:

I recommend

I do not recommend

I recommend with reservation
(Please state reasons on reverse of page)

Referee Signature Date

Referee to return form to:

Name Phone

Address

REFEREE INFORMATION

Elijah House Ministries Australia is a non-profit interdenominational Christian organisation committed to influencing our culture through the Word of God, teaching and prayer within the local Christian church and other organisations.

Elijah House ministry is founded in the Word of God and grounded in a set of Christian core values and beliefs. The ministry offers training, seminars and courses, providing information, books, and multimedia materials to assist in the realisation of its mission and aims.

Mission

To call and equip God's people in prayer ministry to heal relationships.

AIMS

To serve the wider church

- by providing prayer ministry teaching and training based on that of John and Paula Sandford as expressed through Elijah House Inc (USA).
- by providing an understanding of why we experience difficulties in our lives and relationships.
- by providing an understanding of prayer ministry as a means of overcoming the difficulties experienced in our lives and relationships.
- by training Elijah House Ministries Australia graduates to provide prayer ministry to the wider church and/or be leaders and team members for Elijah House Ministries Australia.

To provide core materials that....

- have a strong biblical foundation
- speak to the contemporary Christian church and culture
- address current issues

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Teachings

The teaching curriculum for each of the seven Units of the course consists of 6 presentations, together with daily prayer ministry in ministry groups. The presentations feature John and Paula Sandford and trained Elijah House Inc (USA) and Australian teachers. An overview of some of the foundational teachings follows.

Biblical Basis of Elijah House Ministry

The fundamental laws of God are written into the universe and affect our lives as surely as gravity. We are all subject to these laws whether or not we believe them. When we transgress them, we set in motion forces that must be reaped by simple, impersonal law — law that is absolute and eternal. In our sinful responses to wounding, we begin early to develop patterns of behaviour that cause us to reap in adulthood the very thing we hate. We sow and reap in kind. We judge and do more of the same. We honour or dishonour, and in the area of life in which we dishonour, life will not go well with us. The pain we reap often seems out of proportion to the harm we have done, but Scripture clearly states the principle of increase.

Bitter Roots

This teaching reveals the depth and power of bitter root judgment, the driving force behind the recurring patterns of trouble and/or destruction in our lives. The power of bitter roots comes from the unchangeable laws of God, which cause us to reap in kind what we have sown. Bitter root judgments are far more powerful than bitter root expectancies. Judgments operate by God's laws; whereas repeated incidents form patterns of expectancy which operate only on the psychological level. Both judgments and expectancies rob us of the abundant life Jesus came to give us.

Accomplishing Forgiveness

This teaching makes the necessity of forgiveness clear. We learn how resentments become lodged in the heart and, once entrenched, require a work of God's grace to be removed. The main stumbling blocks to forgiveness are misconceptions of what it means to forgive. Forgiveness is surrendering to Jesus our right to hold a judgment against someone who has sinned against us. Forgiveness does not justify sin or remove accountability from those who have hurt us, nor does it mean that we must act as though nothing has happened. Forgiving lets God be the judge and jury and frees us from the burden of holding the resentment and requiring justice.

Honouring Father and Mother

In Hebrew, “kabod” or honour means to make glorious; in Greek, it is “timee”: to place high value or price upon. Giving honour to our parents is a God-given command (Exodus 20:12). This teaching explores its meaning and outworking. The law of honouring affects our lives powerfully and completely. For prayer ministers, the absolute reliability of God's law is protection against deception (Hebrews 4:12). Through the Holy Spirit and the Word, we help people recognise the excuses, rationalisations and smokescreens they use to justify sin.

Hearts of Stone and Inner Vows

This teaching discusses the condition of a heart of stone. We form hearts of stone early in childhood as a defence to pain. Hearts of stone give rise to and are further cemented by judgments, expectancies and vows, making us the loneliest people in the world – even in the midst of friends. We have already looked at the power of roots of bitterness to defile us and others, and to keep us from knowing the love of God. Our judgments will often give rise to determinations of the mind and heart called inner vows. We make inner vows in order to exert control over our lives, but like the bitter root judgments they are born from, they actually control and defile us and others.