

CAN I KEEP MY CURRENT POSITION AND ONLY TRAVEL OCCASIONALLY?

FAQ

Yes. You may be currently serving a congregation as a pastor or assistant pastor. Or, you may be a late-career business leader with a somewhat flexible schedule, or a teacher (at whatever level) with the ability to travel in the summer, or take a sabbatical. ELI allows you to serve to whatever extent you are available. At the same time, serving with ELI will likely refresh your vision of God's Kingdom, which will benefit your students or congregation.



WHAT IF I HAVE SITUATIONS THAT LIMIT MY ABILITY TO TRAVEL?

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While ELI's core strategy has involved travel to various locations to conduct in-person conferences, seminars, and coaching, it has begun to supplement this strategy with video-conferencing technology (such as Zoom). Most ELI partnerships include courses taught via Zoom (or similar technology), which creates opportunities for those unable to travel to participate in teaching.



**I AM ORDAINED IN MY
DENOMINATION. CAN I RECEIVE A
“LETTER OF CALL” FOR MY WORK
WITH ELI?**

FAQ

Yes. If you are ordained and you need a “Letter of Call” so that your ordaining body can approve your work with ELI while maintaining your ordination status, ELI will produce such a letter as part of your “on-boarding” process.



DO ALL ELI FACULTY AND STAFF RAISE SUPPORT?

FAQ

Yes. All ELI faculty and staff, whether volunteer, part-time, adjunct, or full-time are “self-funded.” That is, they are responsible to raise (or otherwise provide for) their salary, benefits, and ministry expenses. Full-time and part-time faculty are provided an ELI account to which donors contribute, and from which ELI disburses salary payments and ministry expense reimbursements.



WHAT IS “RAISING SUPPORT” AND CAN I DO IT?

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“Raising support,” as it is most commonly known, is developing a team of “ministry partners” (think of “partnership in the gospel,” Philippians 1:5). A ministry partner commits to participate with you through prayer, encouragement, financial support, and possibly even co-teaching.

Your responsibility is to share the story and extend the invitation. The Spirit motivates the giver and the gift. Therefore, yes, you absolutely CAN raise support; in fact, it is a Kingdom privilege.



HOW MUCH SUPPORT SHOULD I EXPECT TO RAISE?

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The amounts raised vary from person to person, depending on stage of life and particular circumstances. Some relevant questions are: Will you need to raise your salary and benefits? What will you and your family need each month for this stage of your life to meet your financial obligations?

Here is a ballpark figure for ministry expenses:

- Travel Expenses for a 2-week trip: \$1800-2800 roundtrip (as of May 2022);
- In-country expenses for a 2-week trip (lodging, meals, transportation, conference expenses): \$2000-4000 per conference or seminar (varies, depending on how many attendees are expected. You, along with other teachers at an event, usually cover the cost of the conference for all participants.)

Most full-time faculty who raise salary, benefits, and ministry expenses have an initial monthly goal of \$10,000 (as of May 2022).



DO YOU PROVIDE TRAINING AND SUPPORT FOR RAISING SUPPORT?

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Yes. Through a partnership with Support Raising Solutions, ELI provides resources, training, and support through the support-raising process. Beginning with the book, “The God Ask,” followed by the on-line “Foundations” course, and then the weekend long “Support Raising Bootcamp,” we provide training. Support Raising Solutions also provides a number of helpful print and linked resources to give you a head start, and ELI staff are available to answer questions and provide encouragement along the way.



WHAT WILL MY FIRST YEAR LOOK LIKE?

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This depends on the level of your involvement. New full-time faculty members begin by raising some amount of salary and benefits, along with ministry expenses (travel, conference/seminar expenses, etc.). This means most of your first year will be focused on developing your support team. It will likely also include teaching by Zoom, and possibly traveling once or twice, to give you an experience of the work, and to help you communicate more effectively with potential supporters.

Part-Timers, and Volunteers who are self-funded or only raising funds for ministry expenses, will likely be able to teach and travel within a few months of “settling into” the work with ELI.



IS THERE A SET CURRICULUM?

FAQ

Yes. Over the years ELI's faculty has developed its curriculum in the context of active training partnerships. This curriculum has come to function as the foundation and framework for ELI's training content.



CAN I DEVELOP AND TEACH MY OWN CLASSES?

FAQ

Yes. While ELI has developed a foundational curriculum, we recognize and encourage the various gifts within ELI as part of God's continuing provision for His mission through ELI. ELI does have formatting and theological guidelines to help in the development and implementation of additional courses.



CAN I USE MATERIAL FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS?

FAQ

ELI's curriculum has been developed organically over time in the context of early partnerships. The curriculum has now come to serve as the foundation for our training partnerships. Most faculty use the ELI curriculum as their core, but it may be supplemented with material from partnering organizations (for example, MINTS or ThirdMill), or materials which they develop themselves in cooperation with the national partner.



WHAT IS TEACHING BY “ZOOM” LIKE?

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The experience of teaching over Zoom or comparable tools varies from place to place, depending on availability of technology in the target country. Using Zoom requires significant forethought, planning, and intentionality. Producing effective slides to support and amplify the content is a discipline that benefits both teacher and student alike. Developing student-centered activities and small group discussion ahead of time helps to bring focus to the teacher’s presentation and to the students’ attention and participation.



CAN I VISIT A “ZOOM” CLASS?

FAQ

Yes! Email Daniel Gilchrist, Director of Recruitment, at dgilchrist@equippingleadersinternational.org with your name and email address. He will find several upcoming Zoom classes for you to choose from.

