



### **A-School Information**

Thank you for your request to apply for **A-school** Salvation Army Stratford, Corner of Fenton and Juliet Streets, Stratford, Taranaki 4332. Your details remain confidential to EHNZ.

The dates for this level A-School are 20 - 24 May 2024, 9am – 5pm daily.

The lectures are arranged in sequence, for spiritual and training purposes, so it is important that you plan to attend the whole course. The small group interaction/ministry time is also vital to the course. There are also short assignments to complete each evening to help you review the day's teachings – **so it is advisable not to have other commitments in the evening** during the school.

Please read through the forms and forward the pastoral reference onto your leader to return directly to [admin@elijahhouse.org.nz](mailto:admin@elijahhouse.org.nz). Note: When you applied online you were sent a link to the pastoral reference form and letter (please check your spam folder for this).

Once we have received the pastoral forms, we will be able to process your application before we confirm your acceptance for the school. This process is in order to ensure that those who attend are ready and able to receive the teaching and training which occurs, and to provide spiritual and emotional safety for you and the other students on the school. Acceptance of applicants will be at the discretion of the School Facilitator and in some instances a personal interview may be requested of you.

**COST:** \$300 or a discounted cost \$550 if attending both A & B-schools at the same location in the same calendar year.

A \$50 deposit is required once we confirm your place. Payment to be made online (see below). NB: please reference your initials, surname, A-School and region.

**Note:** Payment of the balance. The remaining \$250 payment is due by the commencement of the school week. Full payment can be made when paying the deposit, if that is preferred.

**Bank details:**

EH School Taranaki, TSB. **Account No' 15-3942-0879702-00**

We have outlined some of the history of Elijah House, the school schedule, expectations, and outcomes when graduating.

To gain additional understanding of the principles of prayer ministry being taught we recommend you read the books listed in the "recommended reading."

The Elijah House training in prayer ministry was founded by John and Paula Sandford. The basic schools have been in operation in the USA since 1975.

The first school was run in New Zealand in 1996, and EHNZ was officially founded in 1998.



The schools are a combination of live teaching and DVD.

Each School contains the following elements (hours are an approximate):

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| • Worship                     | 30 min    | = | 2 ½ hours |
| • 12 -13 lectures             | 1 hour    | = | 12 hours  |
| • 1-2 ministry demonstrations | 1 ½ hours | = | 3 hours   |
| • 5 small group sessions      | 2 hours   | = | 10 hours  |

Plus, breaks and an hour for lunch.

Morning and afternoon tea is provided. Lunch is not provided.

Homework can take up to 1-2 hours per evening.

Comprehensive manuals are provided on the first day of the school.

Bring additional note paper and a pen.

Each student who completes A-school receives a Certificate of Completion. This qualifies them to apply for or attend B-School. When A and B have been completed you can apply for either C and D at your preference.

***Note: the completion of an Elijah House NZ school does not qualify you to be 'counsellor/prayer minister' of Elijah House NZ or any other international Elijah House.***

The school lessons can be purchased on USB after the completion of the school. Order via the Elijah House website or contact [admin@elijahhouse.org.nz](mailto:admin@elijahhouse.org.nz)

We also warmly invite you to provide feedback and testimony of your school experience.

We look forward to receiving your application for processing.

**Kevin Hight**

EHNZ National Director



### Recommended reading A-school

Topic	Book
Biblical Basis of Elijah House	Transforming the Inner Man, chapters 1-2, 6
Ingredients of Christian Prayer Ministry	Transforming the Inner Man, chapters 4, 7
Bitter Roots	Transforming the Inner Man, chapters 1, 8
Accomplishing Forgiveness	Transforming the Inner Man, chapter 5 Restoring the Christian Family chapter 19
Repentance & Restitution	Transforming the Inner Man, chapter 6
Honouring Father & Mother	Transforming the Inner Man, chapter 4
How we See God	Transforming the Inner Man, chapter 2
Basic Trust	Growing Pains, chapters 3-4
Performance Orientation	Transforming the Inner Man, chapter 3
Parental Inversion & Substitute Mate	Letting Go of Your Past, chapter 2
Hearts of Stone & Inner Vows	Growing Pains, chapters 6-7
Identifications of Love	God's Power to Change, chapters 5-6 Letting Go of Your Past, chapters 4-5
Recognition of Fruit to Root Patterns	Transforming the Inner Man, chapter 7 Restoring the Christian Family, chapter 1

**Note:** The above books are all authored by John Loren Sandford unless otherwise stated.



## **A School Curriculum Description**

### **Biblical Basis of Elijah House Ministry**

God has written His fundamental laws into the universe from the beginning of time. They are absolute and eternal, and affect our lives as surely as gravity. They operate whether we believe them or not. This lesson outlines the four major laws of God that Elijah House Prayer Ministry is based upon. We briefly explain how they apply in our lives, but each will be taught in greater depth during other lessons.

### **Ingredients of Ministry**

Prayer ministry is a Holy Spirit-led process that involves the following ingredients: recognition and confession of sin, repentance, forgiveness, reckoning sinful habits as dead on the cross, comfort, prayer, discipline to walk in a new way, support from small groups, and when necessary, deliverance. Though all are essential, the order and presence of each element during ministry is directed by the Holy Spirit. Prayer, spoken aloud with the person, is at the centre of the ministry process.

### **Bitter Roots**

Bitter root judgments are powerful driving forces behind many recurring patterns of trouble and destruction in our lives. Discover in this lesson how they work together with God's unchangeable law of "sowing and reaping" to reap in kind what we have sown. Learn also how bitter root expectancies, which operate on the psychological level, also rob us of the abundant life Jesus came to give us.

### **Basic Trust**

Basic trust is the first and foremost stage of human development. Without basic trust, each succeeding stage of human development is hindered. Learn how failure to acquire basic trust affects us throughout our adult lives, impacting our ability to relate to God and others.

### **Forgiveness**

This lesson 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 remove. We discover the main stumbling blocks to forgiveness and how to let God be the judge and jury, freeing us from the burden of holding the resentment and requiring justice.

### **Repentance and Restitution**

Repentance is more than simply being sorry. In this lesson we look at the distinctions between remorse, Saulish repentance (fear of the consequences), and Davidic repentance (true sorrow for grieving the Lord). In addition, we look at restitution, God's strategy for helping us to come to full repentance, restore trust in relationships, and write the cost of sin on our hearts.



### **Honouring Father and Mother**

In Hebrew, “honour” *orkabod*, means ‘to make glorious’; in Greek, it is *ti-me*: ‘to place high value or price upon’. The law of honouring affects our lives more powerfully than we realise. To honour your father and mother is the 5th commandment, and the first one with a promise—“that life would go well with you.” But who can honour parents who are abusive, addicted to drugs or alcohol, or have broken our trust? This powerful lesson brings godly balance and understanding to honouring our parents.

### **How We See God**

How can we see an invisible God? In this lesson we discover how fathers and mothers model a picture of God for us. We learn to “see” what God is like by what they say and do. Over time, we form judgments and expectations, which distort what God is really like, as if we are looking at Him through “tinted spectacles.” We learn how we can see God more clearly.

### **Performance Orientation**

Performance orientation is a term that refers neither to the work we do nor the things we accomplish, but to the false motives, which propel us to do what we do. Once we bring performance orientation to death, we can find worth or value in who we are, not just in what we do. We may do exactly the same work in much the same way, but from entirely different reasons. In this lesson we explore the roots, identify the symptoms and examine the damage this problem causes.

### **Parental Inversion and Substitute Mate**

Parental inversion and substitute mate describes the false identity children take on when a parent is unable or unwilling to fulfil his/her parental role. The parentally inverted child will carry the weight of care and responsibility meant for the father or mother. The role of substitute mate is a more serious type of parental inversion, where a parent relies inappropriately on a child for emotional comfort, as a confidant, and in severe cases, for physical satisfaction. Learn in this lesson the destructive impact these false roles or identities have later in life and how healing and restoration is accomplished.

### **Heart of Stone and Inner Vows**

Inner vows are promises made to oneself early in life and then often forgotten. They act as directives that control our responses to situations and people around us. It is out of our inner vows that a “heart of stone” is formed. This is a powerful lesson, exposing the lie that we can protect ourselves from hurt by withdrawing inside these false protective mechanisms.



### **Identifications of Love**

Identifications of love are those words, gestures, actions and attitudes we interpret as love from others. Learn how these “packages” become idols that define and limit our idea of what true love is to us. When we demand these “packages” of love from those around us, we practice unregenerate love, denying ourselves the full joy in giving and receiving true love.

### **Recognition of Fruit to Root**

We will see the importance of listening and establishing the trust necessary to allow people to share their lives. Sensitive listening occurs in three ways; we listen with our minds; with our empathic personal spirits; and with an ear to what God wants to tell us. Our listening results in information gathering which will lead us to areas of woundedness, helping us to recognise fruit to root patterns.



### **Statement of Faith**

The Holy Spirit has led Elijah House to believe fully in the simple orthodoxy of the major creeds of the faith – the Apostles’ and Nicene Creeds, the Augustinian and Wesleyan Confessions, etc. This means that for us the Lord Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God the Father that He died on the cross for our redemption, was raised again, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He has given us His Holy Spirit and the gift of the Spirit that we might serve Him and His Kingdom. We believe we are called to be faithful members of His Church regularly attending worship and submitted under the care and covering of pastors and elders. To us, the mission of the Church is all-important – to evangelize, teach and heal until He returns. Therefore Elijah House remains orthodox in all respects, that we might be a faithful part of His mission to prepare God’s children to live in fellowship with the Father throughout eternity.

In response to the dual mandates of Malachi 4:5, 6 and Matthew 17:11, which is the mission of Elijah House, we are called to be instruments of writing, teaching, counselling and healing. We believe all teaching and healing is an expression of the love and mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ. Neither teaching nor healing is something we do, but rather the work of the Holy Spirit. This is especially true in inner healing – the internal cleansing of our “vessel” by the Holy Spirit.

“Inner healing” is a misnomer and not a term of our choosing. Healing seems to imply that something is broken, so we need to repair it. But God does not intend to fix us – to put new patches on old garments. He means to slay us on His cross and raise us anew in Him. As prayer counsellors, this calls us to constant death of “self” on the cross in order that we not lay practiced programmes on people, but attempt to allow the Holy Spirit to write His lessons in the hearts of His children. He is putting His laws in our minds, and writing them deep in our hearts.

“Inner healing” is the application of the blood, cross, and resurrection life of our Lord Jesus Christ to deep wounds and practices in our hearts, setting us free to walk as God intended when He created us. These are applied by counsel and prayer, but it is prayer which is the basis of all our ministry.

“Inner healing” is actually sanctification and transformation. Sanctification is the process in which the Holy Spirit brings us daily to more and more death of self on the cross and to newness of life in Him. Transformation is the process of sanctification in which the Holy Spirit transforms all our degradations to glory, our weakness to strengths, and our deserts to gardens of blessing.

This means Satan has won no victories whatsoever. Romans 8:28 is true – God causes all things to work together for good to those who are called according to His purpose.



Therefore, we are not problem-centred, nor do we attempt or want to change our life history. We allow the Holy Spirit to change history's effects in our lives so all areas of our lives can be cherished and valued as we are changed by Christ from one degree of glory to another into His likeness (2 Corinthians 3:18) Elijah House is called to "leaven the lump" until all of the Church is better equipped (Ephesians 4:12) as His instrument for the sanctification and transformation of God's children, and until the Church stands in unity of purpose and faith, prepared and glorified as the Bride of the Lord for His return.

By **John Loren Sandford**,  
Co-founder, Elijah House, Inc.





Copy of Liability Waiver (copy for your reference)

As a condition and in consideration of my acceptance into the training for Prayer Ministry offered by Elijah House New Zealand I understand and agree to the Following

I understand that the training programme and school is an intensive course based on Christian principles and that it may touch some personal issues in my life as I am instructed and participate in small group interaction. I verify I am attending this course of my own volition for the purpose of receiving training and understanding of the Biblical principles involved and not primarily to receive personal ministry or healing for any issues that I am aware of or that may arise. As such I hereby indemnify and hold Elijah House staff, instructors, volunteers, supervisors, group leaders or any other persons involved in the course free and blameless, and free from any liability whatsoever for any personal responses to the teaching or small group involvement that may arise during the course.

I acknowledge, by my signature below, that this is not a counselling course or designed to train counsellors and that if I have significant personal issues requiring counselling, I will seek appropriate counselling prior to undertaking the Prayer Ministry Course to assist me to determine the suitability of this course for me. In the event that I am currently in counselling regarding personal issues, I certify that I have discussed with my counsellor my interest in taking this training course and neither of us sees any reason for me to refrain from my participation in such training, and I am willing to have my counsellor or Pastor contacted by Elijah House to discuss this should Elijah House request it.

I submit my application to Elijah House New Zealand on this basis and agree to abide by the determination of Elijah House personnel or their representatives as to the suitability of my participation in the training. I hereby agree to indemnify and hold Elijah House New Zealand harmless and free from liability in all respects regarding costs, time, travel, accommodations or any other incidental should the Prayer Ministry Course be cancelled or altered in any way, or I am denied acceptance, or if I am requested to discontinue the course at any stage.

With the above considerations in mind, I prayerfully and carefully enter into this Prayer Ministry Training seeking to receive all that God has for me in serving as well as being served, in ministering as well as being ministered to, so that I may become better equipped "for the work of the service, to the building up of the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12).