



TEC has a goal - to change the world, to remake the world in Christ. TEC means "Teens Encounter Christ." It is a movement of personal Christian renewal within the church. TEC is presented as a united effort of laypersons and clergy to aid congregations in the development of young Christian leaders.

A TEC retreat is an encounter with Christ in which the participant becomes part of a community abounding in God's grace. It enhances and strengthens our personal relationship with Christ, with our Christian brothers and sisters and with our Christian community. A TEC retreat is coming face to face with Christ.

It is important to view the process of TEC as a movement and not as an organization. TEC does not work directly with the problems of the church and society; it works to form a group of young people who can deal with these problems.

During the three days of the TEC weekend, participants live together, study together, play together and communicate with one another in order to gain a deep, permanent living awareness of their faith and responsibility that such a deep awareness involves.

The effectiveness of the retreat proceeds from the natural means used (talks, discussion, songs, worship, hands-on activities, laughter, fellowship, etc.) in combination with the grace of God. TEC recognizes the need for helping and supporting each other, the Christian community, and this is the manner in which the movement is structured.



TEC is centered around seventeen talks with five of them given by pastors and twelve given by young people who are part of a team, who have previously attended a TEC retreat and who have had weeks of leadership training. The talks deal with the practical aspects of living one's life in God's grace. After each talk, the participants discuss the main points of the talk in small groups. The atmosphere in the retreat weekend is intended to resemble the early Christian community.

In short, the person who attends a retreat should recognize that being a Christian involves responsibility as well as privilege. The retreat is open to young men and women who are fourteen or in ninth grade and older. College age youth and adults are welcome and serve a vital part of the retreat.

After the retreat, participants are expected to do two things: (1) expand their own inner spiritual life and (2) become more active disciples of Christ. This 'after' activity of the retreat is known as 'Beyond TEC' and is actually the balance of your life on earth.

Perseverance is part of any method of renewal. In the TEC movement, the community spirit is continued after the three days through activities called community events. These community events are strictly voluntary but are encouraged as a part of continued renewal.

It is hoped that participants will become more effective leaders in their home congregations and youth groups as a result of their TEC experiences.



Some comments from Participants:

"TEC is an unexplainable internal experience that creates a new relationship with Christ, with new friends, and an entire family of people who support and love you unconditionally. Jesus speaks to each and every person on the weekend and each one with an open heart is touched by the power of God's grace and love."
- a Teen

"TEC has been a life-changing experience for me. It has provided me with a great opportunity to grow in my faith and walk with God while meeting others who are doing the same. I encourage anyone to go who wants to grow closer to God and who wants to meet others with that same goal."
- a Teen

"In my years of working with TEC, I am convinced that this is one of the most powerful and effective tools available to strengthen faith, deepen spiritual disciplines, build community among faithful teens, and connect faith with their daily lives that is available to congregations in our area. I have witnessed this as a pastor sending youth; as a pastor working on TEC retreats with youth; and as a parent whose two children were very involved in TEC for several years."
- a Pastor



For further information, please visit our website - www.hihtec.org - or write us at Hand in Hand TEC, PO Box 35441, Charlotte, NC 28235-5441.





Hand in Hand TEC
Guest Application

Please print the following information: I wish to apply to be a guest at the HIH TEC weekend to be held:

___ January 16-19, 2009 (TEC # 47) (\$85.00)
___ September 5 -7, 2009(TEC # 48) (\$85.00)
Other date _____

(Weekends are usually held over Labor Day weekend and over Martin Luther King Day weekend each year)

Name _____
Address _____
City, ST, Zip _____
Phone # _____
Alt. Phone # _____
Email Address _____
Sex _____ Age _____ Birthdate _____
Church _____
Church City _____
Name of Parent(s) or Spouse _____
Parent Address (if different from guest) _____

Please tell us why you wish to attend a TEC weekend.

Do you know anyone else who will be attending the TEC weekend? _____

If yes, please tell us who _____



Are you disabled, on special medication, require a special diet or have any allergies?

Yes or No _____ If yes, please explain:

I promise to remain open to what the TEC experience has to offer.

Your Signature

For anyone under 18 or still in high school, we require a parent's signature indicating their approval that you participate in the TEC weekend.

Parent's Signature

I feel that this person is ready to attend a TEC weekend.

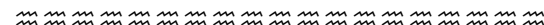
Your Pastor's Signature

Total Cost of the weekend is \$85.00. A non-refundable deposit of \$20.00 is due with your application. It will be returned only if the weekend of your choice is filled or cancelled. If that should happen, your application and deposit can be transferred to another weekend or will be refunded at your request.

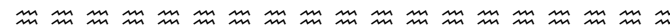
Please mail this application and your \$20 deposit to:

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The Dan Elder Scholarship Fund was set up to assist any person with financial difficulties who wishes to attend a TEC weekend. For more information or to apply, please go to www.hihtec.org and contact the Executive Director of HIH TEC.



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