

Progressive Adults Ministry  
Nineteenth Street Baptist Church  
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Washington, D.C. 20011

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## **Dear Prospective Mentor,**

We welcome you to the Progressive Adults Ministry, home of the Love Pal Program. Our ministry provides financial assistance and spiritual guidance to young church members who are pursuing college or university degrees from higher educational institutions throughout the United States.

## **About the Love Pal Mentors Program**

The Love Pal Mentors Program matches each Love Pal student with a dedicated mentor for the duration of their college years (up to five years). Mentors play a vital role in the ongoing success of our Love Pal Program. For over 33 years, this nurturing relationship has helped students stay focused on and achieve their educational goals. Our Love Pal Mentors serve as the bridge that maintains open communication between the Love Pals and our church family. Love Pal assignments are made each August.

## **Mentor Responsibilities**

As a Love Pal Mentor, you are expected to fulfill the following responsibilities:

1. Attend at least two scheduled Love Pal Mentor meetings.
2. Remind Love Pals to complete and return their (1) Collegiate Programs Application and (2) Love Pal Agreement of Participation forms, along with photos, to [Applications@19thstreetbc.org](mailto:Applications@19thstreetbc.org) by July 16, 2026. Ensure that direct deposit information is included.
3. Follow up on the receipt of bi-monthly stipends sent to your Love Pal. A student's failure to acknowledge receipt of the stipend may delay future payments.
4. Provide bi-monthly reports to the Love Pal Coordinator, Sandra Howell, at [eshowell@gmail.com](mailto:eshowell@gmail.com). These reports should include confirmation of funds received and updates on your student's progress.
5. Offer counsel and advice to your Love Pal as needed, maintaining contact through text messages, emails, letters, personal notes, and other means. Remember to acknowledge your Love Pal on special occasions throughout the year (such as birthdays, Valentine's Day, Easter, Christmas, etc.).
6. Serve as a bridge to maintain your Love Pal's connection with our church and church family.

## **Membership and Participation**

By choosing to become a Love Pal Mentor, you automatically become a member of the Progressive Adults Ministry and are invited to attend ministry meetings (held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month) and participate in outreach activities. The Zoom link for these meetings will be sent with the agenda.

Please acknowledge receipt of the above information by signing and dating this letter below.  
Return the completed agreement to Sandra Howell at [eshowell@gmail.com](mailto:eshowell@gmail.com).

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Signature/ Date

Thank you for your consideration of the Progressive Adults Ministry. Welcome aboard!

Virginia C. Lee, Chair

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