



Leader Ledger

L2L is pleased to present the Winter 2016 edition of the Leader Ledger! The Leader Ledger is designed to keep you updated on the latest L2L information. If you have any questions or want more information about anything you see in this newsletter, please [contact us](#).

Convention Registration Ends January 11

Have you registered to attend the 2016 convention? Hurry, the registration deadline is Monday, January 11 and all event participants must be registered by this date. Bible Bowl, Debate, and Puppet teams must be finalized by this date. All year-round and pre-convention events must also be registered and verified in the registration system by Jan. 11 so the L2L staff can place the final trophy order. Group leaders, please be sure to get everyone registered and hotel rooms requested before the rooms are all filled up!

Mass Media and Song Composition entries must be uploaded by Monday, January 11. [Click here](#) for detailed instructions on the file upload process.

The deadline for submission of **Scholarship Applications** is Monday, January 11. Mailed applications need to be postmarked by this date.

New Winners' Circle Speech Rules!

New for the 2016 convention, students in grades 10-12 for Winners' Circle Speech will draw for a topic and give an impromptu/extemporaneous speech after they give prepared speeches. Topics will be chosen from chapters 2, 10, and 13 of the 2016 Pearls Study Guide, *Who Do You Love?* You can order the book [online](#) or by calling the L2L National Service Center at (334) 215-0251.

This new procedure for Winners' Circle Speech is the same as in Winners' Circle Song Leading and Songs of Praise where participants draw a second song to show they can lead more than just a prepared song. With this addition to Winners' Circle Speech, participants will be able to show they can discuss topics from announced material they have studied. This prepares them to teach in their local congregations.

For a glance at other event changes for the 2016 convention, be sure to download an updated version of the [Convention Event Rulebook](#).

Convention T-shirts Now Available

Wear your 2016 convention shirt before convention! But hurry, the deadline for pre-convention delivery is **January 31**. After that you'll be able to purchase them at the t-shirt booth at each convention location. Also, if you want to order your shirt as part of your convention registration, your group leader will be able to pick it up at convention.



Hotel Tax Exempt Status

All groups, except for those attending the Atlanta convention, need to submit tax-exemption documentation to the hotels before February 22. See the [information page](#) for your convention site for details.

Attention Memphis Groups:

The L2L National Service Center was notified on January 6, 2016 of a tax increase on hotel rooms. The new rate is 17.75% (up from 15.95%). There is also a new Memphis Tourism Fee of \$2.00 per day for all hotel rooms that will be added after the taxes are applied. This increases the room rate by approximately \$4.00.

Louisville, Memphis and Nashville Room Blocks

All unblocked rooms in Louisville, Memphis and Nashville were released and made available to everyone on January 5. Remember that with the room block system that is in place, you should not cancel any room nights after January 15. Rooms or room nights that are dropped after this date will count against your starting block for 2017 unless you [email](#) the L2L National Service Center with details as to the emergency reason that changes or cancellations need to be made.

L2L Goes Global



Roy Johnson and Don Walker with L2L materials ready to be sent to the Philippines.

L2L will host its second international convention April 29-May 1! Don Walker and the Trenton, Ga. congregation are sponsoring part of this effort and taking materials to the Philippines to conduct a convention there, just weeks after the six conventions in the United States on Easter weekend.

This convention will take place a year after the first international L2L convention in Romania, which was sponsored by Gary Ezell of Jonesboro, Ark.

L2L is going global, and you can help! In an effort to help fund the remainder of the convention in the Philippines and other international conventions,

there is an option in the registration system for you to elect to sponsor an international convention attendee. There is a new check box on the student and adult registration pages that you can check to add \$40 to your registration. All of those funds will be used for L2L international efforts.

Sugar Land, Texas: 100th New Group of 2015



Congratulations to the congregation at Sugar Land, Texas for being the 100th new group to start an L2L program in 2015! We look forward to seeing all of our new (and old!) groups at convention in just a few weeks!