

Leadership



Pastor Elmer Murdoch

*Founder and Author of Step Up To Life
1927-2020*

Pastor "Doc" Murdoch was involved in Christian ministry for over 65 years. He pastored churches in Massachusetts, Ohio, Illinois and Nebraska. In Chicago, he succeeded Dr. A.W. Tozer. Though a pastor at heart, he was also an author, counselor, mentor and involved in radio and TV ministry. He pastored in the Christian and Missionary Alliance for over twenty years and then helped to establish Trinity Church in Omaha in 1975. Trinity grew from a handful of people to well over 3,000 and had a missions budget of over \$500K with a staff of 14 pastors.



Lincoln Murdoch

Executive Director

Lincoln is a fifth-generation pastor who has served the Lord in various roles working in churches, global missions and among unreached people groups. He has planted and led two churches and authored two books. He's been involved in vocational ministry for close to four decades. He has started international networks touching a wide variety of people from the poorest of the poor to athletes, missionaries and leaders in over 35 nations.

Lincoln has been married to his wife, Jennifer, for 43 years. They have two adult children and he actively competes in the sport of triathlon. He is a 14-time USA Triathlon All-American and a three-time National Champion.

Due to the personnel limitations at SUTL, and the growing requests from churches/pastors for the services listed, time/focus priority will be given to Affiliate Churches and their pastors/leaders when requests for services, counsel, teaching, mentoring, etc. are desired. SUTL is a faith-based, donor income ministry that relies on the gifts of individuals and churches to support the work.

If you, as a pastor, and your elders/board are interested in becoming an Affiliate Church with SUTL, please contact us for more information or with any questions.

**We'd LOVE to have your church become an
Affiliate Church with Step Up To Life!**

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Affiliate Churches

Step Up To Life[®]
by Elmer Murdoch

Providing transformational Christian
resources and training to followers
of Jesus around the world.

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What is an Affiliate?

Step Up To Life is blessed to have wonderful relationships with a large number of churches both in the U.S. and around the world. These friendships have varying levels of involvement. The information below defines the optimum level called, "Step Up To Life Affiliate Churches."



Churches that desire this level of relationship understand that it is not based on anything legal or overly formal. The affiliation between SUTL and the church is relationally-based with both receiving value from working together.

SUTL offers a number of services and resources to local churches. It carries a very high view of the local church and sees her as God's primary expression of His Kingdom on earth. SUTL takes very seriously the role and responsibility of joining forces with local churches to encourage, empower and resource them and, occasionally, networking them together for Kingdom advancement.

Lead Pastor Nick Bank | Passageway Church

If you haven't used Step Up To Life, I would highly recommend that you make that step and incorporate it into your ministry.

Keith Becker | Todd Becker Foundation

One of the things that we are so encouraged by, is the fact that Step Up To Life seeks to share the biblical plan of salvation. It's rare to find ministries that are so focused on genuine conversions to Jesus Christ as Lord.

Lead Pastor Mike McLaughlin | The Gathering Place

We use SUTL in our current discipleship model when someone responds to a call. We give them a Bible and a Step Up To Life booklet which helps us to really discover which step they are on. It's been monumental how we are making disciples at the Gathering Place.

Football Coach Ron Brown | University of Nebraska

I love your faithfulness over the years. May Step Up To Life be an integral ministry that will continue to touch many thousands of lives as we move onto that day when Jesus Christ returns.

What we offer Affiliate Churches

SUTL offers to Affiliate Churches:

- Consultations by phone and in-person
- Problem solving/trouble shooting for various church challenges that arise
- Sermon evaluation and sharpening
- Sunday service evaluation and sharpening
- SUTL Training to include Sunday sermons, seminars and training in any and all contexts
- Church leadership training in all areas of leadership, theology, evangelism, etc.
- Ordination and licensing preparation
- Advanced degree mentoring
- Arranging partnerships and networking like-minded churches and ministries
- Pulpit supply
- International missions outreaches and missions trip advisement
- Joining the SUTL Director on international missions trips



Step Up To Life Affiliate Churches, which again will have priority over other churches, will agree to the following:

- Using Step Up To Life as their primary tool for evangelism and outreach
- Hosting SUTL Training at their fellowship at least once a year
- Inviting the SUTL Executive Director to speak on a Sunday morning once a year.
- Supporting SUTL financially on a regular basis
- When possible, attend networking meetings with other Affiliate Church pastors and leaders for mutual learning, the sharing of best-practices and to engage in beneficial discussions about issues affecting churches/ministries today

Training

We offer SUTL training through a fast-moving, innovative seminar. This seminar can be adapted to any setting or time frame needed. From under thatched huts in Nagaland to the island of Zanzibar to churches and ministries in African nations, people have been trained in the message and method of SUTL. From prison chaplains in Kenya to sports ministry leaders in the Ukraine, people have been "equipped." From the Himalayan mountains to valleys in Colombia, pastors have been trained to train others.



In the U.S., churches, urban ministries, homeless shelters, schools and mission organizations have also welcomed SUTL's training. Leaders have been trained in our SUTL materials on five continents. The doors are open worldwide!



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