

2007 Annual Ministry Group Reflection and Evaluation Guide

General Information

Please provide the following general information:

- Ministry Group Name
 - Members (please identify leaders, e.g. Moderator)
 - Mission Statement
1. As a ministry group, do you feel guided and energized by your mission statement?
Y/N
 2. Does it continue to reflect your shared sense of God's call? If no, when do you plan to revise it?

I. Your Life Together: Looking Back

Take some time to consider your experience of community this year as a ministry group. Please be as specific as possible in answering the following questions.

1. Please share about your group's prayer life.
2. Please share about your devotional life together. Please be specific about what you studied during the year (scripture, books, etc.)
3. How did you grow in love for one another and deepen your relationships this year? What did you do to encourage growth in your relationships?
4. Where did you usually meet? Were the facilities adequate for your purposes? If not, what would you need?
5. What questions/needs have you identified that would help cultivate your ministry group's community life.

Optional Questions for Reflection

6. What was the funniest thing that happened this year at a meeting?
7. What were some of the biggest challenges you faced in building community?

II. Your Ministry Together: Looking Back

Please reflect on the "fruitfulness" of your ministry in light of all that you set out to do and be this past year.

1. What were your goals for this past year?
2. Which of these goals did you accomplish?
3. Which of these goals are you still working on?

4. Reflect on the various resources used during this past year (people, facilities, money, support from the church, etc.) Please detail all of the resources used. Were these sufficient for your needs and plans? If not, what was lacking?
5. What was your greatest challenge(s) as a ministry group during this past year in accomplishing your ministry goals?
6. What are the various ways that members of your group participated in your mission this past year?
7. How many people within the congregation and from other places are helping with this ministry? In what ways were these people involved? How did you get these other people involved in your ministry?
8. When was your annual call issued? What was the response in terms of those members who joined your ministry group as well as those who asked for more information but did not join your group?

Optional Questions for Reflection

9. What was fresh/new/exciting this year in your ministry?
10. What was the most unexpected blessing of this past year in your ministry?
11. What was the most unexpected way that God provided for you in your ministry?

III. Looking Ahead: Ministry and Life Together

You are now invited to move from “looking back” to “looking ahead.” You are encouraged to PONDER/DREAM/RISK, to dare to “think God’s thoughts after Him” as the ministry group discerns the possible leading of the Holy Spirit. You may decide to maintain your present course or to go in a new direction; both are valid directions.

1. What are your ministry goals for the coming year?
2. What are your goals regarding your Life Together for the coming year?
3. Which of these goals are new?
4. Please detail the financial resources you will need for the coming year. Keep in mind that to establish the LVHPC Ministry Budget for 2008, the Session depends on each ministry group to give it guidance by providing a line-by-line budget breakdown of dollars needed to carry out your ministry. Please be sure to include this breakdown (if applicable to your ministry group) along with the total dollar amount requested and list this on a separate sheet of paper.
5. Please detail the other resources (people, facilities, other) that you will need in the coming year to accomplish your goals?
6. Do you anticipate doing any fundraisers to supplement your budget this year? If so, what will the event be and when (generally) do you plan on holding it?

Optional Questions for Reflection

7. Would you like some help in exploring resources or directions for strengthening your Life Together as a ministry group?
8. What are some ways non-Ministry Group members can participate in your mission in the coming year?

IV. Our Life Together

1. Is there anything else you would like Session to know? Y/N If yes please comment.
2. Are there specific questions you would like Session to address or areas in which You would like guidance, input or support? Y/N If yes please comment.

NOT THE “THE END” BUT A NEW BEGINNING!

THANK YOU for being good stewards of your ministry. We all share one ministry in Christ at LVHPC. Your time spent and efforts expended in evaluation and reflection help to support our common desire to stay in step with the Holy Spirit’s leading. Only together can we fulfill our Church’s calling to the Glory of God the Father!

Please identify those who, on behalf of your ministry group, wrote this report.

Writers: _____

Date: _____