



*Living God's
Word, Sharing
God's Love*

DETAILED MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

Outreach Team Leader

Outreach Team Vision

Through the activities, ministries, and other programs undertaken by the Outreach Team...to be a beacon of God's amazing grace that empowers people's lives to celebrate, demonstrate, and acclaim the awesome power of the risen Lord, Christ Jesus.

Title

Outreach Team Leaders.

Purpose

The Outreach Team Co-Leaders are responsible for providing leadership and support for effective programs in the areas of mission and advocacy. The Outreach Ministry focuses its attention on enabling the congregation to reach out to others in our community, our nation, our world and to minister to the physical needs of the poor and disadvantaged. The Outreach Team Co-Leaders shall be kept informed of local and larger community ministries of Compassion and Advocacy, Church and Society issues, Global Ministries and Concerns, Health and Welfare Ministries, Christian Unity and Inter-religious Concerns, Religion and Race so that they can inform the congregation.

Responsible to

Church Council, Community Concerns, World Hunger and Justice.

Description of duties

- To work with the assigned ministerial staff member and the church council to make outreach ministries a vital part of the congregation's total ministry.
- Attend meetings of the church council and provide reports on activities within the Outreach Team as well as programs being researched or proposed.
- Oversee budget preparations and monitor disbursements.
- Current Outreach Team Activities include the following: LUMC Health Fair, Habitat, LICS, Epworth Home, Crop Walk, Christmas in Lexington, Disaster Relief efforts, and Salkehatchie. Goal of Outreach is to have 1-2 chairs on each activity. Currently planning development of a Mission team for outreach and serving beyond our state in disaster relief situations as well as informing the congregation on the *Corridor of Shame* in the Carolinas.

Budget Responsibilities

Prepare the annual budget needed to carry out the mission activities of the Outreach team.

Annual Charge Conference Attendance

The annual Charge Conference meeting is an important connectional meeting between our church and the conference. You should make every effort to attend this meeting. If your position requires that you report to the Charge Conference, make preparations for this report well ahead of the meeting date.

Time Requirements

Attend 4-6 church council meetings a year. The Outreach Teams meets approximately 9 times a year and as needed per events. Total monthly time commitment should **average** approximately 8 hours.

Term

Commit to serve for one year and may be asked to serve for additional one-year terms thereafter.

Training and Resources

- Attend training or informative meetings in community pertaining to the community outreach involvements.
- Attend workshops and seminars within the church that motivate and inform.
- Encourage hands on activities that will enrich our lives as well as those we serve.
- Provide resources and hands-on training for the team members when available.
- Share devotions and Bible verses with the Team outlining the scope of outreach activities.
- Read and study other Bible verses and appropriate literature that instruct us how to prepare to share our faith, and when to share our faith. *“For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”* James 2:26. Also support from Prov. 14:21; Zech. 7:9-10; 1 Thes. 1:3; 2 Thes. 2:16-17.

Background Check

Required for this position.

Ministry Description Updates

It is your responsibility to review this ministry description at least once each year for changes and updates. The Leader Orientation Meeting that is held in January is a good time to do this. You are also responsible for updating the ministry description for your team members if one is available. Your team members should provide input for those updates.

Qualifications, Skills, and Gifts

- Pursuing a personal spiritual journey.
- Willingness to commit to a regular schedule.
- Ability to work alone and with others.
- Possess “self-starter” qualities.
- Willingness to serve in an important position but with little or no recognition.
- A stable and growing relationship with Christ.

- Possess one more of the following spiritual gifts:
 - Administration (D)
 - Encouragement (D)
 - Helps (D)
 - Leadership (R)

* R - Required; D - Desirable

Benefits to the Servant

Demonstrating Jesus' love by obedience to His Word by using our gifts and abilities to fulfill the command to "go and make disciples" and that you are inviting and equipping others to share in reaching out with the love of God.