

Ideas for Ministry: Sorted by Team/Department

These are a list of possible objective and goals for your ministry. Don't try to do all of these just some possible ideas. For more job descriptions and ideas go to <http://www.pastorgraham.com/officers.htm>.

Health and Temperance Council

Suggested Activities:

1. Stop-smoking plans, Seminars
2. Cooking Schools: Nutrition
3. Health classes
4. Stress-control programs
5. Promote programs concerning destructive effects of tobacco, alcohol, and other health-destroying drugs and substances.
6. To foster good relationships with community health and temperance organizations.
7. To develop programs encouraging the study of the biblical principles and the Spirit of Prophecy counsels on health and temperance.
8. Parenting Seminars
9. Self-Defense Seminars
10. Time Management Seminars

Sabbath School Council and Stewardship Ministries

Suggested Activities:

1. The Sabbath School Council should meet at least once a month.
2. Plan regular teacher meetings.
3. Set offering goals for the advancement of the gospel in the world field.
4. Plan special mission programs.
5. Plan for Sabbath School evangelism out-reach programs (branch Sabbath Schools).
6. Plan for Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings; Birthday-Thank Offerings, Investment funds.
7. Adopt a Service: This could be done by a Sabbath School Class, the Police Dept., Fire Dept, ect.

Stewardship Ministries: Ministries Ideas

1. Promote Systemative Giving.
2. Work with conference trust services for Will planning workshops.

Public Affairs and Religious Liberty

Religious Liberty Department: Suggested Activities

1. Keep the church aware of matters affecting religious activities. May use church newsletter, quarterly reports, Sabbath sermon.
2. Promote religious liberty magazines.
3. Organize or facilitate religious liberty meetings, seminars, programs, etc.

Communications Department

1. Write articles for Local paper, Public Relations for Events.
2. Use newspaper, internet, radio, Television to let people in the community know what is happening at our church.
3. Advertisement/Marketing: Billboards, Radio Program: Develop a short Radio Program or Spot, TV Spots: Cable Access

Audio Visual Department: Suggested Activities

1. Video/Tape Lending Library: Service for shut-ins and Seminars for prospective members.
2. Train adequate technical volunteers to run, lighting, sound, computer, satellite systems.
3. Maintain Audio/Visual Equipment for church. Televisions, VCRs.
4. Hearing Aid Devices.

Youth Ministries and Campus Advent

Pathfinders: Ministry Ideas

1. Plan and set dates for such activities as camporees, fairs, craft study, nature exploration, Bible study, witnessing projects, field trips, bikeathons, weekly club meetings, Sabbath morning church Pathfinder Day, etc.
2. To recruit actively kids that are not SDA.
3. Work with Children's Ministries and parents to develop an Adventurer program
4. Develop Counselors In Training (CIT) Program for older youth to mentor younger kids.

Youth Ministries Department: Ministry Ideas

1. Drama Ministries: To so God's love through life sketches that are Christ-centered.
2. Sponsor the youth in mission outreach programs (Mission Trips). Be a sponsor to help the youth work for the elderly or some other worthy project. Service projects.
3. Develop Puppet Ministries
4. Promote a weekly youth group meeting/Youth Socials
5. Youth Choir
6. Quarterly Separate Youth Church, Yearly Youth Church Service in Main Sanctuary
7. Maintain a Youth Group Directory: Distribute to all officers so they will get youth involved in all phases of church work.

8. Sponsor Youth to important conference youth events, and youth leadership training.
9. Training of youth leaders. Sending them to Group Ministries Convention, or Youth Specialties

Campus Advent: Ministry Ideas

1. To work with Collegiates to develop a Campus ministries program
2. Request Conference Funding each quarter
3. Pass out literature at student orientation days
4. Promote and maintain a bible study group near campus

Vespers/Adventist Youth Society: Suggested Activities

The AYS is responsible for the general planning of the youth program. (This is in the absence of a Youth Ministries Department) If there is a functioning Youth Ministries Department AYS is more program oriented toward the Saturday night program.

1. Set a date to elect officers. This group forms the nucleus for the Adventist Youth Society Council. Present these names to the church for approval. (Youth leader, Associate youth leader, secretary-treasurer, pianist, and sponsor.) To this are added the youth Sabbath School leader, Pathfinder director, ACA Principal, and the pastor.
2. Set dates for planning meetings to integrate the youth into responsible leadership and involvement in the entire church program. These should be young elders, young deacons and deaconesses, etc., working with experienced church officers. Plans need to be developed for youth to be active in all lines of church work.
3. Set dates for planning monthly or quarterly meetings/activities for Vespers (not all Vespers need to be in the church - such as nature outings with a sunset vespers, a camp-out vespers, combined vespers with another church, etc.

Vacation Bible School/Children's Ministries: Suggested Activities

1. Set next VBS date.
2. Plan activities
3. Select assistants
4. Plan meetings with assistants and set dates. (Note: VBS Director should be a member of the Sabbath School Council and the above activities coordinated through the S.S. Council)

Men's Ministries: Suggested Activities

Many activities may overlap with other departments. Therefore, close coordination is im-

portant.

1. Plans and provisions for any needed disaster-relief operations and close contact with the Florida Conference efforts is important.
2. Bible evangelism (crusades, cottage meetings, community Bible schools, lay preaching).
3. Workshops in Christian witnessing.
4. Classes on how to give Bible studies.
5. Co-plan with Community Services.
6. Co-plan with Prison Ministry.

Women's Ministries: Suggested Activities

1. Support Women in Going to the annual Women's Retreat
2. Monthly or Weekly Women's Prayer Group/Breakfasts
3. Women supporting other women by accountability and friendship
4. Conduct a special women's day Worship Service at the church.
5. Invite Non-Church members to women's activities

Family Life Department: Suggested Activities

1. See Job Description

Singles Ministries: Suggested Activities

1. Involve singles in Florida Conference and Union Singles Events
2. Promote and Maintain the Singles Sabbath School Class, through the Sabbath School Council
3. Help people with divorce recovery, bereavement.

Education Secretary: Suggested Activities

1. Training Leadership: The leaders and future leaders could attend leadership seminars and workshops that will help them be effective
2. Promote Training Events for Friendship Evangelism:

Choir: Suggested Activities

1. Church Choirs: Monthly Specials, Yearly Programs, Christmas, Thanksgiving.
2. Practices

Social Committee: Suggested Activities

1. Christian Socials
2. Christian Film Festival: This could be done on Saturday evenings. Provide Quality Character-building Films for the Family.
3. Saturday Night Recreational Activities

4. Plan Church Campouts
5. Church Picnics

Music Committee: Suggested Activities

1. Organize special musics and specials at Evangelistic Events.
2. Approve Musical Guests, Concerts, Performers

Worship Committee: Suggested Activities

1. Coordinate Worship Service Activities
2. Make recommendations to the Church Board concerning Worship items.
3. See Job Description

Personal Ministries Department: Ministry Ideas

1. Interest Prospect Coordinator: This person updates interest mailing lists. Maintains Current Addresses and phone numbers of all interests from Evangelistic meetings and Visitors lists. Interviews members to see if there is any family members that would be open to the Gospel or Bible study. Updates Interest Cards from It is Written, Amazing Facts, ect.
2. Maintain 4 Minute Personal Ministries Time on Sabbath morning. Testimonies, Training, Promotion.
3. Coordinate Public Evangelistic Outreach: Organize Meetings: Logistics.
4. Promote Personal Evangelism: Bible Studies, etc.
5. Organize Training Events for Personal Evangelism for the church membership
6. Last Day Witnessing, Lay Training Program: This is a program designed to train, equip, and mobilize members of God's church to give bible studies and lead people to the Lord. This step by step program helps those who have never before given bible studies to be effective Gospel workers. This ministry usual works in teams of two. This ministry also can use Evangelistic videos instead of the traditional lessons.
7. See Job Description

Literature Ministries: Suggested Ideas

1. Mailing Used Literature Overseas:
2. Distribution Ministries:
 - A. Literature Distribution Days
 - B. Handbill Distribution for special events
 - C. Mass Mailings of various Materials
 - D. Making Selected Literature Available so that each member can have it to give.
 - E. Door Knob hangers.
 - F. Literature Rack in our Church.
 - G. Visitors Guide to our Church: This tells the different ministries and activities available.

Community Services Department: Suggested Ministry Ideas

1. Community Service Center: Food Banking, Clothing, Christian Counseling
2. Feeding the Homeless
3. Helping needy people
4. Disaster Relief Feeding Station

Prison Ministries: Suggested Ministries Ideas

1. Provide training and support for members to engage in a variety of ministries inside the prison walls. Church Services, Bible Study Groups, Special Musics, Pen Pals, Sports.

Discover Bible School

1. Bible Correspondence Schools: A team of could meet together each week to mail out the lessons, grade the ones received and pray for each Bible student.
2. Mail out enrollment cards to zip codes
3. Work with members to Visit interests and make friends.

Greeter Ministry

1. Visitor's Letter Ministries: Mailing the pastors form letter to all visitors. Notify Visitation Team of Prospects.
2. Visitor Parking areas:
3. Outside Greeters:
4. Greeter Training

Administrative, Pastoral Team, Elders, Deacons and Deaconesses: Suggested Activities
 -Work Days--Seminars: Parenting, Those who have the gifts of teaching could do a variety of seminars. Cooking, Stop Smoking, Nutrition, Prophecy Seminar, Parenting, Family Finance, Marriage Enrichment, Basic Computer Skills, Stress Reduction Seminar, Self-Defense, ect.
 Revival/Reaping Series: Week of Prayers
 Week of Prayers

Babysitting Coop: M.O.P.S. Mothers Of Pre Schoolers: Members Volunteer to pull together for a few hours and provide babysitting so that the parents can have a night out.

Congregational Visitation: In times of illness, death, conflicts, spiritual struggles, financial stress, the lukewarm and indifferent, those possessing highly critical attitudes.
 Visitation of Non-SDA: Religious Surveys, Pastoral Calls, Follow-ups from other ministries.
 Church Newsletter:
 Seniors Activity Club:

Prayer Ministries: Organize Prayer Partners and or prayer groups to pray for revival.
 12 Step Programs: Let Alcoholic Anonymous, Alanon, groups use a room in the church.
 Christian Concert Series: This could include non-SDA Musicians that perform in the area.
 Emergency Telephone Service: Organize the church Phone Directory into a calling system whereby the Pastor or Elders may activate the whole church to pray in one days time. This system would only be activated in times of crisis.

Home Hospitality: A Hospitality committee could be in place so that anyone visiting could be invited home for Sabbath Lunch. Or perhaps a different small group could plan a little fellowship dinner every Sabbath so that the visitors could be invited to stay.

Visitor Days or Special Events Days: These days would be designed especially for the visitor.
 Home Bible Study Groups: This is a time to pray, open God's word, and fellowship. The leadership usually consists of a leader, assistant leader, and a host. Many effective churches find their small group ministry or cell group ministry to be the best way to mobilize for service, assimilate new believers, nurture, and even evangelize their community. (The word cell is used because just like the cells in the body, these groups are made to multiply) It is also nice to have simple refreshments.

Assimilation Committee: This committee could care for the wholistic area of assimilation the new members to a church. They might provide Spiritual Friendship, involvement, and concern for the new person.

Transportation Ministry: Many of the fastest growing churches provide transportation for those who need a ride to church. This could be with a church Van or Bus, or just a member asking willing to take someone to church.

28. Home and School

29 Miscellaneous/Individuals

1. Recovery Ministries: Divorce, Bereavement, Writing notes, visiting helping.
2. Skilled Services Ministry: Plumbing, Heating and Cooling, Electrical System, Watering systems, Janitorial Taskforce, Security, Sound System, Mechanics, Church Pictorial Directory.
3. Civic Club involvement: Non Secret Societies such as the Kiwanas, Lions, and Rotary Clubs. These clubs usually work for the betterment of their communities. Membership on Community Committees and Councils
4. Hearing Impairments: Provide a person to sign the sermons and Sabbath Schools.
5. Intentional Friendships with Unbelievers: From your hair styler to your bank teller get to know them and share God's Love.
6. Lending Library: Lend quality books to your neighbors
7. Letter-Writing Ministries: Weddings, Birth of a Child, Death in the Family, Birthdays,
8. Anniversaries, An appointment to a position or office, Unusual events occurring in the lives of individuals (Reunions, Winning a Contest, Accidents causing loss or injury), crime victims, opening of a new enterprise, own members who need some encouragement. Letters to the Editor.
9. Telephone Sunshine Service: Participants make weekly calls to those who are sick or elderly and need to be checked upon.
10. Subscription Ministry: Provide Subscriptions to *Listen, Signs of the Times, Liberty, Elders Digest, or Ministry Magazines.*
11. Creative Ministries: Crafts, quilting, Painting, flower arranging.
12. Housing for Church Guests: Overnight accommodations and meals.
13. Church Office Volunteer: Assist the church secretary or pastors for a given amount of time each week doing office work.
14. Sign Ministry: Keep up the road signs