



WHOLE CHURCH

# **Missional Outreach**

## Leader's Guide



# Building a Team

You should create a team of laity and clergy to work through this process together. Participation on this team should be by personal invitation. The pastor and local church leaders should strategize about who is best suited to participate. While there are no formal requirements, some basic guidelines should be followed:

- Servanthood attitudes. Non-dominating, reflective listeners, willing to face fears.
- FAT – Faithful, Available, Teachable.
- Should be given time to pray about it before committing.
- At least one new person, (someone who has started attending regularly in the last three to five years).
- DO NOT simply use your Church Council or other formal church committee.

Teams should be no larger than nine people. This will allow for a good small-group dynamic and healthy conversation. At times during this process you may want to report out to a larger audience how you are progressing. Each team will need to designate a lay convener. This person should be part of the team and s/he will be responsible to lead the process along with the pastor.

## Our Team

Name	Email	Phone Number

# Grounded in Prayer

Your team should be grounded deeply in spiritual practice. You have an opportunity through this process to experiment with some important discipleship practices like Wesleyan Small Groups. Do not shortchange this part of the process.

Identify two spiritual formation activities you would like to use as part of this process. If you need ideas, refer to the *Spiritual Formation Booklet* found here: <http://www.wholechurch.org/participant-area/gather-pray/>. You may consider inviting other members of your team to lead an activity they are passionate about. The outline anticipates each activity taking fifteen to twenty minutes.

## Our Spiritual Formation Activities

Activity	Leader

# Team Sessions

## Session 1: Team Formation

### Introductions

Invite each person to share the following:

- Name
- When have you participated in works of mercy and justice?
- From what you understand so far about this team, what excites you most?

### Discuss Safe Space

All are encouraged treat one another as brothers/sisters in Christ, first and foremost. Anything shared in this space should be considered confidential. No one should feel compelled to share more than they want to.

### Wesleyan Small Group Questions

Take turns answering the following. Pastor and Lay Convener should be prepared to go first.

- Where are you struggling in your faith right now?
- Where do you feel tempted in life?
- How are you overcoming those temptations?

### Spiritual Formation Activity 1

#### Preparation for Next Session

Distribute *Missional Outreach Workbook*.

Review Introduction and Part 1 of *Missional Outreach Workbook* before next session.

### Closing

Consider using the John Wesley Covenant Prayer<sup>1</sup> and Holy Communion.

## Session 2: With not To

### Wesleyan Small Group Questions

Take turns answering the following. Pastor and lay convener should be prepared to go first.

- Where are you struggling in your faith right now?
- Where do you feel tempted in life?
- How are you overcoming those temptations?

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<sup>1</sup> See *Spiritual Formation Booklet* (<http://www.wholechurch.org/participant-area/gather-pray/>)

## **Workbook Part 1**

### **Spiritual Formation Activity**

#### **Preparation for Next Session**

Review Part 2 of *Missional Outreach Workbook* before next session.

#### **Closing**

Consider using the John Wesley Covenant Prayer and Holy Communion.

## **Session 3: Asset Management**

### **Wesleyan Small Group Questions**

Take turns answering the following.

- Where are you struggling in your faith right now?
- Where do you feel tempted in life?
- How are you overcoming those temptations?

## **Workbook Part 2**

### **Spiritual Formation Activity**

#### **Preparation for Next Session**

Review Part 3 of *Missional Outreach Workbook* before next session.

#### **Closing**

Consider using the John Wesley Covenant Prayer and Holy Communion.

## Session 4: Thinking Small

### Wesleyan Small Group Questions

Take turns answering the following.

- Where are you struggling in your faith right now?
- Where do you feel tempted in life?
- How are you overcoming those temptations?

### Workbook Part 3

### Spiritual Formation Activity

### Preparation for Next Session

Review Part 4 of *Missional Outreach Workbook* before next session.

### Closing

Consider using the John Wesley Covenant Prayer and Holy Communion.

## Session 5: Building Community

### Wesleyan Small Group Questions

Take turns answering the following.

- Where are you struggling in your faith right now?
- Where do you feel tempted in life?
- How are you overcoming those temptations?

### Workbook Part 4

### Spiritual Formation Activity

### Preparation for Next Session

Review Conclusion of *Missional Outreach Workbook* before next session.

### Closing

Consider using the John Wesley Covenant Prayer and Holy Communion.

## **Session 6: Where to Next?**

### **Wesleyan Small Group Questions**

Take turns answering the following.

- Where are you struggling in your faith right now?
- Where do you feel tempted in life?
- How are you overcoming those temptations?

### **Workbook Conclusion**

Where will your team go next? How can you start a new Missional Outreach or adapt a current ministry? Your team may continue to meet, expand, or shift focus. You don't have to do it all at once but you need to leave with some concrete next steps. You should not leave with a blank task list.

### **Spiritual Formation Activity**

### **Closing**

Consider using the John Wesley Covenant Prayer and Holy Communion.