

Department Ministry Plans Personal Ministries

Our Mission: The mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is to make disciples of all people (Matthew 28:16-20), communicating the everlasting gospel in the context of the three angels' messages of Revelation 14:6-12, leading them to accept Jesus as personal Savior and unite with His remnant Church, disciplining them to serve Him as Lord and preparing them for His soon return.

Date Created/Revised: _____

Scheduled Department Meeting Dates: _____

Qualifications:

1. A committed born-again Christian and sound in the faith.
2. Example in Christian and family living.
3. Returns faithful tithe to the local church.
4. Dresses according to the highest Christian standards.
5. Organized, responsible, and reliable.
6. Bears a deep and earnest burden for souls.
7. Active example in truth-sharing, personal labor.

The Personal Ministries Council

The Personal Ministries Council is responsible for directing the department's responsibilities and action plans. The council is chaired by the Personal Ministries Leader and consists of the following: Assistant Personal Ministries leader/s, Personal Ministries Secretary, Pastor, Elder/s, Community Service leader, Interest Coordinator, Health Ministries leader, Public Relations, Religious Liberty, Treasurer, Sabbath School Superintendent, and other ministry leaders.

Responsibilities & Actions Plans:

Enlist Every Member in Personal Ministry & Group Outreach

- Study and plan missionary outreach activities for the church.
- Provide regular opportunities for group community outreach by members.
- Provide Bible study interests for members through regular mailings and/or door-to-door outreach.
- Aid the church board in arranging territorial assignments, providing every member with a regular outreach field for ministry.
- Encourage every member to become involved in a felt-need ministry such as:
 - Community Services

- Disaster Relief
- Neighborhood Ministry
- Community Service Projects
- Ingathering – Hope for Humanity
- Health Ministries (health expo, supper clubs, cooking schools, etc.)
- Nursing Home / Shut-in Ministry
- Encourage every member to become involved in a truth-sharing ministry such as:
 - Literature Distribution
 - Bible Studies (personal, small group, DVD, correspondence, etc.)
 - Door-to-Door Outreach
 - Small Group Outreach Teams
 - Evangelistic Lay Preaching
- Encourage involvement by having members share their personal ministry testimonies during a weekly Personal Ministries time at church.

Action Plan: _____

Provide Witnessing Resources

- Provide easily accessible displays of literature, evangelistic DVD's, Bible lessons, etc., to be used as witnessing resources by members.
- Purchase and maintain inventory of witnessing resources.
- Keep displays well-organized and stocked.
- Use weekly Personal Ministries time to highlight witnessing resources for members.

Action Plan: _____

Train Members

- Conduct training classes in areas such as sharing personal testimonies, finding and giving Bible studies, service projects, and ministering to the elderly, sick or poor, etc.
- Provide coaching and mentoring experiences as needed to help members know how to personally labor for their friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors.
- Encourage members to gain soul-winning training by promoting Conference training events and training schools (such as Emmanuel Institute).

Action Plan: _____

Coordinate Follow-up of Interests

- Organize interests in a database such as Disciples (www.getdisciples.com - available from the Michigan Conference Personal Ministries Department) so that all interests developed through the church's missionary outreach are cared for promptly.
- Provide status update on key interests to the Church Board.
- Ensure that every interest is personally and promptly followed up by an assigned layperson.

Action Plan: _____

How can the leaders of the Personal Ministries department model the overall mission of soul-winning and discipleship to the church?

List any additional goals or objectives for your department:

