

# Create a New Ministry

Do you have a passion that God is laying on your heart? Do you see a need at the Church of God of Exeter that isn't being met? Do you feel God calling you to start a new ministry? We would love to help you evaluate where God is leading you, and help you build the foundation for a new ministry. Through this process, we will support and pray for you as a leader and connect you with a ministry team at our church.

## **Step #1...Pray and seek counsel!**

Spend some time in prayer. Here are some questions to think about as you pray:

- Is this God's will? Is it in line with scripture?
- From whom should I seek counsel about this ministry?
- Does the new ministry help fulfill our church's mission statement, core values, and vision statement?
- Is it similar to another ministry at the church?
- Could I support or come alongside an existing ministry?
- Do my family and close friends support my idea?
- What is my role in this vision? Can I clearly identify my spiritual gifts, passions and calling? How will they be used in the new ministry?
- What other spiritual gifts are needed to make this ministry successful?
- Is God calling others with the same vision?

If you aren't sure how to answer these questions, let us help you work through them. Please contact Kathy Cox to make an appointment with the appropriate person to talk through your vision.

## **Step #2...Evaluate the Ministry.**

Any new ministry must meet the following qualifications:

1. The ministry idea must be biblically sound.
2. The ministry must bring glory to God.
3. The ministry must be launched through a ministry team.
4. The ministry leaders must believe and support the church's mission statement, core values, and vision statement.
5. The ministry leaders must be committed to growing in their own personal relationship with Jesus Christ (reading the Word, prayer, fellowship).

## **Step #3...Share Your Vision.**

Here are some questions to think about as you share your vision:

1. Describe your idea. What is your vision? What is the purpose of the ministry? Have you thought about the implementation? What are the first steps?
2. How will this ministry bring glory to God?
3. How will this ministry bring unity to the body?
4. Which scriptures form the basis of your ministry?
5. How does your vision line up with the church's vision?
6. What are the potential problems or obstacles you see related to the new ministry?
7. Tell your story. How did God lead you to this vision and passion?

**Step #4...Fill out the New Ministry Application and Leader Profile** and return them to the church office.

## **Step #5...The Assimilation Process.**

Once we receive your new ministry form, Kathy Cox will contact you to discuss your ministry idea. We believe there is great value in taking time to pray and seek guidance; therefore it may take up to 30 days for Kathy to contact you regarding your new ministry. Please be patient and continue to seek God's will. Through the assimilation process, you will be connected to a ministry team leader who will assist in evaluating your ministry idea. Once your idea has been approved, that ministry team leader will contact you to give you guidance and support.