

## Job Description

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### Evangelism Ministry Team Leader Job Description

#### Result Expected

An effective leader models discipleship in daily living and leads others to follow the example of the words and actions of Jesus. The congregation will welcome all people so they may develop a relationship with God in a Christian community and grow as Christian disciples.

#### Spiritual Gifts and Qualifications Helpful for the Job

- This leader benefits from one having or more of these spiritual gifts: servanthood, teaching, exhortation (encouragement), leadership, faith, discernment, apostleship, administration, and evangelism. This leader should show evidence of commitment to Christ and passion for telling by word and action the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ to all people.
- Useful skills for this position are the ability to listen to and communicate with people of all ages; a concern that others know Christ; the ability to work with church members, visitors, and unchurched people; and skills for organizing meetings and planning and evaluating effective evangelism programs and events.
- This leader should show genuine interest in responding to the hopes and concerns of people in the community.

#### Responsibilities of the Position

- This leader will coordinate with the pastor and leadership team to plan and implement a vital, comprehensive outreach ministry for the congregation to reach people of all ages with Christian love and healing. This ministry will include assessment of trends in congregational growth and attendance and how people are received into the congregation. The ministry will extend the goals of the congregation.
- The evangelism ministry will care for all members of the congregation (including those who are inactive), as well as for people who are not members of a church, to help them know and respond to the love of God in Christ.
- The evangelism team leader will be familiar with United Methodist resources, facilitate their use and be able to recommend appropriate Wesleyan resources for evangelism.
- This leader will link with organizations, people, and resources in and beyond the congregation that are concerned with Christian evangelism.
- The evangelism team leader and evangelism team will set goals for congregational growth (in faith and numbers) and will plan specific evangelistic events and missions.
- This leader will engage with others to carry out programs of membership care, including plans for growth in devotional life and distribution of devotional materials.

#### Getting Started

1. Talk with the committee on nominations and leader development, your pastor, and others to understand their hopes and dreams for the congregation toward fulfilling the mission of the church and for your leadership role with evangelism.
2. Learn from people in your congregation, in the community, and from other congregations that have interests similar to yours. Learn about people in your community. Which individuals and groups are left out or ignored? What are the interests, needs, hopes, and goals of people who are not in church? Seek to identify gaps where your congregation can lead the way in making a positive difference by sharing God's love.

3. Soon after you are elected, convene a meeting of the ministry team to evaluate, share hopes and concerns, and plan for your work. Share the ministry with others by delegating projects to people in the church who share your passion for telling the good news of God's love.

## People and Agencies That Can Help

- Your pastor, parents, teachers, and others in your congregation, the community, and other congregations who share your passion for sharing God's love through the gospel message. Be alert to community groups committed to evangelism, and notice groups of people who are not being reached.
- Heather Lear, Director of Evangelism Ministries, Discipleship Ministries, <http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/evangelism>; toll-free, 877-899-2780, extension 7049; email, [hlear@umcdiscipleship.org](mailto:hlear@umcdiscipleship.org)
- InfoServ, the information service for the church, provides current information about United Methodist resources, programs, and staff services. Email: [infoserv@umcom.org](mailto:infoserv@umcom.org); Website: [infoserv.umc.org](http://infoserv.umc.org).

## Web and Print Resources

- ***The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, 2016*** (Nashville: The United Methodist Publishing House, 2016)
- ***Charting a Course of Discipleship***, revised edition by Teresa Gilbert, Patty Johansen, and Jay Regennitter; revised by Delia Halverson (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2012)
- ***DISCIPLE Bible Study***, available in four phases. Contact: Cokesbury Seminars, 800-251-8591. [www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com); then Search DISCIPLE
- ***Evangelism after Christendom: The Theology and Practice of Christian Witness*** by Bryan Stone (Grand Rapids: Brazos Press, 2006)
- Evangelism Connections ([www.evangelismconnections.org](http://www.evangelismconnections.org)). Ecumenical partnership that strives to frame and provide resources for evangelism, hospitality, and church vitality in a 21st-century context.
- ***Evangelism and Theology in the Wesleyan Spirit*** by Albert C. Outler (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 1996)
- ***The Faith-Sharing Congregation*** by Roger K. Swanson and Shirley F. Clement (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 1996)
- Foundation for Evangelism, <http://foundationforevangelism.org>
- ***Guidelines for Leading Your Congregation, 2017-2020: Evangelism*** (Cokesbury, 2016)
- ***Holy Conversation: Talking About God in Everyday Life*** by Richard Peace (Downers Grove: IVP Connect, 2006)
- *Interpreter*, [www.interpretermagazine.org](http://www.interpretermagazine.org)
- ***Is There a Future for God's Love? An Evangelical Theology*** by Henry H. Knight (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2012)
- ***Kingdom Come*** by Reggie McNeal (Carol Stream, Illinois: Tyndale Momentum, 2015)
- MissionInsite (Ministry Demographics service), <http://missioninsite.com>
- ***New Wine, New Wineskins: How African American Congregations Can Reach New Generations*** by F. Douglas Powe, Jr. (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2012)
- ***Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who's Already There*** by Leonard Sweet (Colorado Springs, CO: David C. Cook, 2010)
- ***The Present Future*** by Reggie McNeal (San Francisco: Jossey Bass, 2009)
- ***Transforming Community: The Wesleyan Way to Missional Congregations*** by Henry Knight, III and F. Douglas Powe, Jr. (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2016)
- ***Transforming Evangelism: The Wesleyan Way of Sharing Faith*** by Henry Knight, III and F. Douglas Powe, Jr. (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2006)
- ***Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism*** by Martha Grace Reece (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2008)
- ***Your Church Can Thrive*** by Harold Percy (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2003)