

Ministry Questionnaire

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head-- Christ-- from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love. Eph 4:11-16

Some of us have been given special ability as apostles; to others he has given the gift of being able to preach well; some have special ability in winning people to Christ, helping them to trust him as their Savior; still others have a gift for caring for God's people as a shepherd does his sheep, leading and teaching them in the ways of God. Why is it that he gives us these special abilities to do certain things best? It is that God's people will be equipped to do better work for him, building up the Church, the body of Christ, to a position of strength and maturity; until finally we all believe alike about our salvation and about our Savior, God's Son, and all become full-grown in the Lord-- yes, to the point of being filled full with Christ.

Then we will no longer be like children, forever changing our minds about what we believe because someone has told us something different or has cleverly lied to us and made the lie sound like the truth. Instead, we will lovingly follow the truth at all times-- speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly-- and so become more and more in every way like Christ who is the Head of his body, the Church. Under his direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly, and each part in its own special way helps the other parts, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. Eph 4:11-15

Why serve at church? God has called you Christian, to serve in His Church. A very natural desire of a person who has come to saving faith in Jesus Christ - and now has the Holy Spirit living in them - is to serve the Lord in His church. Certainly a person can serve the Lord anywhere, but one place that God has called His children to serve is in His church.

What is the purpose of serving? The purpose of service is to cause growth of the body of Christ for the building of itself in love. Our service must be motivated by the love of Christ and, with His love we are to serve one another. Jesus said, "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35

How can you serve? *You can do the work of ministry.* Ministry in general means and involves serving, aiding and providing relief, meeting needs, preparing and presenting food, leading, overseeing and much, much more. There is truly no limit to service. Jesus met many needs and is the perfect example of a servant.

If this is your first time volunteering to serve, praise the Lord! It is a joy to serve the Lord and His people with the right heart and motive.

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What can you do? Or where do you start? Get a copy of the bulletin; see the areas of service that are listed. Pray and ask the Lord to direct you as to what He wants you to do. (Proverbs 3:5-6) Fill out the ministry questionnaire (See note about questionnaire).

Think about what gifts the Lord has already given you. Are you a musician; can you sing or teach? Are you creative; do you work well with youth, children etc... Are you a hands on person? Can you cook, sew, usher, greet, pray, encourage, set up & tear down sound? Can you support others (such as a teacher's aid); can you do nursery work? This is just a small list of the many things one can do in His Church.

How do I start? I would start with a small commitment at first. Jesus teaches us that, "He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much." Luke 16:10

Start with being faithful to one area of ministry. See what the Lord does with you there, and then continue from there to get involved as the Lord leads.

Note about the questionnaire: To serve the Lord in His church is a privilege and an honor. Integrity of character should be a strong characteristic of those serving within the church of God. Our lives must be consistent with His word if we wish to serve in His church. When we volunteer to serve we are setting an example for others, and we need to set good ones. Understand that God doesn't use perfect people; He would have an extremely hard time finding more than one (Jesus is the only perfect man this world has ever known). God is looking for faithful people; i.e. those who are loyal to Him. *"For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him..." 2 Chr 16:9*

He also seeks those who worship him in spirit and truth, *"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." John 4:23-24*

So understand this: you do not have to be perfect to serve the Lord in His church. But you need to be His loyal worshiper that is living in harmony with His Word.

If after reading the questionnaire you realize that you are not living in harmony with His will, instead of deciding that you can't get involved because you are practicing something in your lifestyle that is inconsistent with the character of a child of God, it would be much better for you to pray and ask the Lord to forgive you; rely upon His power to make the necessary change/s in your lifestyle and once these things are in order, then consider getting involved. Although it may be difficult, it's not impossible with His help. I have made many changes in my lifestyle with His help from the time the Lord saved me, but now, by the power of Christ's Spirit, I can with a clear conscience thank Him for delivering me from all those works of darkness that were hindering my walk with the Lord. It wasn't easy, but the Lord helped me and I walk by His power in His victory.

I do not regret walking in the light of God's word and casting off those sins that were holding me back from pleasing our loving Savior Jesus the Christ!

In loving sincerity,
Pastor David Crespo

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Date _____

Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City, State _____ Zip _____

Numbers of years at this address _____. If less than 5 years, list previous address below.

Address: _____ City _____, State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____

E-Mail Address _____

What area/s of the ministry are you interested in serving?

(Understanding that you may need more space to answer some of these questions, please use additional sheet/s of paper and attach them to this document)

1. How long have you been a Christian? _____

2. Briefly give your testimony, telling how you became a Christian:

3. We feel it's important that those who serve are committed to the fellowship and attend service regularly. Please answer the following questions honestly.

a. What service do you attend, Sunday or Wednesday or both?

b. Do you fellowship at New Beginnings on a weekly basis? Yes or No

c. If no, how often are you present for service and fellowship? Briefly Explain:

d. Where did you fellowship previously? _____

e. Are you involved in some way at your former church? Yes or No

f. Why did you leave your former church? Briefly Explain:

g. What areas of ministry have you served in? Please list which ones and share a little about how the Lord used you in them.

h. Please explain why you want to get involved in this ministry.

6. We believe it is important for every person involved in ministry here at New Beginnings to have a solid Biblical understanding of important doctrines. In the space provided, please state what you believe about each subject given. Please include scriptural support for each response.

a) Salvation: What is it and how is it obtained?

b) Water Baptism

c) The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

d) The Trinity

e) Trials, sickness and difficulties

f) The rapture of the Church

7. Do you use any controlled substance, smoke, or drink alcohol? _____

8. Are you living with someone that you are NOT married to (as if you were)? _____

1. **CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS (for nursery/toddler, children's or youth volunteers) Have you ever been convicted of any of the following?**

- € Rape of a Child (1st/2nd/3rd Degree) Yes or No
- € Selling/Distributing Erotic Material to a Minor Yes or No
- € Sexual Exploitation of a Minor Yes or No
- € Sexual Misconduct with a Minor (1st/2nd Degree) Yes or No
- € Convicted, plead guilty to, or have pending charges of child abuse or neglect Yes or No
- € Required to register with the state for any criminal or sexual offense Yes or No
- € Are there any reasons involving your lifestyle or in your background that would create doubts that you can be entrusted with the care and leadership of children? Yes or No
If **Yes** please explain _____

2. Would you oppose of having your background check? Yes or No

“Confidential References”

We ask that you would provide four people who would be willing to provide us with additional information concerning your personal and spiritual character. We ask that these people be Christians. The coordinator for this ministry will contact you as soon as he contacts the references of your choice.

Two from Former Fellowship

Name _____ Phone () _____

Name _____ Phone () _____

Two from New Beginnings

Name _____ Phone () _____

Name _____ Phone () _____

It is important to understand that as a servant of the Lord, you do not only represent the church, but also are representing the Lord Jesus Christ. You must accomplish your service as His servant and as an example to the flock of God.

DO NOT SIGN UNTIL THE APPLICATION HAS BEEN REVIEWED

This pledge (below) is your commitment to His service in this local assembly:

“I agree to serve the Lord and His people at New Beginnings to the best of my ability and for the glory of Christ. I understand that failing to fulfill my responsibilities can lead to being asked to step down from serving at New Beginnings Christian Fellowship.”

Hebrews 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, ²¹ Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This questionnaire must be turned in to the person who gave it to you, or to Pastor David Crespo.