

## **Ministry of the Evangelist Annual Ministry Plan**

### **Message from David Brock, Presiding Evangelist**

As Ministers of Blessing, evangelists serve with spiritual vigor, a deep faith in God, and unreserved love for all people. Evangelists companion individuals and congregations into a greater awareness of the presence and movement of the Holy Spirit in their lives and the life of the community. Evangelists are called to help and support congregations as they seek to become sacred communities of healing, wholeness, acceptance, and respect for all people. As part of this call, each evangelist is encouraged to develop a ministry plan that empowers individuals and congregations in becoming people and places of invitation, restoration and spiritual wholeness. The evangelist also may be called on to offer ministry, combined in a team with the ministry of the apostle, seventy, and the high priest, to empower congregations in creating signal communities of invitation, generosity, justice, and peace.

I encourage evangelists to communicate a written annual ministry plan to your mission center president and/or pastor. This can be done by an e-mail message or letter or by use of an Evangelist Ministry Plan form included with this information.

Following this message is information to aid you as you develop your plan:

- ❖ Five Terms Define Evangelists as Ministers of Blessing
- ❖ Priorities of Order of Evangelists for the current year
- ❖ Five Types of Goals to Consider
- ❖ Helpful Steps for Planning Your Ministry
- ❖ Sample Evangelist Ministry Plan Form

Most important, whatever process or form you use, adopt one meaningful to you. I pray that you will be blessed with a strong sense of call and the ever present guidance of the Holy Spirit as you take time to reflect on your ministry and develop a plan for ministry.

## **Five Terms Define Evangelists as Ministers of Blessing**

**Apostolic Witness**—one who, by God’s grace, shares freely his/her personal renewal as a revivalist, value-bearer, and hope-giver to make manifest the Evangel in the life of the church.

**Spiritual Companion**—one who shares the personal practice of spiritual disciplines and invites other individuals into a deep and enriching relationship of mutual spiritual growth in times of need and times of plenty.

**Pastoral Presence**—one who is loving presence in the midst of the people, gently leading, sheltering, mentoring, and shepherding on the path of discipleship through prayerful encouragement and gift discovery.

**Teaching Learner**—one who, with an open mind and sensitive spirit, actively seeks and shares insight, knowledge, and wisdom through consistent study and training.

**Living Sanctuary**—one who shares a lifestyle of safety, sanctuary, and confidentiality with others as they face life’s challenges and share longings and dreams for the future.

## **Priorities of Order of Evangelists for the Current Year**

- Be a pastoral presence with pastors and congregational leadership teams.
- Listen to, share with, and advocate for youth and young adults.
- Practice the spiritual disciplines and companion with others in spiritual formation.
- Model ministries of generosity.
- Look especially to the sacraments (including the Evangelist’s Blessing) to enrich the spiritual life of the body.
- Be a sanctuary of safety, confidentiality, and space to be heard, for all perspectives about the most recent words of counsel to the church.

### **Five Types of Goals to Consider**

1. Personal goal – that would be a blessing to you and/or family.
2. Congregational goal – identified with pastor that would be a blessing to your congregation.
3. Mission Center goal – identified with mission center president that would be in alignment with and a blessing to the ministries of the mission center.
4. Community goal – a ministry of blessing offered in the community.
5. Personal development goal – a skill or knowledge that would enhance your ministry.

### **Helpful Steps for Planning Your Ministry**

**Step One:** With mission center leaders, explore and identify missional goals of the mission center in which you could provide ministry.

**Step Two:** With congregational leaders, explore and identify the ministerial opportunities and needs of the congregation.

**Step Three:** Based on needs in your community or the congregation's community consider opportunities for your ministry.

**Step Four:** According to your gifts and the various roles of the evangelist, reflect on ministries you could offer based on congregational, mission center, and community needs identified above. Consider:

- ❖ Apostolic Witness
- ❖ Spiritual Companion
- ❖ Teaching Learner
- ❖ Pastoral Presence
- ❖ Living Sanctuary

**Step Five:** Reflect on the priorities of the Order of Evangelists for the current year.

**Step Six:** Identify personal development needs.

**Step Seven:** Remember self-care of you and your family.

**Step Eight:** Send a message (or the completed Evangelist Ministry Plan Form) listing your goals for ministry to your mission center president and/or your pastor.

# Pleasant Heights Congregation

## Evangelist Plan for Ministry

Name:	Date:
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<b>My Ministry Goals (It may not be wise nor expected to list goals for each category. You may choose to list two or more goals in any category.)</b>	<b>Hope to do by what date?</b>	<b>Successfully Completed</b>
Personal Self-care Goals		
Congregational Goals		
Mission Center Goals		
Community Goals		
Personal Development Goals  <input type="checkbox"/> Contribute Financially to Pleasant Heights Budget <input type="checkbox"/> Contribute Financially to World Church Mission Initiatives		

Evangelist's Signature	Date:
Facilitator's Signature:	Date:
Pleasant Heights Pastor's Signature:	Date:
Mission Center President's Signature	Date: