

LIFE ON LIFE – LOCAL MISSION COMMISSION HANDBOOK

Purpose:

The purpose of the Life on Life Local Mission Commission of the Allegheny Region Churches of God General Conference is to unite with God on His redemptive mission and to be His hands and feet, building Kingdom communities.

Goal:

Our goal is to empower each person and church in the ARC area to live their lives with impact by:

- stepping into the person God created them to be
- stepping into the mission God has created for them
- changed lives; theirs and those around them
- assist churches on how to change their spiritual culture to become kingdom focused
- joining God on His redemptive mission

Method:

- We will publish a newsletter each month, discussing the missional events and activities of the people and churches in the ARC area, where possible; describing the life changing experiences we have with God on Mission
- We will build frameworks for this commission and reach out to people and churches, joining with them as they join God on Mission.
 - Example of basic framework suggestion for; *Family Devotions*
 - All family members assemble and open in prayer
 - Reading of scripture and related devotion material
 - Time for discussion
 - Closing Prayer
 - We will host frameworks and supporting resources on a web site for easy access
- We will offer assistance to people and churches in getting started in joining God on Mission with
 - spiritual surveys
 - purpose statement (vision)
 - purpose planning
 - missional positioning (placement of people)
 - resources (frameworks, materials, contacts, etc.)
 - missional leadership development
- We will host a web site to support the activities of Life on Life Local Mission

Local Mission Commission Support

- Help ARC bring awareness and education to the need for Local Mission in each community and how we are responding to Jesus' calling to the Great Commission.
- Assist in Spiritual Gifts and Life Assessments for Core Team development
- Provide training in Spiritual Gifts and Life Assessments to Core Team
- Provide access to Bible Basic's teachings/tools
- Provide access to Devotionals (Adult, Youth, Children, Family)
- Provide access to Family Development
- Provide access to Kids Club activities/teachings
- Suggest community activities for "Life On Life " outreach and awareness

Support A Plan Of Action

The Personal Level: "What are my gifts?"

1. Spiritual Gifts Surveys
2. Explore the possibilities
3. Experiment with as many as you can
4. Examine your feelings
5. Evaluate your effectiveness
6. Expect confirmation from the body
7. Seek opportunities for Kingdom service and disciple a "younger Christian" with same gifting

The Corporate Level:

1. Identify the volunteer positions which the church's/org's ministry and programming require
2. Identify the skills and gifts needed for each major position
3. Draw up job descriptions
 - a. functions and tasks involved
 - b. areas of responsibility and authority
 - c. reporting/communicating relationships
 - d. needed skills and spiritual gifts
 - e. anticipated length of service
 - f. expectations
4. Survey people to determine their spiritual gifts and ministry interests
5. Involve people in areas of service by matching their gifts with the requirements for the position
6. Leadership/Discipleship by serving in positions by pairs (each one teach one)