

Compassionate Companion Ministry

Compassionate Companion ministry is service to those who are alone, lonely and need someone to talk to. Visitors spend between 30 minutes to an hour (whatever amount of time is comfortable). Visits are Monday - Saturday and evenings as well. Before departure Vincentians need to set up the next visit date . Scheduling depends on the neighbor's schedule. Before departure Vincentians set up next visit date. The visiting team member is responsible to find a replacement if necessary. The volunteer list is on the conference web page. We DO NOT do shopping, any type of rides, etc. We are there to visit. If they are in need of any help have them contact the hot line. The ministry leader will schedule the next visiting team. The ministry leader is the primary contact person. He/She will be one of the initial visit team members and fills out initial form. If the leader is not available for the first visit one of the team members will fill out the form after visit and give it to the leader.

Ministry Leader Responsibilities

- A. Makes primary contact with neighbor
- B. Sets up date for first visit.
- C. Goes on first visit.
 - 1. Basically because you were the contact person
 - 2. To fill out primary visit form. (after visit)
- D. You keep forms on file.
- E. Visit Form
 - 1. Summary of visit.
 - 2. Fill in Vincentian Team and date.

Roger's Notes

I try to alternate visitors so that ever volunteer will have an opportunity to visit. After first visit I will pair my partner with another Vincentian. This way our neighbor will get to know several people rather than seeing two new Vincentians at every visit. Date and time is just that you know which team did the visit and when. Once we have more neighbors to visit the same Vincentians can visit our neighbor regularly. First contact is done by phone using the blocking system. During first visit I ask for email address and use that for any other contact. I usually contact neighbor a week prior to visit to confirm. I give them my email in case they need to cancel visit.