

**ETERNAL LIFE FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES  
& GLOBAL NETWORK**

**Minister's Training 303  
Missions & Ministry**

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# APOSTOLIC THRUST

## **Vision**

Building people and transforming lives!

## **Mission**

'Deliverance' by Evangelism, 'Discipleship' by Education,  
'Development' by Empowerment and 'Deployment' by Enterprising.

## **Ethos**

"Whole life = Whole person" (Mind - Body - Soul)

## **Assignment**

"Worshipping God and Serving people"

## **Five Fold Ministry Gifts**

For the perfecting of the Saints, For the work of the Ministry, and for the Edification of God through Christ.

# COURSE OBJECTIVES

- **LEARN** – Value of Missions & Ministry in the modern era. (Post COVID)
- **DISCOVER** – The importance of Missions & Ministry in Millennium Ministry.
- **EXPLORE** – The impact of Missions & Ministry a part of the Millennium Ministry Concept.
- **PLAN** – To be active in Missions & Ministry Outreach.
- **EXECUTE** – Develop & Local Church Missions and Ministry program(s).





## Ministry Care Models

1. Some Ministers work together to care for people in a 'sector' or 'region'.
3. Appropriate members of the congregation forming 'Ministry Care Teams'.
5. From amongst the church some are set a side for Ministry Care.



## Ministry Care

- \* What is Ministry Care?
- \* Aim of Ministry Care?
- \* Who does it?
- \* Who gets it?
- \* Definitions?



# Why Ministry Care Matters

- \* The Old Testament shows God to be like a compassionate parent Hosea 11:1-4
- \* Love is at the heart of Christianity ...
  - ✓ ...*“as God’s chosen people, holy and loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility”* Col 3:12
  - ✓ ... *“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you ...”* John 13:34
- \* Jesus’ healing ministry shows that Ministry care transforms lives just as mission has the potential to be life changing.



# Ministry Oversight

- \* To have an overview & give consideration to the needs of the whole Church and individuals. (Life Shape Triangle)
- \* To make sure that an effective system of Ministry care is put in place.
- \* To take responsibility for the outworking of the system (not necessarily being the ones carrying out the care directly).
  - \* To make sure that individuals and/or groups do not fall through the net.
  - \* To check and evaluate that things are being done well.
  - \* To support the work that is happening and those doing the work.
  - \* To make sure that communication works well, so that the needs of people are not missed and that people feel affirmed.



## Ministry Oversight

- \* To discuss matters of policy which affect Ministry care e.g.
  - \* What do we mean by confidentiality?
  - \* What have we got to do about child protection?
- \* To pray for those in Ministry need and for those who do the caring.
- \* To be aware of agencies for referral Social Services, Counselling, Medical Centers, Homeless Shelters





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Scripture - John 5:1-15

- \* Healing of man at pool
- \* The Father sees the man & knows his condition
- \* Jesus deals with the problem not the circumstances
- \* The Father does the follow-up



# Ministry Care

## Aspects to Consider

- \* Caring is first & foremost an ATTITUDE – and it is a task of the ENTIRE church body. (Life Shape Pentagon)
- \* Aspects of caring by Ministers: (Life Shape Triangle)
  - 1) Taking care of yourself
  - 2) Caring for each other as Ministers
  - 3) Developing a ‘Ministry Strategy’ for the community.
- \* Caring is both ‘*reflective listening*’ & understanding...
- \* Church must be Consistent, Practical, and Realistic (CPR).



## Ministry Care

### Taking Care of Yourself (Mind-Body-Soul)

- \* Feelings of inadequacy – *having a reliance on God! (Life Shape Circle)*
- \* Responsibility – *Know your boundaries! You are NOT a social worker!*
- \* Praying for yourself.
- \* Getting good rest, exercise, and eating correctly.
- \* Growing your own faith.
- \* Knowing your church.
- \* Working with others when possible? (Know when to refer!)



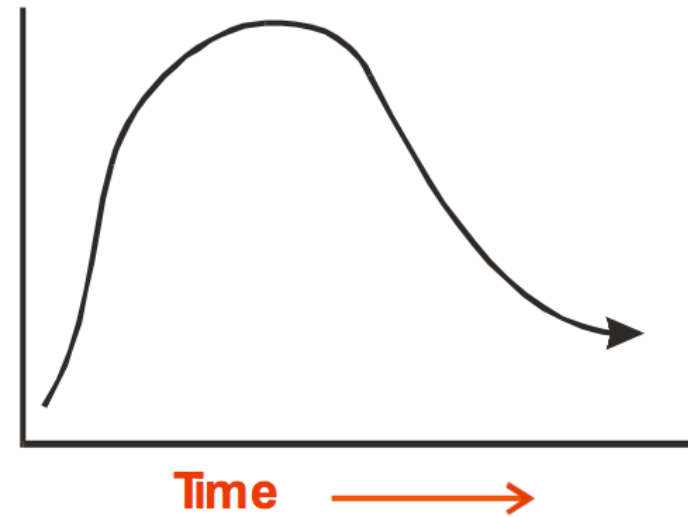
# Communication

- \* What is “communication”?
- \* What “forms of communication” used?
- \* What % of our communication is verbal?
- \* In what ways do we use non-verbal communication?



# Levels of Communication

1. Sharing of Emotions & Feelings
2. Exchanging Ideas/Judgements
3. Reporting Facts about Others
4. Complete Emotional & Personal Truths
5. Cliché Conversation





## Blocks to Communication

- \* Use of particular words.
- \* Being defensive and not open.
- \* Judging a person or being critical.
- \* Attempting to solve people's problems.
- \* Avoiding the issue or being dismissive.
- \* Being unaware of your verbal and non-verbal communication.
- \* Being a poor listener. (We have two ears for a reason!)





# Listening Skills

- \* Listening means hearing words, but also picking up what is beneath the words
- \* So what are we listening to?
  - ✓ Their words
  - ✓ Tone of Their Voice
  - ✓ Silences
  - ✓ Thoughts & Themes
  - ✓ Emotions



## Guidelines for Listening

- \* Enable and encourage the **SPEAKER**.
- \* **LISTEN** to their words & pauses...
  - ✓ **SHOW** that you are listening, using few words but especially with your "body language".
  - ✓ **No Distractions (Cell Phone!)**
  - ✓ **RESPONDING** in an accepting, (non-judgmental ) way.
  - ✓ **ASKING** questions when you do not understand.
  - ✓ **REFLECTING** back to the speaker.
  - ✓ **SUMMARISING** every so often.
  - ✓ **Avoid preemptive answers.**



## Ministry Care & Discipleship

- ★ Learn from visits and chats with other church members and discuss... (Life Shape Circle) in small groups:
  - ✓ As a visitor how comfortable do you feel discussing matters of faith, God and discipleship?
  - ✓ What would you feel you were offering in this situation and what would you expect to receive from the encounter?
- ★ Are there particular Ministers you would see as being gifted to listen to & discuss faith matters with?



## Good Practices

- \* Clearly state your name & that the visit is on behalf of the church and ask “*May I come in*”
- \* Establish how regular future visits should be.
- \* Be prepared to receive—even a cup as gift.
- \* If you state you will do something, then **DO!**
- \* Keep things in confidence unless permission is given to share the information.
- If someone has a criticism encourage them.



## Additional Good Practices

- \* Phone calls or note through the door can be a substitute for a visit but not all the time!
- \* When appropriate you can invite people to their home for a family dinner or cookout. (Use wisdom!)
- \* If you feel conversations are moving into an uncomfortable topic, STOP and say so and then refer this to a professional counselor or another minister or those with experience in the areas needed.



## Advise

- \* Keep Records of Each Household (Good Apps for this!)
  - ✓ Names, relationships, occupations, interests, skills
  - ✓ Church involvement (past and present)
  - ✓ Special events: birthdays, anniversaries, deaths dates you have visited.
  - ✓ Matters for referral: e.g. minister, home group leader
- \* Limit your time to about 20 - 30 minutes
- \* Have An Aim for Each Visit e.g. topic of conversation
- \* Make an Effort to Raise the Spirituality of the
  - \* Congregation.



## Types of Visits

- \* “Ordinary” Contact Visits
  - ✓ Advance preparation
  - ✓ Getting into the home
  - ✓ The visit
  - ✓ Concluding the visit



## Types of Visits

- \* Special Visits
  - ✓ Prospective members
  - ✓ The Sick
  - ✓ The Housebound
  - ✓ The Alcoholic
  - ✓ The Dying
  - ✓ The Bereaved



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# THANKS!

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