

CM Blueprints and Foundations



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Building and maintaining children's ministries needs to be high priority for your church. As Children's Ministry Leaders you are either building a new "house" or renovating an existing one. You have the solid foundation of Christ to build His church but what do the blueprints of this "house" look like? Let's figure out your hopes and expectations and how to implement them into your ministry. Once you have the plan, you'll go from surviving to thriving and being able to open the doors to endless possibilities to reach children for Christ.

Foundation

- Purpose of a foundation is to provide the structure's stability from the ground up. It is a stone or concrete structure that supports a building from underneath.

Cornerstone

- The cornerstone is first stone set in the building process and joins two walls together.

Pillars

- A pillar (or column) is a structural element that carries the weight of the structure above to other structural elements below.

Support Beams

- Support beams bridge the pillars together.

Walls

- Load-bearing walls bear the weight of the structure that will be built on top on the walls.

Measurements – Why; What; Who; Where; How

Construction Manager (aka YOU)

RESPONSIBILITIES:

AUTHORITY:

ACCOUNTABILITY:

SUPPORT:

Blueprints – Hopes, Dreams and Expectations

CM Foundation

The Word of God must be our foundation 1 Corinthians 3: 9-11

- To distribute the weight of this life to avoid over-loading us. He will carry our heavy burdens. Matthew 11:28-30
- To be anchored to Jesus when the storms of life come. Hebrews 6:19
- To carry the load of the underlying layer beneath the surface of the ground (for example: rock or sand) He is the Rock, the immovable foundation. Matthew 7:24-27
- To take us deep into His word increasing stability, preventing overloading. James 1:2-4

Mission and Vision

- Mission – Explain why you exist as a ministry or church
- Vision – How are you going to get there and where are you going? What will your ministry look like in 10 years if you implement these strategies?
- Use the Greatest Commandment (Mark 12:30-31) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) to write your own mission and vision statement.
- Jesus' Mission Statement is Luke 4:18

Values

- Values + behaviors + outcomes + shared experiences = CM Culture
https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/farmsuccession/files/2016/11/Core-Values-Exercise_Integrity_Consulting_Services.pdf

Cornerstone

- The cornerstone is so important because all other stones will be set in reference to the cornerstone.
- Jesus is our cornerstone. Psalm 118:22
- A plumb line is a string with a weight attached at the end. Builders used a plumb line to show true vertical. Isaiah 28: 16 &17

Pillars – 5 Pillars of CM

- Administration
- Hospitality
- Teaching
- Worship
- Outbound

Support Beam

- Church
- Team
- Personal

Now that the foundation is in place, let's get building!

First Floor

Walls

COMMUNICATION:

ATMOSPHERE:

VOLUNTEERS:

CURRICULUM:

Second Floor

1 Corinthians 3:10 According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it.