**Developing Systems to Care for Your Members**

This class is designed to share avenues churches can take to show concern, compassion and commitment to their congregants.

**I. Exploration of Caring for Members Systematically**

Listed below are different methods churches can utilize when seeking to provide care for their members.

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| **Methods** | **Meanings** | **Positives** | **Negatives** |
| 1. | Based on last name (A-C, D-F, G-I, etc…) | Makes segmenting groups more manageable. | Limited flexibility. |
| 2. | Based on male or female. | Individuals in groups may have more in common. | Excluding the opposite sex. |
| 3. | Based on matrimonial position (married, single, divorced, widowed) . . . | Participants can expound on similar experiences. | Group members may feel labeled or singled out. |
| 4. | Based on no particular criteria. | Easy to implement. | Fewer planned commonalities. |
| 5**.** | Based on what area of the city the member lives. | People may frequent establishments within the same vicinity. | Changes with relocation and displacement. |

**II. Explanation about Caring for Church Members**

Listed below are essential components churches should implement to assist them to care for their members.

1. - Choosing someone to give oversight of the Care program.

**II Kings 10:3**

*“Choose the best person for the job and make him the next king. Then be prepared to defend Ahab’s family.”* (CEV)

1. - Establishing policies and procedures for the

overall ministry.

**I Chronicles 24:19**

*“Each group carried out its appointed duties in the house of the Lord according to the procedures established by their ancestor Aaron in obedience to the commands of the Lord, the God of Israel.”* (NLT)

1. - Selecting individuals to be responsible for a set number of congregants.

**Deuteronomy 1:15**

*“So I took the wise and respected men you had selected from your tribes and appointed them to serve as judges and officials over you. Some were responsible for a thousand people, some for a hundred, some for fifty, and some for ten.”* (NLT)

1. - Placing each adult member of the congregation with a group of people and a caregiver.

**II Samuel 8:14**

*“He put teams of soldiers throughout Edom, and the whole nation became his servants. The Lord gave victory to him wherever he went.”* (ERV)

1. - Providing ongoing information and development of team leaders.

**II Chronicles 25:5**

*“Then Amaziah organized the army, assigning generals and captainsfor all Judah and Benjamin. He took a census and found that he had an army of 300,000 select troops, twenty years old and older, all trained in the use of spear and shield.”* (NLT)

**III. Expectations from Caring for Members**

Listed below are outcomes churches should desire to see as a result of caring for their members**.**

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**Acts 4:34, 35**

*“That there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales 35) and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.”* (NIV)

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**I Corinthians 14:40**

*“Let all things be done decently and in order.”* (KJV)

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**Acts 16:33, 34**

*“Even at that hour of the night, the jailer cared for them and washed their wounds. Then he and everyone in his household were immediately baptized. 34) He brought them into his house and set a meal before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced because they all believed in God.”* (NLT)

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**Galatians 4:13, 14**

*“Surely you remember that I was sick when I first brought you the Good News. 14)* *But even though my condition tempted you to reject me, you did not despise me or turn me away. No, you took me in and cared for me as though I were an angel from God or even Christ Jesus himself.”* (NLT)

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**Luke 10:34**

*“The Samaritan went to him, poured olive oil and wineon his wounds, and bandaged them. Then he put the hurt man on his own donkey and took him to an inn where he cared for him.”* (NCV)