

First Presbyterian Church of Wheaton
Small Groups Ministry Committee

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We are responding to a churchwide need for more small groups with the formation of the **Small Groups Ministry Committee**. **Step One** is to evaluate the current status of existing small groups. **Step Two** is to assess the current desires of the congregation in order to help develop new small groups. **Step Three** is to seek out and train those individuals who would be willing to receive training to act as facilitators to those newly established small groups. Please take a moment to fill out this questionnaire to help us understand further what types of small groups would satisfy the needs and desires of our church community.

I would be interested in a . . .

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Small Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Woman's Small Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Small Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Couples Small Group |

Which was focused on. . .

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Spirituality | <input type="checkbox"/> General Book Study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Theology | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mission Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Fellowship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Ideas _____ | |
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- I would like to facilitate a small group and take the training offered by the church. *(Please see second page for a description of what this involves.)*
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Name _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

When completed...

Please drop off hard copy in the church office, or you may forward via email to Jack Houser at jhh44@aol.com.

Small Group Facilitator (Leader) Job Description:

A Small Group Facilitator is a person willing to start and facilitate a small group by using *Process Oriented Skills*. The focus or study material of the group is set forth by the facilitator but can change as the needs of the group develop. These groups will meet on at least a monthly basis and will center their group on connecting with the other members of the group and growing together and in Christ. The facilitator will go through a 10 hour training course over 7 weeks.

Servant Leadership Skills that you have or are willing to learn and develop:

- Can build relationships with others.
- Set the example for others as a facilitator.
- Support others in finding their own solutions.
- Support group members as they develop their own servant leadership skills.
- Help support members as they discover their spiritual gifts.
- Help build trust and community in their groups.
- Enable members to connect with each other and grow in relationship with Christ.
- Enable members to share their feelings and to truly care for each other.
- Welcome others into the group.
- Give the group the responsibility to set and achieve goals.
- Promote open and honest communication.
- Coach and mentor members on how to revolve conflicts so that they and the group can learn and grow from the experience.

Fundamentals of Group Meetings:

1. Covenanting as a group. This will also include confidentiality with in the group.
2. Opening and closing in prayer.
3. Spiritual component: to encourage connecting with others and Christ and growth as an individual and as a group in Christ.