

# How do I Create a Ministry Team?

Are you inspired to start a new ministry at BCCUCC? Is there something you feel in your heart we ought to be doing and you are ready to help make that happen? This is the way you can make that happen!

## **1. Define your ministry.**

You don't need to have all the answers before you begin exploring the idea of starting a new ministry team, but it certainly helps to have thought about it some. What do you want to accomplish? Who are you hoping to help? What support will you need?

## **2. Look at the church's mission.**

An important early question to ask is, "Is this ministry consistent with the church's sense of mission?" If it isn't, the church may not be the right place to begin your work. If you think it is, great, then move on to step 3!

## **3. Look at our current ministry teams.**

Is there a team already doing what you want to do? Is there a team doing something very similar? Perhaps it is easiest to join a group that is already successful than start your own. However, if you want to start your own team, that is just fine, too!

## **4. Talk to some church folks.**

You may want to talk among your friends or acquaintances at church. Do any of them want to join you? Are they also interested in your ministry idea?

## **5. Talk to a ministry coordinator or minister.**

You can't skip this step. It's important that you coordinate with other teams and leaders working in church. They will be able to support your efforts and help guide you through the process of starting up a team from scratch. They are also essential for the next step!

## **6. Write a Ministry Plan**

This doesn't need to be overwhelming. Many ministry teams will have a very simple plan. We have a template available, and your ministry coordinator can help you write it!

## **7. Do you need money?**

Many ministries don't require any money to be successful. Others do. If your ministry requires money either to get started or on an ongoing basis, you will need to work with a ministry coordinator. They help teams with their annual budget requests and have access to money set aside to help new ministries get started. Also, if you hope to ask for donations from the congregation, it is important that these "asks" are coordinated.

## **8. Get started!**

At this point you should be all set and ready to go. Get started with that ministry plan!