

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Purpose: To provide overall worship planning for ten months of the year (Aug-May).

Composition: Pastor of Worship, chair, 3-4 others + short term volunteers for seasonal groups

Term:

1. Members of committee serve three-year terms, and may serve additional one year terms (not to exceed five years total)
2. Discerned by the congregation following the guidelines for the Leader Selection Process.
3. Volunteers for seasonal groups will be coordinated by the Pastor of Worship.
4. Accountable to Leadership Group.

Pastoral team contact: Anna Yoder Schlabach (Pastor of Worship)

Committee Responsibilities:

- Evaluates worship and keeps a big picture perspective
- Each member of the committee actively participates in a seasonal group at least once a year.
- Plans seasonal worship themes for the year with attention to: Where are we? What does the congregation need?
- Plans for 2nd hour (except for electives- One committee member serves on electives committee)

Time involved:

Meets about once a month between August and late spring. As needed for contacts with potential speakers, worship leaders, etc. Occasional participation in Music and Worship Leaders Weekends at Laurelville or workshops at AMBS.

Qualifications:

1. Active participant in the congregation.
2. Has an understanding of and commitment to Assembly's mission and vision.
3. Demonstrates maturity in life and faith.
4. Able to sense and call out potential gifts to be used in worship.
5. Passion for our corporate life of worship and what enables it.
6. Interest in long-range planning and care for the congregation as a whole.
7. Special interests in art, music, drama, dance, preaching, etc. are welcome, but not necessary.

Seasonal Groups Responsibilities:

- Meet 2-3 times to plan Fall Bible Study, Advent, Carnival, and Lent
- Generally take a turn leading worship during the season
- Embodiment / fleshing-out of the theme for that season
- Tend to the details of weekly worship for that season including:
 - o Identifies possible preachers, song leaders, children's time leaders

- o Visuals
- o Rituals
- o Dance/movement
- o Makes contact with preachers, worship leaders, etc.

Worship Chair Responsibilities:

- Participates in 3 seasonal groups a year (alternating with the Pastor of Worship)
- Calls meetings
- Facilitates meetings
- Provides an opening or delegates someone to lead
- Designates minute taker
- Checks in with pastor between meetings (a brief pre-meeting during the week before the worship committee meeting to plan agenda)
- Sets up worship planning grid for each year/season or designates
- Writes introduction for each season or delegates this task to another committee member

Pastor Responsibilities:

- Participates in 3 seasonal groups a year (alternating with the Worship Chair)
- Invites/coordinates volunteers to serve on seasonal groups (gathered from Leader Selection Committee or Worship Gifts Form)
- Meets with chair in the week before worship committee meeting to plan agenda
- Link to PT and LG: helps interpret to WC what is happening in congregation, what might be addressed in worship; shares WC work/plans with PT; gets feedback from PT
- Coaching: works with worship leaders/preachers, if needed
- Links to PT for help with mentoring of new preachers/worship leaders
- Orients Summer Worship committee (Summer worship begins in June after Pentecost)
- Contacts small groups about worship leading
- Works with PT members/small groups to plan special services