

Forming a Serve Local Leadership Team is essential to a successful Serve Local. But this does not mean a church has to start from scratch. There are three options for the composition of the Leadership Team.

OPTION 1: EXISTING STRUCTURE MODEL

The first option would be to secure Serve Local leadership from the existing leadership and ministry structure of the church. If your church has a Committee or Ministry Team responsible for evangelism and/or missions, they could serve as the core of your Serve Local Leadership Team with the Chair serving as Coordinator. Then, the team could then recruit coordinators for each ministry from the larger church body, giving people the opportunity to commit to serve in a specific ministry of their choice.

OPTION 2: EXISTING MINISTRIES MODEL

A variation of the Option 1 that might be appealing to many churches, would be for the Leadership Team or the Evangelism/Missions Team, to:

- Meet with representatives from each church ministry (children's, youth, college, women, men, senior adults, deacons, WMU, Brotherhood, etc.) and each Sunday School/Small Group
- Explain Serve Local and the church's commitment to participate
- Request each church ministry and Sunday School/Small Group plan a ministry event/activity and recruit members from their ministry or Sunday School/Small Group to serve
- Each ministry and Sunday School/Small Group designates a leader for their ministry who joins Leadership Team as Ministry Coordinator. Information on chosen ministry is relayed to Leadership Team for promotion and scheduling Serve Local day.

Having existing Ministries and/or Sunday School/Small Groups plan & recruit for Serve Local ministries can save valuable time and lessen the responsibilities of the Leadership Team. In addition, recruiting members to serve who are not enrolled in Sunday School/Small Groups could result in growth.

OPTION 3: ONE EVENT MODEL

A third option would be for the Pastor and Staff, or Pastor and Coordinator, to choose one or two ministries where church members would be recruited to serve. This option may work best in smaller membership churches and would definitely require less time to plan and promote.

Possible ministry options might include:

- Prayer Walking the entire community or specific neighborhood(s)
- Door-to-door Evangelism covering the entire community or specific neighborhood(s)
- Choose one specific group of people in the community to serve: School, Police, Fire Department, Medical Professionals, Local Businesses, etc.
- Choose one specific ministry, such as a block party, and focus all efforts on the one event

Regardless of the option you choose, leadership is important for a successful Serve Local day at your church. To allow sufficient time for all other planning aspects of Serve Local, developing a leadership team should be the first step you take.