

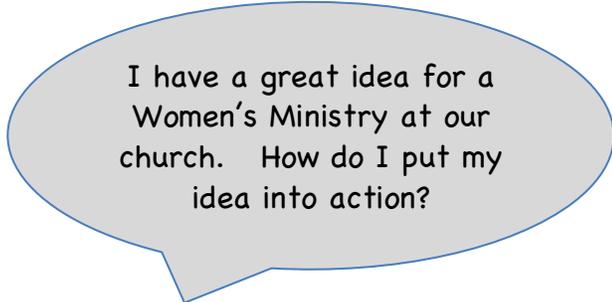
Mason First Church of the Nazarene

Women's Ministries

All Women's Ministries fall under the direction of the Church Board, specifically the Education Superintendent. All Ministries promoted and advertised through the church must be approved by the Education Superintendent and Church Staff.

Board Member - Education Superintendent responsibilities in regard to Women's Ministries:

- Will approve all new ministries in conjunction with the Church Staff.
- Will maintain the calendar for the Women's Ministries and have access to the General Church Calendar to avoid conflicts in scheduling or duplications of ministries.
- Will collect attendance data from all Women's Ministries to report to the Church Board.
- Will seek out new leaders for successful, established ministries, if the current leaders resign. Will determine when to close down a ministry, as needed.

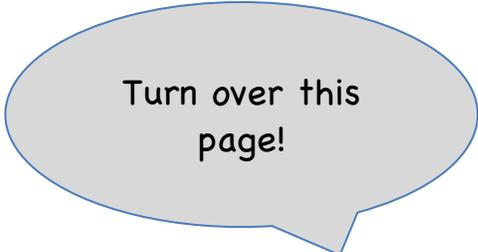


I have a great idea for a Women's Ministry at our church. How do I put my idea into action?

1	Call or email the Education Superintendent and ask for a time to discuss your idea, whether in person or by phone.
2.	<p>Prepare for the meeting. Include the following in your plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Purpose of the ministry and target audience (Examples: young mothers, singles, retired, readers, athletes, working women, all women)• Proposed ministry meeting day(s), time, frequency, location• Who will be the leaders (at least initially)? (<i>"Never do ministry alone"</i> – John Maxwell) Commit to recruiting at least one other person, and preferably two, to work with you as leaders in the ministry.• Is there a cost to the church involved with this new ministry? <p>It is helpful for this meeting to have the initial draft of your planned advertising prepared to show the Education Superintendent.</p>
3	<p>Decide, prior to ministry launch, what participation numbers merit the continuation of the ministry after its initial launch.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Examples: A book club or Bible Study might need a minimum of 5 interested women, a one-time special event, like a Women's Retreat, might need at least 30 to warrant the time and expense involved to do it another year.



The Ministry has been approved!
Now what?



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After your idea has been approved by the Education Superintendent and Church Staff, carefully consider the following as you plan the details of your ministry:

1.	<p>FOLLOW CHRIST</p> <p>Is the Gospel central to your ministry? Examples: Will scripture be read, a devotional be included, the “good news” proclaimed, prayers prayed, hope offered, spiritual disciplines built, etc.? <i>All Women’s Ministries should be different than all the other social events the world offers. Make sure your ministry retains its “saltiness.” Mark 9:50</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational materials used in the Church of the Nazarene should reflect Wesleyan Christian doctrine. When in doubt, please check with a Pastor prior to use. • Possible sources of doctrinally sound educational materials include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *<u>Holiness Today</u> publication from Church of the Nazarene (For subscription email: HT@CambeyWest.com) *Formerly Nazarene Publishing House, <i>The Foundry</i> has many resources, including a section for Women’s Ministries (www.thefoundrypublishing.com) *The Mason First Church of the Nazarene Education Library includes approved curriculum materials (contact the church office for information and access)
2.	<p>CONNECT HEARTS</p> <p>Would a non-Christian, or a person new to the church, feel welcome entering this group?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new person will give your ministry one chance to make her feel included and connected to the other people in the group. • What types of activities do you have planned to make a new person feel welcome? (Examples: mixers, nametags, seating arrangements, etc.)
3.	<p>LOVE ONE ANOTHER</p> <p>Satan will always attack a successful ministry. One of the easiest ways he does this is through fanning the flames of dissension and mistrust in leadership or among the group members themselves.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will you pray for protection for yourself, the ministry, and the women who participate? It is a great idea to recruit a few women to pray specifically for this purpose. • Will you commit to loving one another, no matter what? The friction that will invariably arise in relationships is an opportunity to ask the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom in your interactions and love for all the women that are a part of your ministry. Make a decision to “love the unlovable,” just as Jesus loves you.

General Check-List for Advertising the Ministry:

- Contact the Church Office and reserve Church/ROC space (as needed). Make sure to schedule set-up and tear down time when you make the reservation.
- Send flier advertising to the Church Office and ask that it be published on church website, during video and/or audio announcements Sunday morning, in church bulletin, and through email blasts. Make sure the following information is included in the flier: name of event, intended audience, date, time, location name and address, contact information of leader(s) for questions.
- Put up the flier on approved bulletin board spaces in the church and at the ROC. Hand out flier at other church events, as appropriate.

Please report to the Education Superintendent Attendance Numbers after each of your ministry meetings/events. Those numbers become part of the Church Board report to the Congregation in the yearly report each Spring and to the District Office.