

# Lay Ministers of Congregational Care Calling Forth the Committed



I Peter 5:2

..... tend the flock of God among you.....

# Ministry of Pastoral and Congregational Care (People Caring for People)

## MISSION

To strengthen and encourage one another in the faith by providing pastoral care for every member of the First Missionary Baptist Church family through the calling forth and equipping of lay people who are gifted by the Holy Spirit.

## STRATEGY

Caring for one another on a continual basis by giving oneself in Christian love to a relationship in times of need and times of strength. This caring will be expressed through PRAYER, AVAILABILITY, regular CONTACT and Christian EXAMPLE (PACE).

## John 13:35

"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

## Ephesian 4:11-12

"And he himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

## **SPECIFIC DUTIES OF LAY MINISTERS**

1. Each two-members team of Lay Ministers shall become acquainted with families in its team's unit (7-8 families).
2. Each team of Lay Ministers will contact the families in its unit each month and make a report twice a year; once in the spring (between March and the end of May), and once in the fall (between September and the latter part of November). See P. 17-A for report format. Families may be contacted by telephone, in worship, in Sunday School, or by coordinated home visit.

3. Each team will write reports at the end of each reporting period (unless there are urgent concerns) and turn the reports in to the Staff Minister for Pastoral Care and Congregational Life and Coordinator(s). Urgent concerns should be reported to the coordinator(s) immediately. (The coordinator(s) will provide forms for this purpose.)
4. Each team is encouraged to visit families in its unit during times of sickness at home and/or in hospitals, during times of bereavement, and times of special enjoyment. Home visits will be determined by the times of the day and the request of the families.

### ***Lay Ministers of Congregational Care Orientations***

Lay Ministers of Congregational Care Orientations are held at 6:00 p.m. on the Monday before the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in April, July, & October.

*Theme: (TBD each Year)*

### ***Lay Ministers of Congregational Care Quarterly Meetings***

Lay Ministers of Congregational Quarterly Meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. on the Monday before the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in March, June, September, & November.

*Theme: (TBD each Year)*

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