

Ministry Description

Lay Visitor Team

Biblical Ministry Objective

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

Ministry Goals

1. To visit with shut-in and/or nursing home members and care for them as a part of this Body of Christ.
2. If they and you feel comfortable with this arrangement, after we celebrate Holy Communion at worship, to take out the elements to them and commune them as well. (Although some might feel uncomfortable with this, it is perfectly acceptable. In some ways it would be similar to how the pastor and communion assistant bring communion down to the front pew, only you would be bringing them to those members who cannot come to church.)

God Given Gifts

1. A deep commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ.
2. The gifts of care and compassion.

Time Required

The schedule that I would like to keep is that our shut-ins are visited once a month. I would like to alternate with the lay visitors so that they are visited by the pastor every other month. This means, that at a minimum, you might spend an hour or so on a visit, every other month. It would be your choice to commit for more than one visit, as your time allows. The visits would be scheduled for a time which is mutually convenient for the lay visitor and the shut-in.

Term

I would like lay visitors to commit for at least one year so that you are able to develop a significant relationship with the same shut-in. Of course the visitor may continue as long as they would like.

Supervisor

Pastor

Responsibilities

1. To schedule the visit or stop by the nursing home at a time that is mutually convenient.
2. To visit with the person, expressing care and concern for perhaps a half hour to an hour.
3. As mentioned above, to bring communion if this is mutually agreeable to the visitor and the shut-in.
4. To communicate any serious concerns back to the pastor.
5. To record the visit in the church office.