

Calvary Greeter Ministry

Ministry Description

Purpose

Engage in primary new member ministry on behalf of the congregation of Calvary Episcopal Church.

Responsibility

Identify and make initial contact with newcomers at Sunday and other special services.

Activities

- Be deployed to greet visitors in a warm and welcoming way after the service.
- Provide information relevant to them, including: directions to the restrooms, Sunday School locations, nursery availability, etc., as appropriate.
- Offer them the opportunity to sign the Guest Register, giving them *clear* permission to decline.
- Offer to escort them to classes (after the 10:00 a.m. service) and introduce them to the clergy (when possible).
- Offer to provide whatever help or guidance *they* need or want, including being left alone.
- Ask them if they wish to complete a Welcome Card; this will generate their being added to the *e-pistle* list, and the sending of a Welcome Letter and follow-up email from the rector.
- Offer them a personal greeter business card and be willing to follow up.
- Within 24-hours, follow up with an email (if an email address was provided).

Skills and Abilities Needed

- Ability to talk to “strangers” easily and warmly, and with patience and compassion.
- Vigilance to remain aware of people new to the congregation, after the initial contact.
- Reasonably regular attendance; reliable attendance at assigned services.
- Familiarity with the availability and contents of congregational and printed materials designed to inform and educate newcomers.
- Sensitivity to the ranges of people’s wants, needs, personality types, etc.
- Basic knowledge of theology, policies, activities, programs, services, staff and members of Calvary Episcopal Church.

Time Commitment

- 15 minutes after the assigned service
- Service one Sunday a month
- Bi-annual meetings for support/training/problem solving
- One year commitment (renewable)

Training, Support and Accountability

- Ebet Peoples will provide initial training session and “starter” scripts, and ongoing support and mentoring.
- Ebet Peoples will lead bi-annual support sessions for all Greeters to provide peer support, ongoing training, system fine-tuning and response to concerns.

Benefits

- Joy in experiencing being pivotal in the lives of reconnecting and brand-new Christians.
- Satisfaction in helping the congregation respond to guests, visitors, shoppers and seekers.
- Opportunity to exercise your particular gifts in carrying out your Baptismal Covenant to “seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself.”
- Further development of your social and pastoral skills.