

# Church of Saint John the Evangelist, Hamilton

## Ministry Description

Ministry Area	Worship	Position	Prayer Team Intercessor
<b>Nature of Ministry</b>	<p>As a member of the Prayer Team, you will work with a partner intercessor to offer the ministry of prayer to individuals who come seeking specific and individual prayer during the liturgies of the church. This ministry is not to be confused with an Intercessor who leads the worshipping community in the Prayers of the People.</p> <p>The purpose of your ministry is to enhance the liturgical life of the gathered assembly and to offer prayer support to those with various needs and request.</p>		
<b>Outline of Responsibilities</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Work with another intercessor to offer individual prayer in response to a request from a worshipper and to pray with and for that worshipper and the prayer intention they offer.</li> <li>2. The Intercessor will keep and protect the confidence of the prayer request unless the supplicant expresses the desire to have the request shared (e.g., prayer chain, In Our Prayers Today, parish priest, etc.).</li> <li>3. Offer ministry during the distribution of the communion and following in the baptistery area of the church proper in a quiet and unobtrusive way.</li> </ol>		
<b>A Person Well-Suited</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will be a mature Christian, a person of prayer, and able to pray aloud with others extemporaneously.</li> <li>• Will be passionate about caring for people, the ministry of prayer, and the worship life of the church.</li> <li>• Will show the Christian graces of humility and confidence.</li> <li>• Will be reliable and able to keep confidences.</li> <li>• Will be sensitive, a good listener, and able to recognize non-verbal cues.</li> <li>• Will be comfortable working in a people-oriented, structure environment.</li> <li>• May have spiritual gifts that include: intercession, shepherding, discernment, wisdom.</li> </ul>		
<b>Time Commitment</b>	<p>Approximately two hours per month. Serving on Sunday mornings approximately one or two times per month.</p>	<b>Length of Term</b>	A one-year commitment is requested.
<b>Participation Group</b>	Partnered with other Prayer Team intercessors and ministering to supplicants who may be anyone from the worshipping community.		
<b>Support, Supervision and Training</b>	<p>Direct supervision of this ministry is by Prayer Team Coordinators. Training and mutual supervision is done in peer groups.</p>		
<b>Boundaries and Limitations</b>	<p>Strict confidentiality regarding prayer requests is expected unless otherwise directed by the supplicant. The Guidelines for Working with Vulnerable Persons apply. This ministry description outlines the limits of this ministry responsibility.</p>		

<b>Benefits to Volunteer</b>	The benefits of engaging in this important ministry include the satisfaction of sharing in making real changes in people's lives, learning about the ministry of prayer, and working closely with other intercessors.
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<b>Risk Assessment</b>		
<b>Risk Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Assessment</b>
Participation and Supervision	The entire worshipping community, often including vulnerable persons.	Medium
Setting	Public spaces.	Low
Nature of Relationship	Rarely one-to-one and generally not ongoing.	Low-Medium
Degree of Authority	Potential perception of authority.	Medium
Physical Safety	No concerns.	Low
Financial	No financial involvement.	Low
Privileged Information	Occasional possession of confidential or sensitive information.	Medium
Damaged Reputation	Minimal risk of accusation.	Low
Key-Holder	Not required.	Low
<b>Risk Level Assessed</b>	<b>Low</b>	

<b>Screening Requirements</b>	
✓ Training is required.	Training is offered, but not required.
✓ Interview is required.	References are required.
Police Records Check (PRC) is required.	PRC with vulnerable sector screening required.
✓ Volunteer Registration Form completed. (Must be completed if interview, PRC, and/or references are required.)	✓ Signed statement regarding ministry description required.
✓ Signed statement regarding confidentiality required.	Key-holder agreement required.
✓ Signed statement regarding policy on ministry with vulnerable persons required.	✓ Annual follow up by Prayer Team Coordinators.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to assume the duties, responsibilities and expectations as set out in this Ministry Description.

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Full name (please print)

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Signature

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Date