

CONNECT GROUP LEADER

Application

Full Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

Connect Group Leader Type for which you are applying: (select one or more)

Host Organizer Discussion Guide



Thank you so much for being willing to serve and answer these questions. We are grateful for everyone who wants to serve as the Spirit leads. Our goal is to encourage everyone in the church to find a place to serve in ministry, and we also value making sure everyone serves in a capacity that is the right fit. We trust the Holy Spirit will help us discern and confirm His leading. Your answers to these questions will help us do our best at pastoring you as you seek to serve in the right place in ministry. **(Please ONLY ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT APPLY to any of the Leader Types you checked above THEN SKIP TO PAGE 5. Thanks!)**

Have you led a small group before? Yes No

If "yes," for how long and in what capacity? _____

For Hosts: Where do you plan to host your Connect Group? _____

We'd like to know a few basics about your proposed host site so we can help direct people to appropriate groups. The following answers are for informational purposes only.

How many people can you host? _____

Will you be able to accommodate families with kids? Yes No

Will you be able to serve food at your host site? Yes No

Will people be required to purchase anything (like food/drinks) at your host site?

Yes No





Is your host site accessible? Yes No

Does your host site have indoor animals that people with allergies should be aware of?
 Yes No

If so, please list (exp: "dogs" or "cats"): _____

We'd like to know more about you too!

What excites you most about the idea of hosting a Connect Group? _____

What do you see as your primary responsibilities when it comes to hosting a Connect Group?

What are some ways you believe Sandy Assembly of God can best assist you as you serve in ministry as a Connect Group Host?



For Organizers:

There are many ways to communicate today. If you would like to be a Connect Group Organizer, please identify the different ways you would be able to stay in touch with your group.

Phone Text Email Social Media Other

If you checked "social media," please list the types of social media you could use:

If you checked "other" please list:





We'd like to know a little more about you! Don't worry. It's not a test. Being an effective Organizer requires a certain skillset, so we just want to get an idea of where you're at with some of these things. Please be honest. We all have ways in which we can grow.

Please indicate how strongly you identify with the following statements:

1 = not at all 2 = sort of 3 = pretty much 4 = mostly 5 = strongly

The calendar I keep works for me	1	2	3	4	5
I am an organized person when it comes to scheduling things	1	2	3	4	5
I do well at keeping up with the people in my life	1	2	3	4	5
I consistently follow through when I say "I'll let you know"	1	2	3	4	5
I am conscientious about striking a friendly tone when I communicate with others	1	2	3	4	5
I am the kind of person who likes to help people with questions and needs	1	2	3	4	5
I feel comfortable reaching out to new people through any forms of communication I checked above	1	2	3	4	5

What excites you most about the idea of being a Connect Group Organizer?

What do you see as your primary responsibilities when it comes to being a Connect Group Organizer?

What are some ways you believe Sandy Assembly of God can best assist you as you serve in ministry as a Connect Group Organizer?

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For Discussion Guides:

If you would like to serve in ministry as a Connect Group Discussion Guide by teaching some content and facilitating Connect Group discussions, please describe your experience in teaching a Bible study (or something similar).

If you do not have experience teaching a Bible Study (or something similar), would you be willing to commit to a little bit of extra coaching from your pastoral staff?

Yes No

Christian leadership requires godly character, and there are higher standards for Bible teachers. If you want to be a teacher, are there any issues that would be a challenge for others if you were serving in this capacity?

Yes No

If "yes," please explain: -----

We are using the Bible Engagement Project curriculum for Connect Groups. Part of the curriculum's content includes the 16 Fundamental Truths of the Assemblies of God, our core doctrines. (See Appendix A.) Since consistency in what we preach and teach matters across all church ministries, will you be able to uphold these beliefs as you teach them?

Yes No

Our mission, vision, and values (see Appendix B) are the biblical core of our church culture. Because Connect Groups are expected to play a key role in fostering a healthy, unified church culture, are you committed to supporting and encouraging our mission, vision, and values?

Yes No

Do you have a smart phone or tablet to which you can download the Bible Engagement Project app?

Yes No





What excites you most about the idea of being a Connect Group Discussion Guide?

What do you see as your primary responsibilities when it comes to being a Connect Group Discussion Guide?

What are some ways you believe Sandy Assembly of God can best assist you as you serve in ministry as a Connect Group Discussion Guide?



IMPORTANT! The following questions are for all Connect Group Leader Applicants. Please answer honestly so we can best know where you're coming from. Thank you!

One of the potential dangers in small group ministry is when a group begins to stray from the overall direction of the church. This is where unity matters. Are you committed to the unity of the church?

Yes No I could use prayer and help in this area

If challenges arise that threaten the unity of the church, are you committed to involving the church staff to seek remedies to prevent a group from getting off course?

Yes No

Ephesians 4:15 is in the context of a passage about Christian maturity and gives us a great way to handle difficult situations. We are to "speak the truth in love." Will you be able to balance both as necessary?

Yes No I could use prayer and help in this area

A cooperative spirit can go a long way. Are you committed to an attitude of service, humility, and being a team player?

Yes No I could use prayer and help in this area

Consistency and dependability are crucial for any ministry to function well. Are you committed to following through, being dependable, and covering your responsibilities if you need to miss a week for any reason?

Yes No

Every believer needs an active church life and personal devotional life to be healthy spiritually. Please describe your personal devotional life.

Background checks are required of all our Connect Group Leaders. Are you willing to let us run a background check on you? (You won't have to pay for it.)

Yes No

I attest that the statements I made in this application are true and reflect my current thoughts/attitudes.

I understand that my pastoral team will only use this information to better pastor me and help me find the best place for me to serve in ministry.

Signature _____ Date _____

Thank you for your honest, thoughtful responses.

Please return this application to Pastor Larry, Pastor Joel, or the church office upon completion.

We will be in touch with you!



Appendix A

The 16 Fundamentals of the Assemblies of God

We Believe...

1. The Bible is Inspired by God and declares His design and plan for mankind.
2. There is One True God revealed in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (commonly known as 'The Trinity').
3. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ: God's son Jesus was both human and divine.
4. The Fall of Man ushered evil and death, both physical and spiritual, into the world.
5. The Salvation of Man: Man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God.
6. The Ordinances of the Church: (1) Water Baptism by Immersion after repenting of one's sins and receiving Christ's gift of salvation; (2) Holy Communion (the Lord's Supper) as a symbolic remembrance of Christ's suffering and death for our salvation.
7. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is for everyone and empowers believers for witnessing and effective service, just as it did in New Testament times.
8. The Initial Physical Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is 'Speaking in Tongues,' as experienced on the Day of Pentecost and referenced throughout Acts and the Epistles.
9. Sanctification is an act of separation from that which is evil and of dedication unto God.
10. The Church has a mission to seek and save all who are lost in sin.
11. The Ministry: A divinely called and scripturally ordained leadership ministry serves the Church.
12. Divine Healing of the sick is a privilege for Christians today.
13. The Blessed Hope: When Jesus raptures His Church prior to His return to earth.
14. The Millennial Reign of Christ: When Jesus returns with His saints to reign on earth for one thousand years.
15. A Final Judgment will take place for those who have rejected Christ.
16. New Heavens and a New Earth: Christ is preparing a New Heavens and a New Earth for all people, of all time, who have accepted Him.

Appendix B
Our Mission, Vision, and Values

Mission

Reach the Lost  *Disciple the Found*

Vision

That everyone who calls Sandy Assembly of God home would regularly and intentionally:

- ENCOUNTER** *God*
- CONNECT** *with others*
- SERVE** *in ministry*
- GO** *tell the world*
- GROW** *through it all*

Values

HEALTHY CHURCHES
ARE MADE OF HEALTHY PEOPLE.
IN ALL WE DO, WE MUST BE:

- 01** Spirit-Empowered
- 02** Bible-Engaged
- 03** Gospel-Focused