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Creating and Implementing a Plan for Ministry for Your Church

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

– *Matthew 28:19*

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Acts 29 MINISTRY PLAN: Following up on the A2 Indicator Assessment

**What must we do to help the church
move towards becoming healthy and vital in the
four areas below? What must
change to make this happen?**

In each area, list specific actions and ways to measure the results. Even if one area is already strong, consider it in the “plan” so it will remain healthy. You can put in ministries and plans currently active.

	SPECIFIC ACTION	MEASURABLE & ATTAINABLE	REWARDS	TIME FRAME
GROWTH Numerically				
Spiritually				

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LIVING IN COMMUNITY				
(Consider levels of conflict)				

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ADEQUATE RESOURCES				
Monetary				
Personnel				

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SERVICE AND MISSION				
Local Projects				
Mission Donations				
Projects Outside of Area				

- Use appropriate time frames so the church will not become discouraged (*such as 6 months or more for fellowship opportunities; one year for numerical growth, etc.*)
- Have the leadership team report often in council meetings and worship services
- Periodically use inserts to poll the congregation on their ideas and dreams
- Keep a “suggestion box” somewhere to give easy access for ideas

Sources

A2 Indicators by Shane and Pokey Stanford

Sample ACTS 29 Plan

For the Area of “Living in Community”

<p>LIVING IN COMMUNITY</p> <p><i>Consider levels of conflict</i></p>	<p>The church will develop a Bible study and prayer ministry related to relationships.</p>	<p>A) Develop a prayer ministry team of trusted spiritual leaders who shall offer prayer daily for the pastor, the pastor’s family, the church members, the community and world</p> <p>B) Use the “Longing to Belong” resource to develop a relational Bible study.</p>	<p>The rewards from implementing these two ministries are two fold:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lower the level of conflict 2. May help lead to numerical and spiritual growth 	<p>A) Both the Bible study and prayer ministry may be organized and implemented by July 1st</p> <p>B) Both should be on-going</p>
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For the Area of "Growth"

<p>GROWTH</p> <p><i>Numerically</i></p>	<p>Develop a vision and mission statement for the church</p>	<p>Using the Hinton Rural Center Model, conduct a meeting(s) to help the church explore its core values.</p>	<p>Once the church understands its core values (calling) it will be better able to develop its plans for ministry. This will give direction to the church.</p>	<p>A) By May 29th, announce plans for the meeting</p> <p>B) Develop the agenda, leadership, etc. for the meeting by May 29th</p> <p>C) Conduct the Meeting by June 30th</p> <p>D) Share the results with the members by July 15th</p>
<p><i>Spiritually</i></p>	<p>Organize an active Bible study and prayer ministry</p>	<p>Using either "Disciple" or "The Alpha Project" etc. develop and implement an active Bible study and prayer ministry</p>	<p>These ministries will serve as the foundation on which all the ministries of the church are built.</p>	<p>A) Preach a sermon series on prayer and Bible study by June 1st</p> <p>B) Select appropriate resources and leaders</p> <p>C) Implement ministries</p>

Sample ACTS 29 Plan

For the Area of "Adequate Resources - Monetary"

<p>ADEQUATE RESOURCES</p> <p><i>Monetary</i></p>	<p>Develop and implement a stewardship ministry.</p>	<p>A) Review the "A-Z" and "Good Sense" material in conjunction with the Foundation.</p> <p>B) Pastor to invite Rev. Leon Collier to preach and then lead a 4-week stewardship campaign</p>	<p>The finances will increase and this will enable the church to pay off its loan and meet its financial obligations.</p>	<p>A) Announce plans for this ministry during August 2007</p> <p>B) Begin weekly sessions with "Good Sense" material, Sept. 2007</p> <p>C) Begin sermon series Fall 2007</p>
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