

Frequently Asked Questions

ICOC Service Teams 2007 -08

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How were the Service Teams organized?

On October 6 – 7, 2007 in Anaheim, California, the Cooperation Churches Delegates met before the International Leadership Conference. The 2006-7 Cooperation Steering Committee felt the needs were to many for a group of 9 to handle so they proposed that a group of committees be formed to meet various needs. The Delegates discussed and decided on 10 committees and elected a chairperson for each committee to serve for two years. The exception was that the Delegates voted for all six members of the Strategic Church Building Committee.

Who is the ICOC Cooperation Service Team?

The Delegates charged the chairmen of the various committees to form the ICOC Cooperation Service Team (CST). They were asked to communicate frequently with the Delegates and the general church membership.

How are the Service Team members selected?

The Delegates asked the elected chairmen to each select the members of their team. The group of chairmen, the CST, approves the selection of the team members.

What is the description of the qualities desired in the team members?

- Spiritual gifts of leadership and expertise
- Passion for the purpose of the committee
- Willingness to serve
- Diligence
- Tenacity
- Not thin skinned
- Spiritual maturity
- Broad relationships
- Communication skills
- Ability to work with a team

How long do the team members serve?

The chairpersons were selected from the 2007 – 2009 Delegates Meetings. They were to select their team members to serve until the 2008 Delegates Meeting.

Can the team members change during the year?

The team members can change during the year at their desire or the discretion of the chairperson.

Can team members belong to more than one team?

The intent is to spread the leadership out among more people recognizing gift sets and to keep from burdening anyone with too much extra load to carry. No one can serve as chairperson on more than one team. Team members are encouraged not to serve on more than one team. However, they may serve on one team and consult on another.

Do team members have to belong to churches that have committed to the Cooperation Churches?

Chairpersons of the teams are to belong to churches committed to the Cooperation Churches. Team members may be from churches that have not committed.

What is the scope of authority of the Service Teams?

The committees are service groups, not authority. They are commissioned to evaluate, make suggestions and meet needs. No one person or group has veto power over any other person or group. Each group is encouraged to let the Spirit lead them and to maintain the spirit of unity God has given.

Is this arrangement permanent?

One of the most beautiful things about these teams is that they are constantly reviewable. The Delegates decided to try this arrangement until the 2009 meeting and then improve on it.

What are the various service teams?

- 1. Teen Conference Service Team** (chair: John Porter; asst: Phil Arsenault)--charged with shaping the spiritual program for teen conferences & synergizing on how to build stronger teen ministries.
- 2. Campus Conference Service Team** (chair: Mike Taliaferro; asst: Bruce Williams)--charged with shaping the program for international campus conferences and synergizing on how to build stronger campus ministries
- 3. Singles Conference Service Team** (chair: Todd Asaad; asst: Ken Chau)--charged with synergizing regarding singles' needs and developing singles' conferences (see point 7 below)
- 4. Shepherding and Advisory Service Team** (chair: Sam Powell; asst: Al Baird)--charged with giving profile to the needs and issues of shepherding and with helping resolve trans-congregational problems and conflicts
- 5. Missions Coordination Service Team** (chair: Andy Fleming; asst: Harliem Salim)--charged with evaluating the funding needs of our mission churches and making any appropriate recommendations
- 6. Women's Ministries Service Team** (chair: Robyn Williams; asst: Gloria Baird and Terri Fontenot)--charged with discussing and making recommendations regarding our worldwide women's ministries to meet needs
- 7. Strategic Building Service Team** (chair: Mike Fontenot; asst: Shawn Wooten; Dinesh George; Doug Arthur; John Louis; Scott Green)--charged with bringing voices of expert church building and our best practices to the fore and formulating appropriate recommendations to the churches as they have need.
- 8. Communications Service Team** (chair: Roger Lamb)--charged with facilitating communication opportunities, especially via the web, for our worldwide cooperating churches and their leaderships
- 9. HOPEww & Benevolence Service Team** (chair: Mark Templer; asst: John Causey)--charged with updating our worldwide churches regarding the needs of the poor and our best opportunities to meet those needs

10. Teaching and Ministry Education Service Team (chair: Steve Staten)--charged with encouraging and promoting the continual learning of the Bible and other spiritual studies among our ministers and members.

11. Intl Leadership Conference Service Team (2008 Kiev -- Shawn Wooten; 2009 Denver -- Wade Cook) This person shall be a member of the ICOC Cooperation Committee for planning the ILC. The Committee will plan the program together. The local host church and the coordinator will plan the dates, venues, etc.