

## How to Start and Maintain Sunday School Leadership Team Meetings

**PURPOSE:** To identify and take steps that result in regular Sunday School Leadership Team Meetings being started or sustained.

1. The pastor and Sunday School director schedule a time each week to discuss, plan, and evaluate Sunday School work in the church. In larger churches, this weekly discussion of the Sunday School might involve other staff persons.
2. During the weekly pastor-director meeting, subjects will arise and problems will surface that could be dealt with best if other Sunday School workers were present. Thus, the need for a regularly scheduled Sunday School Leadership Team Meeting will emerge.
3. Schedule a meeting for all Sunday School workers to consider establishing regular Sunday School Leadership Team Meetings. In a larger church, this meeting may include only department leaders or the Sunday School Planning Team.
4. In this meeting, discuss the possibility of starting regular Sunday School Leadership Team Meetings. Ask the pastor to present and challenge workers and perhaps the Sunday School director, to discuss opportunities and possible elements needed in a Sunday School Leadership Team Meeting—if and when one is started. Ask questions such as "How would/could you be helped by a Sunday School Leadership Team Meeting?"
5. Bring a recommendation to the church that Sunday School Leadership Team Meetings be started. Indicate the time and schedule to be followed.
6. Vote in a business meeting to start Sunday School Leadership Team Meetings. The beginning of a new church year is probably the best time to plan to begin.
7. Inform all workers, at the time of enlistment, about the meeting and of expectations for attendance and participation.
8. Once Sunday School Leadership Team Meetings have been started, plan and conduct them to keep faith with the needs that were expressed at the time the Sunday School Leadership Team Meetings were being discussed. Every meeting needs to provide excitement, encouragement, and practical help for all whom are present.
9. Provide appropriate affirmation and recognition to keep workers "coming back for more." Give public visibility as appropriate to good things that are happening in Sunday School. Give high visibility to persons and actions that are a part of the Sunday School Leadership Team Meeting.
10. Change and add as necessary to keep the Sunday School Leadership Team Meetings worthwhile and helpful.