

LESSON THREE: HOW THE STEERING COMMITTEE IS FORMED

Pray: We see in the Bible that God wants us to pray for workers Luke 10:2 states “He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” There may be people that you don’t know or have not thought of that God is calling to this work. Lay a foundation of prayer before you begin approaching people. Pray that the Holy Spirit will stir people’s hearts and prepare them to recognize he is drawing them to serve in the developing pregnancy care centre.



Approach friends, church members, leaders and acquaintances: Begin creating some excitement and interest in your community about starting a pregnancy care centre. Communicate the need for a pregnancy care centre, why you feel called to the work, and ways in which others can be involved. Remember to approach people from different churches. Otherwise, the centre may be viewed as the work of only you and your circle of friends or of one particular church. It may take longer to recruit from a wider circle, but in the long run, effectiveness will be significantly increased. Pray for guidance as you seek to find respected professional and lay church leaders from several churches in your area.



Hold an open meeting: A community meeting will provide a platform to educate people on the need for a pregnancy care centre. Communicate what the purpose of a pregnancy care centre is and why one is needed in your community. Module Three will give you step-by-step instructions on how to plan and facilitate an effective community meeting.

Recruit steering committee members: The community meeting is an excellent place to recruit people to serve on the steering committee. As you communicate the need for volunteers, let them know you are looking for committed volunteers to serve on the steering committee to lay the foundation for a pregnancy care centre. Communicate the purpose of the steering committee and that the typical time commitment is 15 hrs/month. Have a sign-up sheet on a display table at the community meeting to gather their contact information. As well, approach people in the Christian community that you think have the gifting to serve on a steering committee.

- **Meet with interested individuals:** This will be an opportunity for you to show them Pregnancy Care Canada Core Documents and ensure they are in full alignment with them. As well you will assess their suitability for serving on the steering committee.
- **Questionnaire for Steering Committee**
Applications for the steering committee: If they are in full agreement with all Pregnancy Care Canada Core Documents give them an application form to complete. If beneficial, you may wish to meet with them a second time after they have submitted their application form.
- **Vote to accept applicants:** Continue to pray for God's leading on who joins the steering committee. A vote should be held with the core group who spearhead the effort. If there are any red flags or concerns, it is recommended that you not invite an individual to join the steering committee. A person who is a poor fit for the committee can significantly impact the culture of teamwork and impact progress and morale.



LESSON THREE REFLECTION

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