

Seventy: Forerunners of Christ's Peace Annual Plan of Ministry

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Seventy are a diverse group of ministers who have a love of God and of people. Seventy bear testimony of the Living Christ and are filled with a passion to see the unfolding reality of God's reign. In alignment with the identity, mission, message, and beliefs of Community of Christ, seventy are ministers of invitation, hospitality, and connection.

Seventy connect people with the God who loves them. Each seventy is called to witness of the Living Christ in ways that will connect people with God. Sharing a personal testimony of Christ's presence while building relationship with others is at the core of what it is to be a forerunner of Christ's peace.

Seventy connect people with congregations. Seventy are champions of invitation and models of hospitality as individuals and in congregations. Seventy seek out those who do not have a connection to God or to a faith community. Seventy promote awareness and understanding around diversity and the discipleship of receiving the divine giftedness of all.

Seventy connect congregations with communities. Seventy are engaged in mission centers, congregations, and the lives of individuals in ways that partner skills, gifts and resources with needs and opportunities in communities. Seventy help congregations become safe places where sacred community can be formed. Seventy are gifted, called, and challenged to become agents of transformation in mission centers, congregations and communities.

Mission Initiatives Guide Ministry of the Seventy

Invite People to Christ: *Christ's mission of Evangelism*

Seventy share the gospel of peace, encourage baptism, confirmation, and discipleship in Community of Christ, plant new ministries and congregations.

Abolish Poverty, End Suffering: *Christ's mission of compassion*

Seventy serve as Christ's hands and feet developing new compassionate ministries, reaching out to the poor, the hungry, and the marginalized, offering ministry and hospitality to the broken and hurting.

Pursue Peace on Earth: *Christ's mission of Justice and Peace*

Seventy share the hope and the reality of Christ's peace with all, participate and lead ministries of justice and peacemaking, share in ecumenical associations and ministries.

Develop Disciples to Serve: *Equip Individuals for mission*

Seventy equip and empower others as invitational disciples, encourage life long discipleship, engage priesthood, pastors and leaders in mission.

Experience Congregations in Mission: *Equip congregations for Christ's mission*

Seventy assist congregations to be engaged in mission, to be places of hospitality and welcome, and to offer sacred community to all.

Ministry Development Guidelines:

- Seventy mentor others and receive mentoring for their own personal development and wholeness.
- Seventy consistently engage in spiritual formation.
- Seventy model generous discipleship locally and to world mission according to their true capacity.
- Seventy continually develop their ministry skills and proactively engage in life long discipleship formation.
- Seventy participate in congregational life, mission center activities, and connect congregations to community.

Your Ministry Plan- Four Types of Goals to Consider

1. **Community goal** – affects the community.
2. **Mission Center goal** – identified with mission center president, affects your mission center.
3. **Congregational goal** – identified with pastor, affects a/several congregation(s).
4. **Personal development goal** – a skill or knowledge that will enhance your ministry.

Planning Your Ministry

Step One: With mission center leaders, explore and identify areas/opportunities in which you are best equipped to provide ministry.

Step Two: Based on needs in your community and/or a congregation's community consider opportunities for your ministry.

Step Three: With mission center and/or congregational leaders, explore and identify the ministerial opportunities and needs of a congregation.

Step Four: According to your gifts and the mission initiatives, reflect on ministries you could offer based on congregational, mission center, and community needs identified above.

Step Five: Reflect on the ministry development guidelines.

Step Six: Identify goals for personal development.

Step Seven: Remember self-care of you and your family.

Step Eight: Share the completed Seventy Annual Plan of Ministry Form, listing your goals for ministry, with your mission center president and your mission center missionary coordinator.

Community of Christ

Seventy Annual Plan of Ministry

Name:	Date:
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My Ministry Goals	Hope to do by what date?	Successfully Completed
Invite People to Christ:		
Abolish Poverty, End Suffering:		
Pursue Peace on Earth:		
Develop Disciples to Serve:		
Experience Congregations in Mission:		

Seventy Signature:	Date:
Mission Center Missionary Coordinator:	Date:
Mission Center President's Signature:	Date:

This plan is to be reviewed annually when developing the ministry plan for the next calendar year.