

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY, INC.

Team Formation: Training Timetable, Activities and Resources

IDEALLY, COMBINE UNIT 1 WITH THE REUNION

This format moves immediately from the Reunion into team training, capturing potential team members at their highest peak of interest. Use this approach if everyone from the weekend is invited to explore what it means to be on team. Do not use this approach if there were compelling reasons not to invite some participants to explore serving in the ministry, even in a support capacity, and they are expected to attend the reunion.

Ask participants to bring their notebooks and pens from the weekend.

Activity: Reunion and Orientation/Invitation	Resources and estimated time
Welcome, opening prayer service	Music from the weekend, prayer, candle (15 minutes)
One or two participants (asked in advance) share a written presentation: what weekend meant to me	10 minutes
Written reflection: How has my life been different in the last two/three weeks?	Weekend notebooks, pens (20 minutes)
Sharing	Small groups (40 minutes)
BREAK for meal or refreshments	Snacks or pot luck food, beverage and paper goods; grace from the weekend if a meal
Convey concept of the ministry as formal organization—	Explain: those who participated in the weekend walked a journey together, as did others before them; now part of a special community; to continue, this ministry relies on peers willing to help those who follow (5 min)
The vision and mission	“Vision” video/booklet, mission statement (30 min)
Background and history of worldwide and local ministry	Handouts: List of teams, organizational chart (15 min)
What it means to be “on team”/rewards of serving	Facilitator/presenter and support team reflection from 2 to 4 persons (include alumni representative if appropriate): Share what serving on team means to them, has done for them (15 min)
Brief overview presentation/discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dating policy • Safe ministry environment • Ethical/psychological/legal implications 	<i>Policy Manual for Beginning Experience Teams</i> Policy handouts, discussion (15 min)
Nature of the commitment being asked: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review handouts • Explore ways schedule can be adapted for individual time constraints, especially for facilitation skills, talk writing 	Handouts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic duties/responsibilities (not too detailed) for support roles • Training sessions planned for writing talks/facilitating • Upcoming weekend dates (10 min)
Deciding on the role for you Asking for commitment to help or to explore further training	Discernment prayer/Personal reflection moments Sign form OR sign appropriate list (15 min)
Come together for community/team building, closing prayer and group hugs	Music, candle, prayer (10 min)