

# BEGINNING EXPERIENCE®

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# Ministry Update

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## *Team Presidents:*

*Please share this information with your board and team.*

### ***Los Angeles Reports Successful Weekend Implementing the New Weekend Manual.***

Millie Sterz, Los Angeles Team president, shared her team's experience using the new Weekend Manual on their Feb. 8-10, 2013 weekend. "The weekend was a spiritually nourishing experience for our team and participants," Millie reports. "I must share with you... the reflections during our team meetings and the final one were very positive, and gratitude for this new format heartfelt. We were on time all weekend and relaxed. The prayer in the am and at the end of the day was a beautiful addition...it set the tone for the day's work and rest at night."

Later, Millie shared a concern. During the Friday team meeting before the weekend begins, the team's custom had been to share with the facilitators basic application information about each of the participants in their small group: loss, religion, and age. There was no mention of this in the new Manual, so this was not done. The team felt this was an omission that should be corrected.

However, the Schedule for Coordinators in the [Beginning Experience Weekend Manual for Coordinators](#) does outline an agenda for the team meeting that precedes the start of the weekend. The agenda includes "Provide any essential information/reminders to facilitators," which is where this participant information can be shared.

Let us know your experiences as you change to the new program material.

***Reminder: New Manual Webinar is Now On-line.*** If your team missed the webinar on the revised Beginning Experience Weekend Manuals, you have another opportunity to learn what changes were made in the revised edition. The last session of the webinar was recorded and is available in the team section of the web site, [www.beginningexperience.org](http://www.beginningexperience.org):

- In lower left corner of the home page, click on: Team Login
- In next screen, click on: North America
- Enter User Name: northamerica
- Enter Password: inmotion
- Look for "New-Manuals\_Change\_Is\_Good!"

Choose from one of two formats--.mov or .mv4--whichever one will work on your computer.

**REMEMBER** as you issue the new weekend program manuals to members of your team, please have them sign and return the contracts in the front of the manuals.

### ***Greater Kansas City Team Members Volunteer for New Coping DVD!***

An International Ministry goal is to update the DVD for "Coping with Life Alone." This DVD, with talks by team members, is the way many small teams are able to start this pre-weekend support program. The DVD is ideal when a team lacks enough members to do all the talks for this program and the weekend talks as well.

Two members of the Greater Kansas City team are the first to volunteer for this project, but we are still looking! If you have team members who have written one or more of the talks for "Coping with Life Alone" and would be willing to participate, please contact me at [k.murphy@beginningexperience.org](mailto:k.murphy@beginningexperience.org).

As we approach this Easter Season, may your team be filled with the joy of resurrection.

*Kathleen Murphy*

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## BEGINNING EXPERIENCE® WEEKENDS

We ask your prayers for the team and the participants on these weekends coming up soon.  
If you would like to send a message of support, the contact information is also listed.

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