

## SCD Presentation

### I. There are no small churches in God's Kingdom

Judges 7  
Matthew 18:20  
Luke 21:1-4.  
Matthew 13:31-32  
Luke 13:18-19

God is not concerned with our size, but our faithfulness to the call and mission.

### II. Small membership churches have the potential to make a significant impact

Cite some examples  
Oseola McCarty Story – Video  
Intimacy – Involvement – Innovation – Small(er) Church Youth Ministry

### III. Models

(Examples such as my last blog – Emily Case followed by case scenarios)

Congregational – Youth are intentional provided strategic opportunities to develop their faith in the context of the congregation

Collaborative – Several churches/faith organizations form an alliance to be in ministry with youth

Connectional – Develop a standalone ministry using district, annual conference, jurisdiction and general church resources to supplement your local ministry

### IV. Staffing/Training

Develop a plan to staff and train your ministry leaders  
Get rid of the word volunteer – Remember the Priesthood of All Believers  
The word disempowers the laity

Example:

Intentional and Invitational  
Never allow circumstances to determine your decisions  
Support the team  
Pray for a bold vision and bold leaders  
Ignite passion in the congregation  
Recognize the gifts, graces and fruit of ministry  
Encourage continued growth/Empower the team to lead

Develop a Ministry Plan

Things to remember to foster a healthy and fruitful relationship with unpaid staff

- Seek gifts, talents and skills not bodies
- Treat them as a full member of the staff/team
- Be clear about your expectations and outcomes
- Focus on the goals and not process

V. Question and Answer

VI. Resources and Bibliography

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