

## **ASSOCIATIONAL SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY**

The purpose of an associational Senior Adult Ministry is to assist church leaders in this ministry to, for, with and through senior adults.

An associational Senior Adult Ministry is needed because some churches need help in understanding the place of the ministry and some need help in planning, conducting, and evaluating a Senior Adult Ministry. Some churches may not have enough senior adults to provide fellowship and service activities for their own constituencies. An associational organization can help fill this need.

### **THE ASSOCIATIONAL SENIOR ADULT LEADERSHIP TEAM**

The work of an associational senior adult leadership team is a ministry of the association and is governed by the constitution and by-laws of the association. The purpose of this team is:

To assist in the organization and development of senior adult ministries in the member churches of the association.

To initiate, promote, and conduct senior adult ministries and activities to supplement and support the work of the local church groups.

To provide opportunities for the development and enrichment of senior adults of the association.

To support all areas of the association which ministers to senior adults.

### **DUTIES OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL SENIOR ADULT LEADERSHIP TEAM**

1. Understand the purpose and objectives of an associational Senior Adult Ministry.
2. Discover church needs.
3. Identify priority needs.
4. Formulate and recommend plans to meet needs.
5. Conduct and coordinate activities.
6. Evaluate activities conducted and incorporate evaluations as part of planning for future events.
7. Through the chairperson, report regularly to the associational leadership team and /or staff.
8. Help senior adult leaders expand their concept of senior adult ministry by emphasizing the five content areas in a balanced program: Spiritual Enrichment, Fellowship, Educational Opportunities, Services Needed and Services Provided.
9. Provide leadership training for Senior Adult Ministry leaders, coordinators, and church staff liaison with the Senior Adult Ministry.

10. Conduct activities and programs designed to involve senior adults in all the churches.
11. Promote the use of *Mature Living* as a leisure reading magazine for senior adults generally and as a resource for leaders of senior adults.
12. Seek to make pastors and church building committees aware of senior adults' needs when new building are proposed or modifications of existing facilities are being made.
13. Communicate with church leaders via a newsletter, webpage and/or by telephone. This duty involves securing and keeping updated information about each church's senior adult program:
  - a. Whether or not the church has an ongoing senior adult ministry
  - b. The name, address, phone number and email of the church senior adult coordinator and/or leader
  - c. The frequency of regular meetings
  - d. The time and day designation of its regular meetings
14. Promote and support those activities for senior adults planned by the senior adult program leaders of the states and the Convention.

#### DUTIES OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL SENIOR ADULT DIRECTOR

1. Serve as chairperson of the Senior Adult Leadership Team.
2. The chairperson will lead the team to accomplish its purposes.
3. Serve as the senior adult advocate to the Association.
4. The chairperson will relate and report to the associational staff and associational team regarding proposed activities and calendaring.