

Planning Single Adult Day

The purpose of single adult day is to focus attention on single adults of all ages and identities (never-married, divorced, widowed, single parents). It is also designed to highlight the growing number of single adults, their needs, concerns, gifts, talents, and contributions to the local church and mission causes. A key element will be evangelism to singles in the community.

The Sunday after Labor Day has traditionally been designated as Single Adult Day. An alternate date may be chosen if this one is not possible.

Here are steps in preparation for Single Adult Day.

1. Determine the date and schedule it on the church calendar. Consider church events or other special emphasis in setting the date.

2. Form a planning team. Here are some suggested people to serve:

Pastor

Minister with single adults/single adult coordinator (layperson)

Chairperson of a single adult team

A representative from each identity of singleness (never married, divorced, widowed and single parents)

One member from the church at large

3. Inform the planning team of their primary duties:

To formulate the purpose, objectives and desired results for Single Adult Day

To suggest ways the entire church family can be involved in this event

To propose steps necessary in planning a successful Single Adult Day

To determine the number of working committees needed

To outline procedures evaluating this day of special emphasis in the life of the church

4. You may want to develop a theme for the Single Adult Day. You may look for a scripture to use or a phrase from a hymn or gospel song to be the theme of the service. A theme will help everyone as they prepare to speak, sing, and pray on Single Adult Day.

5. Review budget funds. Consult with the pastor or other appropriate staff member or the Finance committee to see what funds may be utilized for a Single Adult Day. Give an estimate of

the amounts needed to carry out the events and activities begin planned. Be prepared to work with the amount of money available. You may creatively fund such an emphasis through cost recovery, budget funds, and individuals being organized to provide resources such as food or a combination of sources.

6. Form needed teams. The Lead team determines the number of working teams, assigns duties and functions of each team, selects team leaders, and instructs the teams. Report meetings of all teams should be scheduled periodically for the event. The evaluation team functions following the event, but should report as other teams prior to the event on their evaluation plans.

- ***Suggested Working Teams***

- ◆ Promotion Publicity Team (calling Single Adult Day to the attention of the church and community)
- ◆ Program Team (plans for attendance and involvement of Single Adults in Sunday School, morning worship, Discipleship Training, and evening worship)
- ◆ Special Events Team (breakfast, brunch, lunch, afternoon activities, evening snack supper, and all church fellowship events)
- ◆ Evaluation Team (preparing an evaluation form and dispersing it to all involved in Single Adult Day)
- ◆ Additional Activities Teams (activities prior to and following Single Adult Day.

Sample Schedule for Single Adult Day

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Single Adult fellowship breakfast (buffet, continental, or brunch)

9:00 a.m. Registration, get acquainted. Greet participants and visitors

9:15 a.m. Assemble in Sunday school (All single adults together)

Welcome by single adult day coordinator or Sunday school departments director

Celebrating the day (pastor, lay coordinator, minister with single adults)

This is a time to promote what is taking place in Single Adult Ministry within the church and perhaps recognize individuals

Scripture reading, singing, special music, possibly testimonies

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Single adult recognition

Single adult choir, ensemble, solo or duet

Testimonies, prayer, Scripture reading by single adults

Message by pastor minister with single adults or other designated person on a related theme.

12:00 noon Fellowship luncheon

2-4:00 p.m. Afternoon activities (could include recreation, special service or mission project, activities for children of single parents, or ministering to homebound member

5:30 p.m. Snack supper

6:00 p.m. Discipleship Training for single adults

7:00 p.m. Worship service led by single adults. Utilize single adults in music, testimony, interviews, panel discussions, drama, etc.

8:00 p.m. All church fellowship (giving single adults and other church members an opportunity to get acquainted)