

Church Maintenance

A MINISTRY DESCRIPTION FOR LOCAL CHURCH LEADERS

Introduction

As Jesus gives insight into the nature of His church using the symbol of the body in I Corinthians 12, so it is that when we join the Church we become “members” of the body of Christ and are equipped for specific functions by the Holy Spirit. God wills that the various “body parts” (members) function effectively toward the common goal of the church: making disciples of Jesus Christ.

It is an erroneous concept that the clergy have a “sacred calling” and the general membership only a “secular calling.” This concept impedes the progress of the church by leading some to believe their contributions are less important. In fact, the New Testament teaches that all members of the body of Christ are ministers of Jesus Christ. There are necessary differences in function, but the status of all leaders is the same.

You have been called to function as a member of your local church congregation’s maintenance team. The God who calls is able to sustain you as you cooperate with Him.

The ministry and function of the maintenance team in a small church is part of the deacons job description, but the Beaverton SDA Church as separated this job as an unique job position onto its self.

Duties of the Maintenance Team

The ministry to which a person is called when he becomes part of the maintenance team includes the following duties:

To maintain the physical plant. Some of the areas would include the following:

- Yard sprinkler system
- Parking lot
- Plumbing
- Door locks and door closers
- Inside building structure
- Lighting
- Heating
- Keep storage areas organized
- Take care of any garbage problems
- Wall repair
- Painting
- Keep permits current
- Any other repair that comes our way
- Installation of new equipment
- Help with any remodeling

Resource Materials

The following resources are recommended for your ministry. You can purchase these by calling *AdventSource* (800-328-0525), the Adventist Book Center (800-765-6955) or your local Christian bookstore.

The Deacon At Work, by F.A. Agar. (1987, Judson Press).

The Emerging Role of the Deacon, by Charles Deweese. (1979, Broadman Press).

The Work of the Deacon and Deaconess, by Harold Nichols. (1986, Judson Press).

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