

New Groups at Abbey Way Covenant Church

When new groups are beginning at Abbey Way, here are a few things that are needful.

A leader.

A good leader will not only be able to inspire others to join the group but also have the skills to facilitate a healthy group process for all participants. The leader will be responsible for both the administrative details of preparing the space but also noticing and naming for the group when it needs to get back on task.

A clear sense of why the group is gathering.

Is it for prayer? study? fellowship? support? or a combination of reasons? It is up to the leader to be able to articulate this both verbally and through writing to those interested.

Definition of the scope of the group's meeting frequency.

Is it one time? Or many? Does it meet weekly, bi-weekly or monthly?

Time of meeting.

Determine when and how long you will meet. An ideal length is one and half hours.

Location of the meeting.

Where will the group meet?

- If at Elim, contact Pastor Jan to request space and talk about access as soon as something is decided.
- If in a home, be considerate of the group members and their needs including pet allergies, location, and others who will may be present in the home as the group meets.

Good communication to Abbey Way.

A month before the proposed first group meeting, write a simple paragraph about the group. Include group's purpose, frequency, time, location, supplies needed, and leader's contact information.

After the information is communicated on the website, Facebook page and AWTW, you will be asked to make a short announcement on Sunday.

After the group's first meeting, update any information in writing as soon as it is known. Submit information to info@abbeyway.org

Group and Leader accountability.

After the group meets for six months, a staff member will check in with the leader to see how the group is doing and what plans are for its continuation. If the leader needs to talk about the group dynamics, feel free to check in with Pastor Jan.