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FLPP Shepherd Booklet

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**Preparation for
Shepherding a
participant of
FLPP.**

- * Pre-weekend
- * During the weekend
- * Post-weekend

Shepherding

Why Shepherd?

Pilgrimage community members are asked to shepherd a participant before, during and after the weekend to welcome them into the community by providing them the support they need.



The intent is for the Shepherd to make a good faith attempt to help the participant become genuinely connected to other Christians and help each other in their faith walk.

Shepherding Questions

Two of the most common questions potential shepherds ask are:

- ◆ Is it okay if I don't know the participant prior to my role as Shepherd?
- ◆ Can I serve as a Shepherd if I am staffing the weekend?

It is not necessary to know the participant that you Shepherd, but a prior relationship is helpful. While it is easier to anticipate and accommodate the needs of someone you know, shepherding someone you don't know is a way to make new friends in the body of Christ and share your experience.

Weekend Stage

Shepherd Activities

Pre-Weekend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray • Call/Meet discuss weekend • Answer questions • Write Palanca • Sign up for Prayer Banner
During the Weekend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for participant and weekend • Attend Serenade and/or closing ceremony • Attend prayer service • Help with transportation if needed
Post-Weekend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet for/at Reunion Ultreya • Debrief the weekend • Assist with joining a renewal group
Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk alongside the participant • Serve wherever you are • Live a dedicated and joyous Christian life

Shepherd's Post-Weekend Activities

Basic “to-do”

- ◆ Pray for the participant and their vision of how they can change their environment
- ◆ Remind the participant of the Reunion Ultreya and plan to attend if possible
- ◆ Assist with connecting the participant to a renewal group in their area

Going Beyond...

- ◆ Attend a renewal group with them and introduce them to the group and make them feel at home
- ◆ If possible, offer them a ride to the Reunion Ultreya
- ◆ Stay in touch—call, email or meet with them to talk about their experience and explore what's next
- ◆ Encourage the participant to become involved in Fourth Day outings and gatherings

Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds

-Hebrews 10:24 NASB

Basics and Beyond...

Expectations of a Shepherd

When deciding to become a Shepherd, there are a few basic expectations that will help the participant prepare for the weekend, for life in the Fourth Day community and also for continued growth in their personal walk as a Christian.

These basic steps, plus some additional ideas, are given below in the three Pilgrimage phases:

Pre-weekend * During the weekend * Post-weekend

Note: Staff members can Shepherd, but it is not always ideal because of the many tasks at hand. Talk with your Shepherding Mentor if you feel led to do both.

All Shepherds are expected to perform the basics outlined in the following booklet. Going beyond the basics is encouraged, but only if you feel led.



Shepherd's Pre-Weekend Activities

Basic "to-do"

- ◆ Pray for your participant and specifically removal of obstacles that stand between them and the weekend
- ◆ Call or meet in person and show your support
 - ◇ Provide general outline of weekend
 - ◇ What to wear and bring to the weekend
 - ◇ Plans for transportation to/from weekend and communicate needs with transportation cha
 - ◇ Questions or concerns about weekend
 - ◇ Address specific needs if required and communicate with the camp coordinator
 - ◇ Encourage!
- ◆ Write palanca for your participant and others
- ◆ Call 1-2 days before the weekend to answer questions
- ◆ Sign up for prayer banner - www.prayerbanner.org

Going Beyond...

- ◆ Make sure they have transportation to/from the weekend and coordinate with transportation cha if needed
- ◆ Pay a partial of full scholarship for the participant's fees

Shepherd's During the Weekend Activities

Basic "to-do"

- ◆ Pray for your participant and the weekend
- ◆ Participate in the weekend if possible:
 - ◇ Attend Saturday Serenade
 - ◇ Attend Sunday Closing Ceremony
 - ◇ Attend Prayer Service

Going Beyond...

- ◆ Attend both Saturday Serenade and Sunday Closing ceremony
- ◆ Invite them to your home for dinner Sunday evening or a few days later

