

Blue River-Kansas City Baptist Association

Resourcing Churches

A guide to how your church
and church members can
be a blessing to
others.



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“Everyone should look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.” Phillipians 2:4

One of the five key objectives of the Association’s VISION 2020 Strategy is to provide resources to our churches by drawing on the skills, expertise and resources of all the churches in the Association. The needs of one church can often be easily met by a sister church or by individuals in a sister church. The difficulty often lies in finding an effective means of making known the need, or of searching out the person or persons with the expertise that is required.

The VISION 2020 Resourcing Churches Ministry Team has addressed this issue and developed a 4-pronged approach designed to meet the needs of the churches.

- Church Partnerships
- Resource Specialists (individuals with special expertise)
- List available resources
- Resource Groups (teams of ministry specialists)

This booklet explains these four approaches and how your church can become a part of a network of healthy Baptist churches sharing ideas, needs, expertise and resources with one another.

The Association has 125+ congregations with over 20,000 active members. Within those churches are many material resources and areas of expertise. Compiling a database of those resources and of the individuals with special skills and knowledge will be an ongoing ministry of the Association for the next several years.

Let’s say that your church was going to begin a new outreach ministry to your neighborhood around the concept of providing a health clinic for a day. Imagine how helpful it would be if your church could contact the Association and access a listing of all the doctors, dentists, nurses, etc. in our churches who have said they would be willing to help a sister church in need.

Or perhaps your Women’s Ministry wanted to begin a new video Bible study, but you didn’t have the budget to purchase the DVDs. Wouldn’t it be great to know what video studies were just sitting on library shelves in other churches and were available free of charge?

Maybe your church could benefit from an ongoing partnership with another congregation. Maybe you could join forces with another church to take on a ministry that is too intensive for either of you alone. Yet together, you could help each other as you helped the lost.

As you look through this brochure, please prayerfully consider if God would have you and your church members become active participants in this resource network. You may be blessed as well as be a blessing to others.

Partnering Churches

We would like to see 80% of our churches partnering with other BR-KC churches by October 2012.

A partnership between churches would be defined as “an established relationship for achieving shared goals in areas such as evangelism, community involvement and worship through sharing of resources such as materials or personnel.”

If you would like to discover other churches that would like to work together, go to www.blueriver-kansascity.org/partnering_churches.html and complete the form below. Your request will be e-mailed to the Mission Center and one of the staff will help you to find a partner church. You can also photocopy this page and fill out the form then mail it to the Association office.

Each year, we will send a list of churches willing to partner together to all of our congregations. The staff will facilitate putting churches together to discuss how they might help one another.

Partner Church Request Form	
Your Name	_____
Check one:	<input type="checkbox"/> I'm a Pastor <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Minister <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary
Church Name	_____
	(Please indicate your city if you are a "First Baptist Church." e.g. FBC, Anytown)
Address 1	_____
Address 2	_____
City	_____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone	_____
Church's Web Site	_____
Pastor's Name	_____
Pastor's E-mail	_____
Please indicate ministry areas where you would like to partner with a sister church. (e.g. evangelism, prayer, sharing resources, sharing facilities, leader training, etc.)	

Resource Specialists

You'd be surprised at how often the Association staff gets a request from a church or pastor with a specific, short-term need. They could be helped by someone who could come to them and give advice, training or short-term leadership to a project or ministry.

As part of the VISION 2020 Resourcing Churches initiative, we are compiling a database of "specialists" from around the Association. There are people in your church that have expertise that can be a blessing to a sister church.

They don't have to be a professional or have a college degree, just real-world, practical experience that they would be willing to share if needed. Please take a moment and look through the categories and sub-specialties and see if there is a place your people could help.



Your members can register by going to www.blueriver-kansascity.org/resource_specialists.html and completing the form on that page. Alternatively, they can simply call the Association and let us know of their willingness to help and the areas in which they feel qualified.

Resource Specialists Categories

Church Ministries

Pastor
 Church Administrator
 Adult Minister
 Children's Minister
 AWANAS
 Education Ministry
 Facility
 Bldg. Maintenance
 Sound Systems
 Video Projection
 Recreation Minister
 Finance
 Church Treasurer
 Accounting
 Bookkeeping
 Youth Minister
 Youth Leader
 Youth Worker
 Music
 Guitar
 Percussion
 Keyboard
 Worship Leader
 Praise Band
 Youth Choir
 Sr. Adult Choir
 Praise Team

(Ch. Min. cont'd.)

Family Ministry
 Marriage
 Seniors
 Singles

Arts & Crafts

Artist
 Photography
 Sewing
 Drawing
 Painting
 Face Painting
 Pottery
 Chalk Art

Business

Administration
 Bookkeeping
 Office Skills
 Typing
 Accounting
 Telemarketing

Camping & Motor Homes

Backpacking
 5th Wheel
 Motorhome
 Tent

(Cmpg. & MH cont'd.)

Tent Trailer
 Truck Camper
 Van Camper
 Campers on Mission member

Campground

Cook
 Counselor
 Lifeguard
 Crafts
 Recreation
 Sing-along
 Canteen/Gift Shop

Church Renewal Journey

Lay Renewal Weekend Coordinator
 Lay Ministry Weekend Coordinator
 Discipleship Weekend Coordinator
 Experiencing God Weekend Coordinator
 Children's Leader
 Children's Worker
 Music Leader
 Adult Team Leader
 Adult Team Worker
 Youth Team Leader
 Youth Team Worker
 Lady's Luncheon Spkr.
 Men's Luncheon Spkr.

Communication

AV Equipment Operator
 Public Relations
 TV/Radio Production
 Video Editing
 Amateur Radio
 Publishing
 Web Pages
 Newsletters
 Social Networks

Computers

Data Entry
 Software Development
 Graphic Design
 Internet Evangelism
 Web Design

Construction

Pro. Builder/Contractor
 Architect
 Drywall
 Electrical
 Finish Carpentry
 Framing
 HVAC
 Masonry
 Construction Worker
 Project Coordinator
 Plumbing
 Painting
 Roofing
 Carpentry
 Repair/Gen. Maintenance
 Landscaping
 Tile Layer

Creative Arts/Drama

Puppets
 Skits
 Clowning
 Mime
 Ventriloquism
 Balloon Sculpting
 Comedy
 Magic

Disaster Relief

Blue Hat
 White Hat
 First Aid
 Chain Saw
 CPR
 Water Purification
 Childcare
 Amateur Radio
 Basic DR Training
 DR Training ARC
 Mud Out

Education

ARW (Adult Reading & Writing)
 TCY (Tutoring Children & Youth)
 ESL
 Librarian
 Literacy Worker
 Teacher
 Career Counselor
 Tutor
 Special Education

Food Service

Soup Kitchen
 Food Pantry
 Preparation/Cook
 Dietician/Nutricianist

Language

Interpreters
 ESL
 Deaf
 (List languages spoken)

Legal

Lawyer
 Para-legal

Medical

Dentist/Dental Skills
 Dietician/Nutritionist
 EMT
 Doctor
 Other Medical Skills
 Nurse
 Pharmacist
 Rehabilitation
 Therapist
 CPR
 First Responder
 First Aid
 Hospice
 Home Health Care

Misc.

House Parent
 Supervised High School Student

Missions

Adult Worker
 Student Missions
 Coffee House Min.
 Child Worker
 Hearing Impaired
 Fairs/Festivals/Special Events
 Acteens
 Girls Auxiliary
 Mission Friends
 Migrant Worker
 Prison Ministry

(Missions cont'd.)

Prayer Ministry
 Royal Ambassadors
 Resort Ministry
 Raceway Ministry
 Foreign Student Min.
 WMU Leader

Outreach

Door to Door Witnessing
 Acts of Kindness
 Scripture Distribution
 Survey/Canvassing
 Telemarketing
 Block Party
 VBS/BYBC

Religious

Bible Study Leader
 Church/Community Ministry
 Children's Evangelism
 Chaplain
 Church Growth
 Church Planter
 Counseling
 Conference Leader
 Devotion Leader
 Fellowship Leader
 Interfaith Witness
 Minister
 Men's Ministry
 Missions Leader
 Pastor
 Preaching

Social Ministry

Food Pantry
 Clothes Closet
 Community Work
 Infant Resources

Sports/Recreation

Coach
 Referee/Umpire
 (List sports specialty)

Transportation

Car Driver
 Driving Pulling Trailer
 Bus Driver
 15-Passemerger Van Driver
 CDL
 Mechanic
 Motorcycle
 Pilot w/Plane
 Pilot

Sharing Resources

Your church probably has items of value that you used in the past but no longer need, or could loan to a sister church for a short time. Examples would include choir music or cantatas, accompaniment tracks, video and DVD Bible studies, Mission Trip equipment, chairs, tables, etc.



Something that is just taking up shelf or closet space at your church could be a real blessing to another church. Please take a moment to think of items you might have that you could share with another church. You will only be loaning them for a short time, unless you're sure you no longer need them and would like to give them away. The choice is yours.

Do You Have a Need? Do you have a resource?

Maybe your church has a need that right now you can't afford. Let us know what that need is, and we will do our best to put you in touch with another church who can help.

You can go to www.blueriver-kansascity.org/shared_resources.html or use the form below to either let us know of a need, or use it to tell us of a resource you would be willing to loan.

Resource/Needs Information Form

Church _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Please use the space below to indicate a resource you can share or a need with which you would like help.

I HAVE A: (check one) Need Resource

Resource Groups



The concept behind these groups is one of helping churches with specific ministry needs and/or training where

a team of leaders is needed (i.e. Sunday School age-level conferences, VBS Leaders). Volunteers from around the Association will be trained in different ministries of their choice and will stand ready to go to a church and assist with a ministry or train the church's people in how to do the ministry themselves.

By volunteering to be a part of a Resource Group, you or one of your members are committing to serve on a team designed to help sister churches whenever your schedule will allow and as requests come in. You may not be called for months, or you may receive an opportunity to help every few weeks. It will all depend on how often a church requests assistance in your team's area of expertise.

When a church requests help, we will do our best to fit the needs of the church within the schedules of the Resource Group members and find a time that is convenient for both. To join a Resource Group (Team) just go to www.blueriver-kansascity.org/resource_groups.html and complete the online form.

Resource Groups are being formed in the areas of Sunday School, VBS, Music, Youth and Mission Trip Ministries. We need specialists in all of the leadership positions these ministries would have. For instance, the Mission Trip Resource Group would have specialists in Puppets, Outreach & Evangelism, Trip Planning, etc. The Music Resource Group will have specialists in Children's Choirs, Handbells, Praise Teams, etc.

E-mail Loren Hutchinson at lorenh@kcbaptist.org if you have questions about where you or one of your members could serve on a Resource Group.

