

Committee Charter

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY / FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE PROGRAM

Purpose:

Small supportive groups that provide an opportunity to meet other people in a spiritual setting. In these circles participants learn to think deeply about their life and beliefs. The communication process uses, *attentive deep listening*, fosters personal growth and spiritual maturity.

Participants:

This Small Group Ministry program consists of a number of groups, each having 7 to 10 members. They meet twice a month in the homes of various members. Each Circle develops a "Covenant" which guides member's participation. Each of these Circles has a Facilitator and Co-Facilitator.

Leadership:

Director of SGM/Fellowship Circle Program:

- For this position, training in group dynamics is essential.
- Hold membership in the UU Small Group Ministry Network.
- Provide ongoing educational opportunities and resources for the Facilitators and Co-Facilitators.
- Convene regular meetings of the FC leadership.
- Provide orientation to each prospective FC member and assign them to an appropriate Circle. Teach the *attentive deep listening process*, which is used in our Circles, to each new member.
- Recommend resources and budget.

Facilitators and Co-Facilitators:

- Chair and facilitate their assigned Fellowship Circle.
- Communicate time, date, place and topic of each session to the members.
- Participate in FC training and ongoing facilitator activities.

Budget and Spending Authority:

An annual budget for this program shall be submitted to the Policy Board each year by the Director of the FC Program.

Reporting:

The Fellowship Circle Program Director shall submit reports to the Policy Board as appropriate.

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