

Model Clergy Caucus

Basics:

Regular monthly meetings, preferably with a meal
Send notices with agenda at least a week in advance
Send notices to clergy of congregations being recruited (personal invitation as well)
Begin and end on time
Theological reflection on the mission and actions of the organization*
Make assignments to contact clergy who are absent

Purpose/Function of the Clergy Caucus:

Clergy are the standard bearers of the vision of the organization
Theological reflection is essential to keeping that vision clear
Building peer relationships (sharing joys, struggles, disappointments, hopes. . .)
An ongoing commitment of clergy to do one-on-ones with each other is essential to building these relationships.
Recruitment. The Clergy Caucus ensures that a Recruitment Committee comprised of key clergy is active and effective.
The Caucus meetings are a place to invite clergy of congregations being recruited.
Plan at least two events annually that will deepen the spiritual life of the organization (worship service, prayer vigil, biblical studies, prayer breakfast, etc.)
Share congregational Core Team stories and struggles
Support and develop fundraising activities of the organization
Utilize denominational and judicatory connections to strengthen organizing efforts
Connect to the Gamaliel National Clergy Caucus (GNCC)
Send clergy to annual theological trainings of the GNCC --send representatives to the annual GNCC meetings
select, with other regional clergy caucuses, a GNCC regional representative
work with the GNCC regional representative
 to strengthen the local Clergy Caucus,
 to develop relationships with other clergy caucuses in the region,
 to assist expansion efforts, and
 to support emerging metropolitan, regional, and national strategies and issues
Serve as a sounding board for task force ideas, actions and issues

"organization" refers to the local congregation-based organization

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