

# Aldersgate UMC Winter 2024 Leadership Summit: Ministry Notes

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# Summit Overview

People from across Aldersgate gathered for the afternoon February 4 to celebrate where we have seen God work in our ministries this past year and plan how to live and share God's unconditional love, even in the face of inevitable change. Below are notes from each ministry team. Please reach out to the listed team leads to learn how to join in their teams' ministries.

# ENGAGE Team

## Points of Contact: Barb Roach and Joe Salucci

- Engage team will schedule a meeting to discuss church goals and means of recruiting new team members.
- Engage will seek to capture contact info and other personal details of attendees at its events, helping generate “leads” for future growth.
- Potential fundraising ideas:
  - Sell Parking Spots for Individual Sellers for a Community Garage Sale
  - BBQ on the corner
  - Father-daughter dance

# CONNECT Team

## Points of Contact: John Driscoll and Christine McElwain

- Connect seeks to improve experiences for those who lead its activities, including providing detailed instructions that walk people through the steps of a volunteer task, providing personal invitations to volunteers, and recruiting volunteers as early as possible.
- Connect will aim to meet more regularly while integrating other ministries and sub-groups in the church (i.e. reaching out to new confirmands).
- Connect will develop goodie bags for pizza with the pastors events.
- Additional ideas include: Cookies at Fellowship Time, QR code card linking to music or event list for music ministries, providing Communion Elements for Worship, witness for ministry areas at Fellowship Time/Pizza with the Pastors, Inviting ministry participants to staff a table at events, and seeking new ways to collect contact information from those interested in joining the Connect team..

# EQUIP Team

## Points of Contact: Sue Kane and Leslie Belcher

- Equip will assess ways in which it can re-organize to reflect the wide array of individual programs it oversees.
- Equip seeks ways to:
  - Better communicate its mission and purpose to the congregation at large
  - Cross-pollinate ideas and initiatives with other ministries

# SEND Team

## Points of Contract: Julie Pfister and Sandra Gehring

- Send team will update and distribute its mission statement to better reflect its evolving purpose.
- Send wants to formalize a relationship with other teams, namely Equip, to strengthen its lateral ties with other ministries and create reinforcing efforts.
- In order to ease the burden on the Send team leader, the group will aim to meet on a quarterly basis.

# INFRASTRUCTURE Team

## Points of Contact: Jill Cox and Debbie Farson

- Inf. team will advance ways to promote greater transparency and communication with the congregation. Specifically, measures like publishing budgetary figures, revenue, and collection amounts in the bulletin for all to see.
- Inf. team wishes to expound upon the “time and talent” collection effort by creating a searchable database of skillsets in the congregation. This will leverage existing member talents to defray costs to the church (ex.: roofers or gardeners).
- To confront the numerous challenges of 2024, pastors will engage in a series of “town hall” events to inform the congregation on matters of UMC policy and address election-related community tensions.
- Renting Aldersgate for community events will be a focus area of 2024, as the church seeks to increase its passive revenue streams.