

“Here I am, Lord.”

Service and Ministry Proposal

To reflect the love and mercy of Jesus Christ to the world, Gloria Dei would like to sponsor and support with our prayers, volunteers, and financially your calling to ministry. That ministry can be all shapes and sizes, but must have something to do with service to “the least of these” as described in Matthew 25.

Steps to finalize this proposal:

1. Pray. Ask God to direct you.
2. Read the following parable in Matthew 25:31-46 and reflect on a ministry proposal which would emphasize Jesus' words here, for “the least of these...”
3. Brainstorm. Collaborate. Ask questions.
4. Reflect: *“The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.”* (Fredrick Buechner)
5. Meet with the pastor(s) to go over the ministry idea.
6. Write a one page grant/ministry proposal to the pastor and Gloria Dei church council.
7. This written proposal should reflect on all of the above and present what resources, in terms of people, finances, expertise, etc. this ministry will need.
8. The council will discuss all the proposals and decide which reflects the overall mission of Gloria Dei.
9. The pastor and or council president will inform each person of the council's decision.

Gloria Dei's understanding of ministry is that all people are called by God at their baptism - blessed and sent to bring hope in Jesus' name to the world. Everyone is a minister. Some of those ministries are very public and some are behind the scenes. Some are within a family and some are in a neighborhood or beyond. But through many forms and various shapes of ministry, God works to bring the life of the world, Jesus Christ.

God bless you in your ministry!