

50 Dover Connection Project Idea Starters to connect with your community...

1. Start a new Sunday School class.
2. Begin a new Vacation Bible School.
3. Begin a Summer Bible club for children.
4. Be a part of “670”. For information go to <http://www.vbmb.org/670/default.cfm>
5. Conduct a Sunday School picnic and invite the community.
6. Develop a “Guest Center” to welcome new guest who attend on Sunday morning.
7. Place clearly marked signage directing guest to the worship center and the “Guest Center”.
8. Provide reserved parking for guest (Not visitors).
9. Start a welcome ministry to newcomers to the church community.
10. Establish monthly prayer walks in the community around your church.
11. Begin an after school tutoring program for children in the church neighborhood and community.
12. Begin a jail ministry.
13. Start a divorce recovery group.
14. Start a new worship service.
15. Provide a latch key care ministry for kids who come home from school to an empty house.
16. Take actions to make your building handicapped accessible.
17. Begin English As A Second Language class.
18. Host a wellness clinic.
19. Undertake a summer mission project.
20. Establish a disaster relief team.
21. Begin a migrant workers ministry.
22. Host a job counseling ministry.
23. Start a food or clothes ministry.
24. Begin a day care or M.O.P.S.
25. Offer a daily telephone check-in ministry for those who are homebound and live alone.
26. Offer a parenting class for new parents.
27. Begin a class for the deaf.
28. Begin a special needs class.

29. Start a home Bible study group.
30. Offer a literacy class.
31. Sponsor a financial recovery counseling ministry.
32. Establish a ministry to those who care for the elderly.
33. Begin an Alpha group outreach group.
34. Start a morning Bible study for seniors.
35. Begin a summer recreation ministry.
36. Host a booth at community events.
37. Start a skate board ministry.
38. Host a Saturday morning refreshment stop for area bicyclist.
39. Begin a men's fraternity.
40. Begin a women's ministry group.
41. Sponsor a local recycling ministry.
42. Provide a home repair service for seniors and others in need.
43. Host an annual tax preparation service.
44. Host a local classic car club.
45. Conduct an annual mission trip.
46. Sponsor and/or build a Habitat house.
47. Host a "Save Our Planet" seminar.
48. Begin a music tutoring ministry.

49. Start a "Beth Moore Club".

50. Conduct a lawn care clinic.

These are just ideas to get your team thinking about possibilities. Consider the interests or special talents of your church members. What are some passions that have been expressed by members or those in the community?

Study your church community demographics and profile. Are there intersections of common needs and interest that can help your church connect with your community?

What are the unique gifts of your church members? What are the strengths that have attracted people in the past.

Don't limit your vision to just attraction ministries. Many people in your community will never come to your church facilities. What can your church do to take ministry to the community?

Remember, ministry in the name of Christ is about making disciples, not saving the church.