



**Luton Central SDA Church**

# **Addendum**

to

Departmental Reports

for

Business Meeting

30 January 2016

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**Men's Ministries (F Davis)**

<b>Department/Ministry:</b> Men's Ministries	<b>Period</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
_____	<b>Covering:</b> 2016
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<b>Author:</b> Fred Davis	<b>Date:</b> 20 January '16
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**List the actions passed by your Department/Ministry during this period:**

1.

We have agreed that our motto or theme for 2016 is,

***"We can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13***

Our Mission Statement for 2016 is ***"To galvanise the energy and resources of our Men for God, the Family, the Church and the Luton Community!"***

2. As a community of Men we know that there are many capable Tradesmen in the Church who are not known for what they do but by a few, we believe that as men that those who work together, and pray together will develop a mutual bond and help to strengthen our brotherhood and to this aim we have decided to formulate a Men's trade directory that will allow members to use their brothers as first responders (electrician, painters, builders, etc. rather than using non Church members (keeping the wealth within our own community and boosting our financial capacity to give to the Church)

3. We are happy to work with any Dept. and with this in mind are planning a programme with both Family and Women Ministries' in the month in February (to be announced shortly)

4. 30<sup>th</sup> July 2016 Men's Day of Fellowship (Luton Central)

**List the major achievements of your Department/Ministry for this period:**

1. We have met

2. We have elected a secretary in Bro Sam Muwanga

**List the major plans of your Department/Ministry for next quarter:**

1. To ensure that the Men's Directory comes to fruition
2. To plan a Men's event
3. To flesh out the Men's Day of Fellowship
4. To meet with the previous Men's Ministries Leader

**Comments:**

One member of our team has stated that he told the nominating committee that he did not wish to serve in this department due to his busy schedule, namely Bro Adrian Houghton-Gordon, so we are down to three members of the team. Myself (Fred Davis) Bros Sam Muwanga, and Francis Oteng

For future reference I believe that there is a need for a formal handover from the outgoing Leader of a department with the new Leader so that they may be a continuation of laid plans compared to starting from New with a blank sheet.

We would ask and solicit the help of any Men who have ideas or suggestion for this department and would like it to be known that you are most are welcomed to express, advise or provide us with help so that we may all have a successful Year, this is your Department Men, not ours and success will depend on your input and participation

We understand that for this department to be a blessing to the Church we need as Men to find the time from our busy schedules to make ourselves available as team members and have decided to meet on a monthly basis for we know that "We can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"

**Personal Ministries (B B Nyathi)**

<b>Department/Ministry:</b> Personal Ministries	<b>Period Covering:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
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<b>Author:</b> Blessmore. B Nyathi	<b>Date:</b> 19 January '16
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**List the actions passed by your Department/Ministry during this period:**

1. No information at present

**List the major achievements of your Department/Ministry for this period:**

1. None accomplished, as it's the first quarter, first time with the department.

**List the major plans of your Department/Ministry for next quarter:**

1. To encourage brethren to integrate, socialise talk with people out in the community

2. To encourage people to form small groups locally within our postcodes, where they can fellowship for mid-week prayers and vespers.

3. To purchase and distribute literature in the community e.g. Steps to Christ

4. To encourage people to attend Sabbath Bible Study lessons.

5. To teach and guide brethren in terms of how to approach people in the community

**Comments:**

We will also try by all means to work with all departments, please bear with us as we are going to approach almost everybody.

**Community Services (D Bourne)**

<b>Department/Ministry:</b> Community Services	<b>Period Covering:</b> Jan – Mar 2016
_____	_____
<b>Author:</b> Doreen Bourne / Melissa Koi (Secretary)	<b>Date:</b> 28 January '16
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**List the actions passed by your Department/Ministry during this period:**

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| 1. Fundraising   |
| 2. Helping a school in Jamaica with sponsorship        |
| 3. Shut Ins  |
| 4. Soup kitchen at Noah Enterprise every second Sunday |
| 5. Ways we can get donations                           |

**List the major achievements of your Department/Ministry for this period:**

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| 1. Exercise classes which commenced on 18th January 2016               |
| 2. Support of Sis Sharon Daley and lunch club                          |
| 3. Community Service weekend (23 /24 July 2016)                        |
| 4. Fundraising   |
| 5. Starting soup kitchen in church                                     |
| 6. Reconnecting with M&S / Debenhams to get donations                  |
| 7. Contacting Sainsbury's / Tesco's / ASDA about their charity schemes |
| 8. Student packs for students leaving and coming in                    |
| 9. Giving herbal tea at the train station for free                     |

<b>Comments:</b>
Our motto is " <b>Called to Serve</b> "

## Youth Department (C Hanson)

<b>Department/Ministry:</b> Youth Department	<b>Period Covering:</b> Jan- Dec 2016
<b>Author:</b> Careen Hanson	<b>Date:</b> 28 January '16

### List the major achievements for your department/ministry since the start of 2016

1. Since the start of the year the team have met on a number of occasions to plan and establish goals.
2. An opportunity was offered to all young people to come and share their views and opinions with the AYS team in an effort to include their ideas and contributions to the overall plans of the department. It was also intended to fully solicit and engage their interest in the work of the youth department.
3. We have begun the task of allocating young people into ALSO groups in preparation for the youth Challenge
4. 22<sup>nd</sup> January first youth social for the year - Can't cook, Wont Cook!

### List the Goals for your Department/Ministry for the year:

#### 1. **Evangelism, Everyone. Everywhere**

We have decided to use the SEC theme as the focus for youth ministries. This will involve supporting young people to engage in evangelistic in reach. This may involve a Daniel and Revelation seminar, participating in the work of other community projects, church departments and by reaching out to young people who are no longer attending church.

2. We aim to actively seek to engage young people in church programmes and activities to maintain their interest and involvement.

3. We will be working towards baptising a minimum of 5 young people.



4. Assisting young people to develop their leadership skills and abilities as well as cultivate their attentiveness to spiritual matters. Each youth group will be allocated two mentors who will form part of a support network as well as to act as a spiritual guardian. Mentors will be briefed and receive basic training before commencing this important work.

5. Plan a Youth Retreat (weekend)

**List the major plans of your Department/Ministry for next quarter:**

1. To engage young people in active youth ministry within and outside of the department/church

2. To arrange an AYS programme to be presented at another SDA church or to invite a church to bring in an AYS programme to Luton Central

3. To organise the young people to work in groups to deliver AYS programmes, youth week of prayer and other key activities

4. To commence the process of initiating contact and developing relationships with young people in church who maybe currently experiencing isolation and disaffection as well as to reach out to those who no longer attend church.

5. To advocate for and contribute to building a community that fosters respect and interest in the spiritual, physical and mental development of the young people in Luton Central.

**Comments:**

Throughout the next 6 months, the youth department will be organising a youth challenge to encourage our young people to develop key leadership skills by means of active participation, supporting church projects, working together, embracing spiritual needs via personal and group study. Young people are expected to participate in a 6 month youth challenge whereby they will be tested on their skills of engagement, ability to plan, organise, engage, present, work in partnership with one another and with other church/community departments. The youth will receive support, guidance and where possible training may be considered, provided there is a budget to offer this provision.

**Communications (K Jarrett)**

<b>Department/Ministry:</b> Communications	<b>Period Covering:</b> Jan-Dec 2015
<b>Author:</b> Kelvin Jarrett	<b>Date:</b> 25 January '16

**List the major achievements of your Department/Ministry for this period:**

1. Provision of clear concise communication to the local church
2. Consistently keeping neighbouring churches informed of events and programmes at Luton Central

**Comments:**

During 2015, the Communications team (Sis Avery Davis, Bro Tawanda Hakulandaba & myself) provided clear and concise information to the church mainly by bulletin and announcements on Sabbath.

In our last departmental report (Autumn 2014) we hoped to submit several reports to the BUC and Messenger during 2015, sadly that didn't occur because the summary reports or supporting pictures from various departments were not given to us on time.

We definitely need to keep the wider church community (that's churches outside of Luton Central) informed about the activities taking place in our vibrant church. The best way to keep them informed is by submitting reports to BUC News and the Messenger, these submissions must be done within a narrow time frame (no later than 2 weeks after the event) otherwise they won't be included in their magazines or online news feeds.

Recommendations for 2016/17:

If your department is planning a community focused event/programme or has developed something new/innovative for adults/youth/children; **then please draft a short report describing the aims and outcome of the event and include a few high-resolution pictures taken during that event.** Forward your report with pictures to the Communications

team (no later than a week after the event) so that they can submit the report, on time, to BUC News and the Messenger.

On behalf of the Communications team, I would like to say a huge thank you for your support during 2015. Please continue to support the new Communications team during 2016/17.

**Communications (P Alang'o)**

<b>Department/Ministry:</b> Communications	<b>Period Covering:</b> Jan- Mar 2016
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<b>Author:</b> Peter Alang'o	<b>Date:</b> 16 January '16
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<b>List the major plans of your Department/Ministry for next quarter:</b>
1. We aim to have bulletins included on the church website and print few copies.
2. Work in partnership with audio-visual and internet ministry team.
3. Proposing to merge the three teams and call it communications and media team.
4. Have services live streamed to cater for those who cannot be present in the church.
5.

<b>Comments:</b>

**Social Committee (S Gwasira)**

<b>Department/Ministry:</b> Social Committee	<b>Period Covering:</b> Jan- Dec 2016
<b>Author:</b> Sevi Gwasira	<b>Date:</b> 26 January '16

**List the major plans of your Department/Ministry for next quarter:**

1. To organise a concert on 30 April. The concert will raise funds for future events. Funds collected will be used to subsidise the events so reducing the costs for everyone allowing full participation.

2. Planning to have 2 social events. The dates have not yet been agreed.

3. Planning to have a trip on Sunday 21 August – we will announce where in due course.

4. Planning to have a social 17 September

5. Planning to have a banquet on 10 December

6.

**Comments:**
