



CHURCH SERVICES

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*"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,
knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the
inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ."*

Colossians 3:23-24



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ARABIC MEETING

WHO WE ARE/WHAT WE DO:

This is an Arabic Spiritual Meeting which includes prayer, hymns and a speaker or speakers. The topics cover a variety of meditations, dogma, spiritual sermons, etc. We provide babysitting and socialize afterwards with a small agaphy meal.

WHOSE HELP WE ARE SEEKING:

We need help in reach out, food preparation, baby sitting and speakers.

CHOIR

WHO WE ARE/WHAT WE DO:

The Praising Group: This choir is the adults choir. This choir started in 1998. It covers a wide range of ages starting college students all the way to anyone who loves to praise The Lord. This choir sings in Arabic and in English. This choir had produced three full Arabic albums and one in English. The praising group serves during the holy fast of Virgin Mary.

St. Mary & St. Philopateer Choir: This choir is the middle choir and it includes both middle school and high school students. This choir started in about 2004. The servants of this service are choir members who grew up in the choir and about to graduate college. They were prepared and ready to serve it. There are rules in place that all new servants are aware of and understand. Young adults if interested in serving they are assigned a task to do, with very close supervision. This choir presents two main performances for the ordination anniversaries of our fathers. This choir sings in English, Coptic and sometimes Arabic. If the young adults are interested in playing an instrument, then we help them out with notes and they play along with the choir.

St. Mark Choir: This choir is the youngest and the first choir that started in 1996. This choir serves children ages 6 years old to 12 years old. The servants of this service are its own children who grew up in the choir and were groomed and prepared to serve it. We have rules that are written and adhered as the guidelines to the service so, all new servants would be aware and ready to follow these rules. The choir grows its servants from within. Young adults if interested in serving they are assigned a number of children to call and remind about choir practice. If the young adults are interested in playing an instrument, then we help them out with notes and they play along with the choir. There are servants who are talented in creating plays and skits to go along with the choir. This choir performs twice a year on New Year's Eve and on Mothers' Day. This choir sings in English, Arabic and Coptic.

WHOSE HELP WE ARE SEEKING:

Individuals who play any instrument. They must have their own instrument.
Individuals who can support when there is a need for a fundraiser.
Individuals who speak both English and Arabic clearly.

CHURCH NEWSLETTERS

WHO WE ARE/WHAT WE DO:

This service produces and sends monthly newsletters to the church congregation. Newsletters provide the congregation with spiritual articles and readings, as well as updates, calendars and information regarding Church activities.

WHOSE HELP WE ARE SEEKING:

We are in need of volunteers who are comfortable finding, editing and writing spiritual articles and information and volunteers who like to write and work on producing newsletter design and graphics. We need volunteers also to assist in sending the newsletters.

COPTIC LANGUAGE

WHO WE ARE/WHAT WE DO:

The Coptic Language Service is responsible for keeping the Coptic language alive among the church congregation. This service will be promoting the Coptic Language to all ages including seniors. This service will increase awareness of keeping the 6000 year old language alive and help individuals read and understand the Coptic text. This service is not limited to deacons and includes anyone who is interested in learning the language.

Activities include but are not limited to:

- Create and increase the awareness of learning the Coptic language and keeping it alive.
- Prepare and teach Coptic language classes to church congregation. Classes are categorized by age and difficulty level.
- Unify the pronunciation in church's services so it is consistent at all times.
- Make Coptic language teaching resources available through printed and online material.
- Build a Coptic library that includes the original text of the church's readings and other materials.

WHOSE HELP WE ARE SEEKING:

- Anyone who has knowledge of the Coptic language (any level is acceptable) and is willing to spend some time in organizing, teaching, and taking his own language skills to the next level.
- Anyone who is bilingual who can read, understand, and write both English and Arabic.

DEACONS/HYMNS

WHO WE ARE/WHAT WE DO:

The Deacons Service is responsible for the coordination and organization of the following Church services:

- Cleanliness of the Church including:
 - Deacon and Congregation Pews and accompanying Reading Books
 - Deacon *Tunia* Closets
 - Storage Areas of Books, Pamphlets, Readings, and Handouts
- Education of the Hymns and Rites of the Church for all ages through:
 - Weekly Hymns Classes
 - Hymns Camps/Workshops
- Church Liturgical Services (e.g. Liturgies, Raisings of Incense, etc.), which include:
 - Altar Service
 - Service outside the Sanctuary (e.g. Liturgical Readings, Deacon Leader, Operating Computer Program/Projector for the Liturgy)
 - Distribution of Books, Handouts
 - Keeping the general order of and peace within the Church
- Preparation of the sacrifices and oblations
- Maintenance of the altar vessels and coverings, oil, incense, and candles
- Ordination of Deacons (Chanters and Readers) and its Requirements

WHOSE HELP WE ARE SEEKING:

Anyone who...

- Would like to take the blessing of maintaining Church cleanliness; or
- Enjoys working with children ages 3-13 years; or
- Is interested in teaching Church Hymns; or
- Possesses good organizational skills.

Any Deacon who...

- Is interested in the preparation of the sacrifices and oblations; or
- Would like to take the blessing of maintaining the altar vessels, altar coverings, oil, incense, or candles; or
- Possesses basic computer skills; or
- Would like to assist in the administration of Deacon Ordination Courses; or
- Possesses good organizational skills.

Any elder Deacon who...

- Can communicate politely; and
- Can lead parents and children to the crying room as necessary; and
- Can keep the entrance area of the Church clear; and
- Can lead congregants to available spaces within the Church pews as necessary.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

WHO WE ARE/WHAT WE DO:

We teach new comers English basics. We help them with necessary everyday language needs; whether it being personal or professional ones.

WHOSE HELP WE ARE SEEKING:

Individuals with a deep understanding of cultural differences, have compassion to teach others, and ideally with experience teaching adults. Persons with the ability to prepare materials (work sheets) utilizing different sources.

ENGLISH GRADUATES MEETING

WHO WE ARE/WHAT WE DO:

This is a fellowship for anyone post-college age. We hold a monthly spiritual meeting, organize social and spiritual events for church members and coordinate reach-out efforts for this group.

WHOSE HELP WE ARE SEEKING:

We are seeking volunteers with all skills. We are seeking members to participate in reach-out, maintaining social media/IT, meeting organization, and coordination of social activities. We welcome anyone who wishes to serve in this group.

FTFT!

WHO WE ARE/WHAT WE DO:

FTFT is a nationwide organization of hundreds of Coptic Orthodox youth dedicated to serving and volunteering in our communities for the Glory of God. FTFT is an acronym from St. Paul's letter to St. Timothy (First Timothy Four Twelve). "Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

FTFT is currently involved in the following services:

- Visiting hospitalized children
- Visiting the elderly in nursing homes
- Distributing food and clothing to the homeless

We hope to expand our services to:

- Visiting prisoners
- Seeking those who are lost
- Sheltering the homeless

WHOSE HELP WE ARE SEEKING:

- The service welcomes and encourages motivated youth and adults to get involved
- Anyone who would like to take the blessing of serving children, the elderly, and the less fortunate
- Anyone who is creative and can offer inventive ideas
- Volunteers who possess good organizational skills and can assist in coordinating events
- Volunteers who would be interested in driving the church van to various activities
- Other experienced members to maintain media equipment and assist with setup

FUND RAISING

WHO WE ARE/WHAT WE DO:

The fundraising service has been restructured with a clear goal; One Year One Million. We are looking to fundraise for the sole purpose of funding the completion of the construction of our church. Implementing and executing events and projects such as Ten Dollar Project, Community Rewards Program, Community Banquets, Coptic Directory, revamped Festival and more!

WHOSE HELP WE ARE SEEKING:

With a goal of one million dollars we must have a dedicated, reliable group. We require all who seek to be part of the fundraising group to be responsible, execute tasks, understand deadlines and to have strong communication skills.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

WHO WE ARE/WHAT WE DO:

It is our duty to utilize the digital resources we have in our church to help ease the burden of service and reach-out for the clergy and the servants of the church. It is also of equal importance that we should help the congregation to be informed of all activities and events on a timely manner.

The Information Technology services fall into five categories:

Internet

- Update our current website and enrich its contents.
- Media Streaming
- Mailing Lists

Software and Applications

- Specify and recommend any software package the church might need.
- If possible: Develop software that we can provide to help the service.

Hardware

- Specificity the requirements for new computers before purchasing.
- Maintain / upgrading computers and peripherals (printers, screens, ...)

Infrastructure:

- Specifying the requirements for network (wired and wireless) expansions
- If possible: Installing/programming network routers, switches and gateways.

Networks Security:

- Securing all networks of the church against outside penetration attaches.
- Assuring that all the computers of the church have a valid anti-virus / anti-malware software.

WHOSE HELP WE ARE SEEKING:

In general we are looking for talented, self-motivated individuals with a service attitude who would like to dedicate 1 to 2 hours a week for this service. Certified professionals are preferred.

Fields needed:

1. Web developers.
2. Graphic designers.
3. Application developers (J2EE or .Net is preferable).
4. Network specialists.
5. Security specialists.
6. Computer technician (Holders of A+ or equivalent).
7. Anyone who would like to serve with us and can provide a sufficient technology know-how / experience is welcomed.

KITCHEN/FOOD BANK

WHO WE ARE/WHAT WE DO:

Kitchen: We buy, prep, cook and deliver food as requested. Most of the time, this is done during the weekend, however sometimes it is needed during the week also. We make weekly sandwiches, party trays, food for birthday parties or any other events.

Food Bank: We help people who are in financial need of assistance with getting food. We are typically open weekly or biweekly. We usually need help bringing the food from the warehouse. We need help cleaning, making boxes, cooking, delivering food to some of the needy people, creating some flyers. We need help to reach out to our community and the outside community to let everyone know about the food bank.

WHOSE HELP WE ARE SEEKING:

Anyone who is willing and interested in serving in this service.

KORBAN BAKING

WHO WE ARE/WHAT WE DO:

Korban service comity is responsible for making Korban for the congregation for both liturgies and for the Sunday school children. We serve in a friendly atmosphere with everyone listening to the Psalms throughout the entire time.

Our duties include:

- Mixing the dough, utilizing a commercial heavy duty mixer
- Cutting the Korban and stamping it
- Baking.
- Cleaning all the equipments and the entire place from all the flour (the table, floor, stamps, roller etc...)
- Putting away unused flour, and cover it well
- Organize the flour bags in orderly manner according to receiving (all flour is donated by our congregation)
- Deliver Korban baskets to both churches
- Make sure we leave the place of making Korban neat and clean.

WHOSE HELP WE ARE SEEKING:

The service of Korban need volunteers as it depends on the # of servants. There are multiple duties during Korban, so everyone is welcome, recommended age is high school and up, so anyone who would like to take the blessings of Korban is more than welcome to come on Saturdays at 6pm, at the garage of the parish house.

LIBRARY/BOOK STORE

WHO WE ARE/WHAT WE DO:

Library:

1. We love to read, help others to read as we think if we search books we can reach eternal life.
2. Help others to love reading.
3. Bible study contests.
4. Borrowing books, DVDs may help congregation spend holy times with the Lord.
5. Books, CDs, DVDs, needs rearrangement all the time each in its category.
6. Looking for new books, DVDs.
7. English library is ready to start with church permission.
8. We have to look for new ways for reading like tablet apps, phones, etc.
9. Data entry for all books to the computer system, bar coding for books, DVDs, borrowers, etc.

Book Store:

1. This service works supply the congregation: Arabic & English with knowledge to improve the spiritual life via books, CDs, DVDs.
2. We try to make and purchase religious gifts.
3. We serve all Arabic churches in Michigan not only Copts.
4. We try to reach satellite Coptic communities.
5. We need a lot of servants for our media projects:
 - a. Reviewing our old previous resources like cassette tapes, VHS movies converting them to CDs, DVDs.
 - b. Try to search for Coptic media on the internet, especially kids stuff which is relatively rare.
 - c. Make original masters of CDs, DVDs to copy from.
 - d. Selling or buying media of our and other churches.
6. Point of sale: Inventory, bar coding, scanning, selling products.
7. Arranging, re-arranging all products is a daily process.

8. Work shop: we do icons, pictures framing for church occasions, saints and for sale.
9. Servant needed for inventory following church occasions.
10. Mother church products: a servant is recruited back home to purchase new books, CDs, etc and ship it, and some other servant here should follow up with him, look for shipping, customs, letter from pope secretary, etc.
11. Announcements: New stuff, alerting Abouna, working CDs all the time, book of the month, TVs in hall, etc.
12. We hope to have both book shops open on all occasions (morning, evenings)

WHOSE HELP WE ARE SEEKING:

Library: A servant who:

1. Has Time.
2. Has Patience.
3. Has Basic Computer skills.
4. Likes to organize things.
5. Has interest in audio/video.
6. Can serve without being known.
7. Loves reading.

Book Store: A servant who is interested in:

1. Computers, sound system, internet.
2. Recording CDs, DVDs.
3. Manual frames assembler.
4. Selling bookstore materials.
5. Working at front with congregation or hidden servant.

MAHRAGAN AL-KERAZA

WHO WE ARE/WHAT WE DO:

Mahragan El-Keraza was a dream of our beloved Pope Shenouda III that came true. Mahragan El-Keraza is a worldwide event in which Coptic Orthodox youth compete in spiritual studies, Coptic language and hymns, various sports, choir and drama. Everyone participates and competes, all with one goal: to create a generation of witnesses to Christ, founded on solid faith, appreciative of the Orthodox way of worship and proud of their Coptic roots. We desire to develop a generation that can move mountains and hand our faith to the coming generations. The majority of the Mahragan El-Keraza events take place during the summer months, however help is needed for several months before and after with related preparations and events.

WHOSE HELP WE ARE SEEKING:

Servants that can:

1. Give spiritual lessons (all grades)
2. Teach Coptic/hymns
3. Lead sports
4. Lead choir/drama (elementary/middle/high school)
5. Help with snacks (buy/ prepare)
6. Help with games for all grades
7. Help with printing
8. Help with event planning
9. Help with transportation
10. Help with design (posters/medals)

MEDIA STREAMING

WHO WE ARE/WHAT WE DO:

The media streaming service is responsible for video streaming the church Holy liturgies and other events live on the Internet. The goal of this service is to allow members of the church who are unable to attend an event in person to participate virtually in the prayers and receive the Word of God. All the events can be recorded and provided on DVDs.

Events that we broadcast include:

- Weekly English and Arabic Holy Liturgies
- Revival during St Mary's fast and Major Feasts of the church
- Pascha Prayers during Holy week
- Spiritual meetings and sermons during visits of guest speakers
- Conventions (MCCOYC).
- Weddings and funerals (by appointment)
- and more ..

This service is responsible for purchasing, installing and maintaining computers, cameras, TV screens, projectors and other equipment used for the streaming.

WHOSE HELP WE ARE SEEKING:

- This service welcomes and encourages knowledgeable and active church members (youth and adults) to get involved.
- Volunteers need to know how to use a computer and little experience in operating a video camera. The time commitment can be limited to just attending the Holy liturgy (Arabic or English) or the church event.
- Other experienced members are also needed to maintain the equipment and help with setup.

MOTHER CHURCH

WHO WE ARE/WHAT WE DO:

Mission: The service's mission is to coordinate and organize our church members' efforts who want to take the blessing of helping our needy brethren of our Mother Church in Egypt. The service will try to reach churches or organizations in Egypt whom are not been helped by any other American churches or organization and they will be able to deliver and distribute the fund in a wise manner.

Revenue: The Mother Church service will send three letters: one before Christmas, one before the beginning of the school year and one before Easter, to all our church members asking them to take the blessing of offering a donation to help our needy brethren in Egypt. In the near future, the group will try to reach our church children who moved to other states and other Coptic Church members in US, as well. The group might sponsor some fund raising activities to get some extra funds, as needed.

Expense: The group will ask the targeted churches or organization to provide us with a list of needy people activities that need our financial help and how much money needed for every activity. The group, with the guide of our Fathers, will evaluate every case separately and put them all on a list based on the importance and the urgent of each case and the fund availability. This list will be updated quarterly.

The Mother Church service will do the best to document all expenses and provide an annual income statement to our congregation.

WHOSE HELP WE ARE SEEKING:

We are looking for volunteers who can write Arabic and English letters and create flyers and anyone who would like to receive the blessing of serving our needy brethren in Egypt.

REACH OUT

WHO WE ARE/WHAT WE DO:

This service strives to reach out to those who don't participate in the church services regularly. The abiding purpose of the service is to provide for full participation in the liturgical and sacramental life of the church through worship, service and fellowship.

The services that our group handles fall into the following categories:

- Each member of the Reach out Service is responsible for a few families of St. Mark church congregation who don't participate in the services regularly.
- We call those families to update them of the church services schedule, and seasonal activities/ events.
- The fathers of the church call and or visit them, if needed.
- Coordinate for monthly Bible Study for families who are unable to drive to church regularly
- The service members meet regularly with fathers of our church to discuss, in privacy, different families' issues and get their advice and feedback.
- Recently, we established Google Document application to communicate our progress in a better fashion with both Fr. Mina and Fr. Maximus and get their feedback.

WHOSE HELP WE ARE SEEKING:

- In general we are looking for individuals with a service attitude who would like to dedicate some time for this service.
- Willing to keep the confidentiality of families issues.
- Have time to visit, if needed

SENIORS

WHO WE ARE/WHAT WE DO:

The Seniors Service, St Abraham and St Sarah, started approximately twenty years ago gathering together seniors, men and women, with the younger volunteers, the Friends of the Seniors and getting involved in various activities.

Many activities take place every other month including Bible Study following the Friday Holy Liturgy with the Fathers. The group hosts bake sales twice or three times a year during the fast and Christmas craft workshop every November. The Middle School also volunteers to help make craft to give the seniors.

A Good Samaritan seniors group sprouted a few years ago and was involved mainly in visiting seniors at home, hospitals, or nursing homes.

The seniors and friends visit many places like Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester, Stony Creek Park in Rochester, Civic Center in Troy and many other places. We also visit St Mina Retreat Center in Mio.

We will check the Troy Civic Center for relevant programs. A visit to the Detroit Zoo is a possibility and a good all-family activity.

Future plans include:

- Bible Study's with the Priests
- Huron Lady Cruise in Port Huron
- Visit to St Mary and St Moses Church & Retreat Center in Windsor
- Christmas Craft Workshop

We help in visitation, communication and transportation. We welcome new projects.

WHOSE HELP WE ARE SEEKING:

We are seeking seniors to join the group. We are also seeking volunteers (i.e. friends of any age who are willing to take the blessing to sponsor a senior). Service ranges from a simple phone call, to communicating, visiting, or helping in any need that may arise.

SOCIAL SERVICES

WHO WE ARE/WHAT WE DO:

St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church's Social Service Office has been serving the church community for 10 years. The office's mission is to support and provide different services to our church members, and to find adequate solutions to their daily challenges. The office has been serving over 100 families; most recently 80 families have been receiving assistance from the office.

The office's services include:

- Counseling (law, education, and community challenges)
- U.S. Immigration Information (Applying for U.S. citizenship, etc...)
- Assisting newcomers with applying for Social Security Cards, etc...)
- Social Service including applying for Food Stamps, WIC, Emergency medical needs
- Assisting parents with enrolling children in the school system, and providing support with regards to education
- Refer newcomers to ESL classes to improve their English skills
- Provide information regarding TOEFL classes
- Assist with information regarding applying to Evaluate Foreign Degrees/for Foreign Educational Credentials as needed
- Provide health information, including:
 - Assistance with medical bills
 - Applying for Medicaid and Medicare

- Provide free/and low cost medical resources (Physicians, Dentists, Hospitals, Medications)
- Assist with regards to how to obtain drivers licenses, and car insurance
- Job hunting (applying for jobs, etc...)
- Provide housing information
- Helping senior citizens to apply for low income housing
- Helping newcomers with transportation (provide them with cars that have been donated by community members)
- Translation/interpretation
- Act as advocate on their behalf

WHOSE HELP WE ARE SEEKING:

Anyone who can provide services including drivers and can speak both languages (Arabic and & English).

We also are looking for anyone who can donate cars in good condition for newcomers.

SPIRITUAL FUN DAYS

WHO WE ARE/WHAT WE DO:

We are group of servants organizing spiritual fun days for the Sunday school. The spiritual fun day include; games, food, spiritual competition, and a spiritual target.

WHOSE HELP WE ARE SEEKING:

We are seeking for all the people that can help in:

- Organizing the day
- Choosing and preparing the games
- Buying game stuff from stores
- Preparing the spiritual competition
- Preparing the food

SPORTS

WHO WE ARE/WHAT WE DO:

The purpose of the Church Sports Service is to offer an opportunity to develop relationships with one another and to provide a safe, fun place to invite all church members to come closer in unity so that we may lead one another to Christ. We strive to experience, learn and apply Orthodox principles within the context of fellowship, competitive sports and recreational activities. This service meets our congregation's physical, spiritual and social needs. The Sports Service is designed to encourage fellowship, promote interaction between church members and enrich lives to share the message of Christ. As Coptic Orthodox Christians, we are to use this gift to introduce people to Christ and strengthen our relationships with one another in a loving Christian environment. The emphasis in Church sports is on participation, sportsmanship, and skill development, not competition. All team members should have regular opportunities to play.

This service offers youth sports for Grades 1 through 12 as well as college and graduates. All youth sports programs are open to anyone, and provide a fun, safe environment where kids/adults can connect to our Lord and one another according to their ages.

Youth Sports activities include (more detailed information will be online): Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Ping-Pong, Chess

WHOSE HELP WE ARE SEEKING:

We are seeking for all the people that can help:

- Strengthen and contribute to the unity of families through their participation in sports.
- Use sports and other physical activities to help members live and share the Bible through participation, socializing, and fellowshiping.

- Encourage all participants to adhere to and demonstrate Christian principles and teachings, including a continuing emphasis on good sportsmanship.
- Provide a variety of competitive sports opportunities that meet members' interests and needs.
- Plan and schedule appropriate team and tournament play.
- Serve as coaches, referees, assistants, etc.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

WHO WE ARE/WHAT WE DO:

Every Sunday the church has 17 classes for all children, youth and young adults beginning from the age of two years old to college. We have over 325 students and over 60 servants in the Sunday school program. The church has a servant preparation class which meets every Friday evening. On Sunday, all the classes begin after the second Liturgy in St. Mary's church. There is a weekly servants meeting on Sunday's directly following the Sunday school classes. The church asks your cooperation by avoiding scheduling any social activities during the time of the Sunday School services.

WHOSE HELP WE ARE SEEKING:

Individuals who would like to serve as Sunday School servants. They must join and graduate from the servant preparation class. We also need volunteers to make sandwiches on Saturday night for Sunday school.

TRANSPORTATION

WHO WE ARE/WHAT WE DO:

1. Transportation to and from the airport
2. Transportation and interpretation to:
 - a. Doctor offices and Physical Therapy
 - b. Hospitals for exams and lab works.
 - c. Government offices such as U.S Immigration, Secretary of state, Social Security and Dept. of Human Services
3. Other transportation and interpretation needs upon request

WHOSE HELP WE ARE SEEKING:

1. Male adults with good driving records to drive the church vehicles
2. Familiarity with using the GPS system is preferred
3. Familiarity with the tri-county area is preferred
4. Availability on weekends is preferred

TUTORING

WHO WE ARE/WHAT WE DO:

We help kids from elementary school through high school once a week at minimum.

- We help kids with math, science, social studies and English.
- We help newcomers to the country with reading and writing.
- If you need help with any school related matters such as language difficulty or anything else, we could also assist with this.

WHOSE HELP WE ARE SEEKING:

Anyone that can assist kids of any age in any school subjects from elementary school through high school.

USHER TEAM

WHO WE ARE/WHAT WE DO:

We are a group of servants dedicated to the following missions:

- Doing our best to maintain the silence in the church during the Liturgy.
- Organizing the people in the church during communion.
- Organizing the hall of the church to keep the people praying in the church without any disturbance.
- Organizing the church during the visit of any of the Bishops.
- Organizing the church during the celebrations such as the feasts and other events.

WHOSE HELP WE ARE SEEKING:

We are seeking for all the people that feel that they could help in fulfilling all the missions we mentioned above.

WELCOME

WHO WE ARE/WHAT WE DO:

We serve and help the new comers to the church from Egypt or relocating from a different state.

- We help with picking them up from the airport upon their arrival if needed.
- We help the new comers in finding a place to stay (both temporary and permanent). We try to help with furnishing their place if they need
- We coordinate with the social services group to help with finding a job, finishing needed documents (drivers license, social security card...)
- We run and maintain the information center.
- We hold an annual new members welcome party to introduce them to the church congregation.

WHOSE HELP WE ARE SEEKING:

If anyone is interested in joining us, he/she must:

- Have some flexibility with their time
- Be willing to serve
- Keep the confidentiality of the type of help given

We are also seeking help with the information center and data entry for the church members database.

YOUTH

WHO WE ARE/WHAT WE DO:

The youth service includes services for youth in high school and college.

- Cover services for both English and Arabic speaking members of the congregation.
- Compile a comprehensive list of the church high school and college members.
- Establish reach out services for all the members in the above list
- Recruit qualified servants to serve the youth
- Establish variety of services and activities in different days of the week in an effort to accommodate every member's schedule.
- Involve the youth in serving in other services of the church and serving in the community

WHOSE HELP WE ARE SEEKING:

Anyone who satisfies the following conditions:

- Active member of the church
- Approved by the priest as a good role model to the youth
- For those who are serving the Word they should have completed a servants' preparation meeting or equivalent program.