



Info-pack for Fuel Team 2015

“There is nothing small in the service of God”

- Francois de Sales

The meanest work for Jesus is a grander thing

than the dignity of an emperor

- Charles Haddon Spurgeon

WHAT IS THE FUEL TEAM?

The fuel team is a team of young people freshly out of school and varsity that take a year out to voluntarily serve and participate in and through the life of Common Ground Church by serving in various ways; on the administrative base of the church, doing schools ministries, developing theological foundations, and developing basic preparatory and leadership life skills. The team is led by a capable and experienced team leader who is a part of the team and is integrally connected to the leadership team of Common Ground.

The Fuel Team has traditionally existed, since its conception as one team serving the City of Cape Town. The plan at the moment is that from 2014 The Fuel Team will exist as four teams based in three locations in the city. They are; one to serve the Constantiaberg and South peninsula region, two to serve the Wynberg up to Inner city region (one schools team and one varsity team) and one to serve the Durbanville (north region). One team with up to four expressions. The weekly and yearly calendars of all four Fuel Teams will have a 60:40 Overlap. That is, 60% of the time all the teams will be together and 40% of the time they will be in their specific regions.

Below is a more detailed description of what the team are involved in through the year. There are four main areas of focus that the team covers throughout the year.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT: LEADERSHIP AND LIFE-SKILLS

The team will cover a number of different tracks through the year. Amongst some of the personal development tracks that will be covered are: a public speaking course; Multimedia training; a first aid course; financial planning course; career guidance. These are the general tracks that will be covered, however we will potentially add to this list and depending on trainers and timing, we will weigh the different tracks accordingly.

MINISTRY

Another focus of the team will be their ministry into the surrounding schools and the ministries into the life of the high schoolers and primary school children within the church. They will consequently be involved in camps and planned trips to different regions of the country where the team collaborate with other similar teams. They also minister through NGO type organizations that work primarily with the poor and marginalized in our city.

THEOLOGICAL TRAINING

Another emphasis within the team will be developing a deeper theological foundation. It is important that as young Christians that a deepening passion is coupled with a living and relevant theology from the word of God. We will train our team with various theological material in order to equip them for their life and ministry.

SERVICE – CHURCH AND SOCIAL IMPACT SERVICE

Service is a key part of the heart of year. In serving the team will help out on many levels. The team has many ways that they will serve, namely: daily church-base admin, Sunday meeting logistics, youth and children's ministry support (optional either/or), and church events that occur from time to time. This service will also entail serving of social impact ministry opportunities within and connected to our community.

FINANCES

Financially there is a monthly payment for expenses incurred within the year, but we encourage people to rather let that motivate them in their planning than to discourage them.

The cost per month is at around R1800.00 depending on budgeting factors.

This amount is split into two. One portion goes towards the monthly running of the team while another portion includes all trips that are planned in the year (+- 3 trips – South Coast, Zimbabwe, Midyear Ministry).

COMMITMENT

The year entails a great deal of commitment and dedication where capacities are stretched and characters are grown. Here transformation happens and memories are made that last for a lifetime. Many people speak of their fuel team year as a key and defining aspect of their lives. The members of the team are expected to devote the full year to the commitments of the team. Those broadly include being a functioning member of the church, attending all the daily, weekly and monthly commitments of the team and **subscribing to the holidays as set.**

Fuel team starts mid-January (+- 12th) 2015 and finishes mid-December (+-12th) 2015.

Fuel team takes a long weekend off at the end of the 1st and 3rd quarters and also have a two-week break in the June /July school holidays. These will be given at the start of the year for holiday plans.

Any other team member's time off will be discussed as it arises, as in the case of family weddings etc. We would like to maintain a high standard of commitment and team and would therefore ask that you stick strictly to these time guidelines as far as possible.

Other than that we would like to have individuals who are committed to having fun, working together as a team and serving wholeheartedly, supporting the team leader and making every effort to grow and be stretched in everything God brings across our path.

REQUIREMENTS

There are a few things that we look for in a potential Fuel Teamer:

The person is a "Common Grounder"

- They are known by the elders and they carry DNA of the church in their heart.
- For those from out of town or overseas, we ask them to commit to joining the church for the time they are with us.
- The person is already involved in serving or leading somewhere in the church or is really committed to what they are apart of.
- The person is able to make the financial requirements of the team.

(We have people do the team who have not had the full amounts but we would see having the majority of the finances available as a part of your availability to doing the year. Please speak to us if finances are your only concern and we would love to trust God with you for provision.)

- The person shows signs of being “FAST”:

F = Faithful: they will see this through.

A = Available: they will see this to completion

S = Stable: they will contribute to the team through all seasons

T = Teachable: they are keen to learn and grow, and be both corrected and encouraged by others

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

There is an application form and financial outline form, that you can get from us, which, once you have filled out can be given back to us.

We will then make a time for us to meet you along with some of the other leaders in the church.

We will then consult all of the those present and get back to you concerning your involvement in the team

We don't mean this to be intimidating, but just want to make sure we serve you and the team well.

ANY QUESTIONS?

Please don't hesitate to call me on 021-6862970 or email me at davew@commongroundchurch.co.za

Many Thanks

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