

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Thank you for your participation in our gathering just over three weeks ago on Sunday, May 31. What follows is a summary of what we talked about, including next steps and dates for your calendars.

SUMMARY

We had good representation from several different ministries and talked about ministry teams, regular and event volunteers. Corey shared a short presentation about the key best practices of building a ministry team (attached here). We also had a few

others -Rylee with Youth, Lorna with Fellowship & Faye with Prayer - describe their unique ways to recruit, interact and serve together as a team. We then took time in table groups to discuss challenges and suggest practical ideas to test out.

In wrapping up, we encouraged team leaders to form teams of four or five key volunteers who could help lead and share the responsibilities of ongoing ministry and also to cross-pollinate with other teams. If you are having any challenges in forming your team, please feel free to contact me by email or mobile at marilyn@centralbaptistchurch.ca; +1-250-883-0688.

NEXT STEPS

Before we met, we had asked team leaders to send Tina the number of volunteers your ministry engages during a ministry year. Thank you for sending in that information. We would now like you to let us know what methods you use to communicate with your team members / volunteers / ministry participants (email, phone, social media, church app, etc). **Please fill out this [form](#) with that information. Thank you!**

ServeWire, an integrated assessment tool which identifies a person's spiritual gifts, personality traits, skills, interests, and experiences, was a resource that was mentioned and is available for your team members to complete in order to identify skills on your team. *This is the service on-ramp to the discipleship pathway.* The results of this survey will be integrated with Central's database with the intention of matching opportunities to serve and offering better communications overall. We would encourage each team leader to do the assessment, and strongly encourage you to have your team members complete it as well. Be sure to use the login through Planning Center option (not login as guest). **Please do this [survey](#) before we meet again in August.**

CALENDAR DATES

Looking ahead, we would like to have a Team Leaders Meeting on Sunday, August 23 from 12:30-2:00 pm, right after the morning service. We will provide a simple lunch and practical training tips, and also have time for Q&A and table discussions. If you are unable to join that day we would ask that you please send a representative from your team. They can then report back to your team to keep consistent communication flowing regarding the bigger picture of how teams are working together at Central.

Important Dates & Action Items

- Aug 23 - Next Meeting
- Sept 5 - Rooted & Ready
- Sept 25 - Ministry Fair
- Fill out Comms Survey
- Fill our ServeWire Assessment

Rooted and Ready Shared Ministry Training on Saturday, September 5 is for ALL ministry team members and volunteers who serve throughout the year. This includes a morning session for all volunteers where we will worship together, focus on what God has called us to do together (vision) and have a bit of fun together. There will also be an opportunity to take the Plan to Protect mandatory training requirement for particular ministry roles. I encourage all of you to take the P2P training as having this qualification gives more flexibility for volunteer participation overall throughout the year.

The Ministry Fair will take place on Sunday, September 27th, providing an opportunity for ministry teams to share about their work, connect with the congregation, and invite others to get involved.

As we plan towards these events, Pastor Geordon suggests that every team asks their team, **“How would GOD describe what our team does?”** 😊

Please mark your calendars with these dates and feel free to connect between now and August 23. I will be away for ministry and holidays June 26-30 and July 20-August 15 but otherwise I will be on the ground in Victoria.

-Marilyn Rendle

