



New Apostolic Church Greeting Team

Our Vision Statement is to create a church in which people feel at home, and inspired by the Holy Spirit and their love for God, align their lives to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and thus prepare themselves for His return and eternal life.

Goal:

We want to do our best to make every guest feel like they are welcome and at home by greeting and assisting them in a way that radiates Christ's passion and love for them. **Every Sunday is someone's first Sunday!**

Prepare:

Pray for God's guidance in your interactions with people that day. Remember 1 Corinthians 12:27 *"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."* (NIV) You are a member of the Body of Christ, the church, and as part of this body you have a key role in expressing the love of Christ through your serving.

The Basics:

1. Arrive early to church.
2. Greet guests and members.
3. Provide personal direction to childcare, restrooms, sanctuary.
4. Help people feel welcomed through warm smiles.

Serving Specifics:

- Arrive early (before most people arrive) and stay available until after the divine service begins.
- When serving as a greeter, keep your attention on every person as they come in the door rather than engaging in lengthy conversations or using your cell phone.
- Always be the first to say "hello". Make eye contact and smile. Be genuine and welcoming with your actions.
- Open doors for every person, introduce yourself to guests and ask if they have any questions.
- If you are asked where anything is, like the restroom, walk them there. Don't just point.
- Don't leave people "hanging" while they wait for an answer or assistance. Ask another person to take over your position at the door, so you can assist the guest with your full attention.
- Give everyone a handshake. Avoid kissing and hugging – some people (members as well) feel awkward by being touched in such a personal way.
- Once you have made a person feel welcomed, the second part of your role is to direct them into the sanctuary so they can participate in the worship and divine service experience. Save in-depth conversations for after service.
- Return to your position after the service to say good-bye for 10 minutes. We ask that you not leave the service early, to help keep it as distraction free as possible.
- You are not "just a greeter" – You are the hands and feet of Jesus to our guests. That may mean picking up trash, walking a guest to their seat, carrying in a diaper bag for a mom, praying with a guest, or any other opportunity the Lord brings your way. If you see a need, please meet it!
- Be intentional about learning guest's names each week.
- Just a suggestion (especially in larger congregations), wear a nametag which makes you easily identifiable and makes introductions easier. Keep the content simple – with maybe only your name and "Greeter" on the tag.
- Be alert to emergency situations. Refer to the "Emergency Strategy" document for more information.
- We value your commitment to your greeting position. Please let your rector or Greeter team leader know if you will be absent.

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Thank you for being an active part of the body at our church.***