

Community Group Leader Application Packet

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Community Group Leader here at Arbor Heights Community Church (AHCC). Our community groups play a vital role in our mission *to receive and participate in the mission of Jesus to reconcile, heal and transform to the glory of God*. Leaders are called to love, lead, shepherd, equip and encourage others towards Christian maturity through community.

A leadership candidate should have a consistent and passionate relationship with Jesus, a desire to be used by God to serve others, and a humble, teachable heart that receives instruction gladly. Someone suited to community group leadership should also be prepared for the time commitment it takes to be an effective leader. We are NOT looking for perfect people; we ARE looking for people who know that discipleship is a journey, and who are willing to help lead other people along the way.

There are several steps involved in becoming a Community Group Leader. Here is what the process looks like:

1. Pray about your desire to lead a community group. Discuss it with your current group leader or Community Group Pastor.
2. Complete the application that follows on the next page.
3. Email your completed application to john@arborheights.org.
4. The Community Group Pastor will review your application and confirm your membership status at AHCC.
5. You will be contacted to schedule a 60 - 90 minute interview with the Community Group Pastor so that he may get to know you better, ask questions about your application, and answer any questions you may have.
6. After the interview, the Community Group Pastor will notify you of his decision and discuss next steps in the process.

If approved:

7. Attend a Community Group Foundations class to learn more about your responsibilities as a group leader.
8. Take the SHAPE assessment to determine spiritual gifts and abilities. Begin reading "How People Change" by Paul Tripp and Timothy Lane and prepare for group launch.

Thank you again for taking this important step. Please continue to pray about your decision. We look forward to seeing you join us in growing God's kingdom through making disciples.

Sincerely,

The Community Group Ministry Team

Community Group Leader Application

Please fill out this form completely. Contact your current group leader, or the Community Group Pastor, if you have any questions.

Personal Information

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Are you a member of AHCC?

If yes, for how long?

Are you currently in a community group?

If yes, who is your leader?

Community Group Information

I would like our group to be (choose one):

How would you describe your past experience with community groups?

Have you ever led a community group before? If yes, for how long and what did you learn from that experience?

Why would you like to lead a community group now?

What is a strength of yours that would contribute to successful group leadership?

What is a weakness of yours that would inhibit your success as a leader?

Spiritual Questions

Please use Scripture to support your responses below.

Who is Jesus?

Who is the Holy Spirit?

What is your view of the Bible?

What is the church and its mission?

How would you explain salvation to a skeptic without using the word "sin"?

What are the key essentials for someone to grow in their faith?

How long have you been a Christian for?

Describe your relationship with God and how you maintain it.

If I watched a video recording of your life over the last month, what would I see you doing that evidences Jesus is living in you?

Do you agree with AHCC's statement of faith (available on website under "About")?

If no, please explain where you differ:

Do you affirm the Mission, Vision and Core Values of AHCC (available on website under "About")?

If no, please explain where you differ:

Leadership Questions

How would you define a leader?

What makes a great community group leader?

Do you have any experience building teams?

If so, describe your experience and what you learned.

Reference Information

What is the last church where you were a member or regular attendee?

What was your reason for leaving?

Please provide the names of two members of AHCC, or your previous church, that we may contact as references who are not your relatives. By providing names below, you are giving approval for AHCC to contact your references.

Name:

Name:

Phone:

Phone:

Email:

Email:

Relationship:

Relationship:

After completing this form, please save and email to john@arborheights.org. The Community Group Pastor will review your application and contact you shortly for an interview. Thank you.