



This is how you can be actively involved in a Small Group of your church:

1. Attend a SG if you have not already done so.
2. Attend the SG Ministry Training when it is organized in your local church or in another TRAC church.
3. Support your SG and your SG Leader by:
 - a. Coming prepared for adoration, study, accountability and prayer. Attend regularly and arrive punctually.
 - b. Watching over one another in love by listening, encouraging, praying and supporting.
 - c. Caring for your members in need including the assigned members who don't attend your SG.
 - d. Serving through your SG by reaching out to those outside your SG, support the events of the church, and serving in a ministry regularly in your church.
4. Avail yourself to be a SG Leader, if appointed.
5. Encourage the members of your church to actively participate in a SG.
6. Pray for the successful implementation of the SG Ministry in TRAC during this quadrennium: 2013-2016.



The Small Group Ministry Training will help prepare you to carry out the above recommendations. The following are the actions your local church needs to take:

1. Endorsing TRAC Recommendations: The Pastor and the LCCE need to read and understand the SG paper requirements presented at the 37th TRAC, and agree to implement its recommendations.
2. Training SG Leaders and Members: The local church need to organize the SG Ministry Training and mobilise the SG leaders and members to attend.
3. Engaging SG Trainers: The local church need to ask the Board of Christian Education for SG trainers to conduct the training on an agreed date.
4. Appointing SG Leaders: The LCCE need to appoint the SG leaders on the recommendation of the pastor.
5. Assigning Members: The SG Committee with the help of Membership Committee need to assign all members of the church to SGs.
6. Determining the System of Care: The pastor and LCCE need to determine how your members will be cared for by the SG ministry.
7. Overseeing the SG Ministry: The pastor and the SG Committee will oversee the SG ministry and the SG leaders.

The SG Ministry Training includes the following modules:



1. Philosophy of SG Ministry
2. Leadership of SG Ministry
3. Conducting SG Meetings: Adoration
4. Conducting SG Meetings: Accountability and Prayer
5. Small Group Dynamics

1. The participants will be engaged in a lively, informative, insightful and challenging presentation.
2. The participants will receive information to reflect on their own SG experiences, analyse the problems and dynamics of their SGs, and project what needs to be done for their SGs.
3. The participants will have pauses to discuss their SG situations and make decisions together with the members of their SGs.
4. The participants will have opportunity to ask questions on their specific experiences and situations.

The Small Group Ministry of TRAC adopted the following recommendations:



1. Goals of SG Ministry
 - a. Nurture: to provide nurture and meet fellowship needs of our members. (Nurture is provided through adoration, study, accountability, prayer. It includes feeling of acceptance and sense of belonging.)
 - b. Accountability: to watch over one another to ensure that members live out their discipleship throughout the week. (Accountability is conducted in a safe way of sharing using a structured questionnaire.)
 - c. Care: to respond to the needs of members. (Caring extends to new members, absentee members, home bound, hospitalized, funerals, etc.)
 - d. Service: to serve the needs of the church and reach out to the community. (Service includes the ministries of the church, evangelizing, and doing good works.)
2. Program of SG Meetings: Adoration, Study, Accountability and Prayer (ASAP). Time duration is within 1½ to 2 hours:

Adoration	Study	45-60 min
Accountability	20-25 min	15-20 min
Prayer		
3. Every member of the Church is assigned to a SG whether they attend or not. It is desired that they attend the SG meetings. If they don't, the SG will still provide care for such assigned members. The SG is an open group; people can join in at anytime. The SG can have an attendance of about 15 after which it should work towards multiplication.
5. The SG ministry is organized with a SG Director (full time if employed), SG Coordinator (and if a SG Committee is desired) as provided in the Book of Discipline with the Pastor overseeing it.



The 37th Session TRAC adopted the Small Group (SG) Ministry for the TRAC churches with the following key features:

- ◆ **An inclusive caring for all members of the local church.**
 - Assist the pastor to provide a system of care for the entire membership as determined by the local church.
 - Organize our members to care for members in special needs such as home bound, hospitalized, bereavement, etc.
- ◆ **An integrated ministry with the programmes of the local church.**
 - Encourage our members to be involved in the ministries of the church.
 - Mobilise members to support the ministries, activities and special events of the church.
- ◆ **An identical format for SG ministry for all the TRAC churches.**
 - Use a common SG training and a common SG programme for all TRAC churches.
 - Ease the adjustments of a pastor/member to SG ministry when transferred to a another TRAC church.
- ◆ **An inclination towards the practice of early Methodist classes.**
 - Recover the practice of "watching over one another in love" – encouraging and holding each other accountable in the Christian life.
 - Provide a special Covenant Group for those wanting a more intimate and 'close' accountability group.

