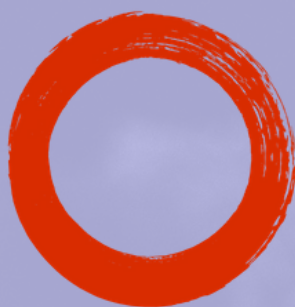


WORSHIP TEAM GUIDELINES



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THE ROLE OF THE WORSHIP LEADER

The role of the worship leader in a Life Community Church is two fold.

An Example

The worship leader is to be an example of a worshiper themselves, demonstrating to the church what a life devoted to God looks like. The worship leader isn't so much trying to create an atmosphere in times of worship but seeks to abide in the presence of God and as they worship others are drawn into that same atmosphere. It is vitally important for the worship leader to have times of personal worship outside of church services.

A Servent

The worship leader serves the church by creating an environment in which the church congregation is able to enter easily into worshiping God through adoration and praise. Worship must never become just leading songs or playing songs while others watch. It is not a performance! It is important to be skilled enough on our instrument or with our voice and know the songs well enough to be able to enter into worship ourselves.

WORSHIP TEAM QUALIFICATIONS

Life Community ministries have drawn up a list of qualifications for ministry within the church. These qualifications are the same for anyone leading worship, teaching or appointed to a leadership role in the church.

COMMITMENT

Worship team members must attend church services whenever possible, NOT ONLY when you are playing or leading worship. You are also strongly encouraged to be involved in other ministries of the church and to attend prayer meetings where possible. You must be committed to Life Community Church in your heart and demonstrate your commitment with your actions.

Time commitment

It is expected that as a member of the worship team you give time to practice, attend rehearsals and drive in good time for Sunday pre-service preparation.

Support of family

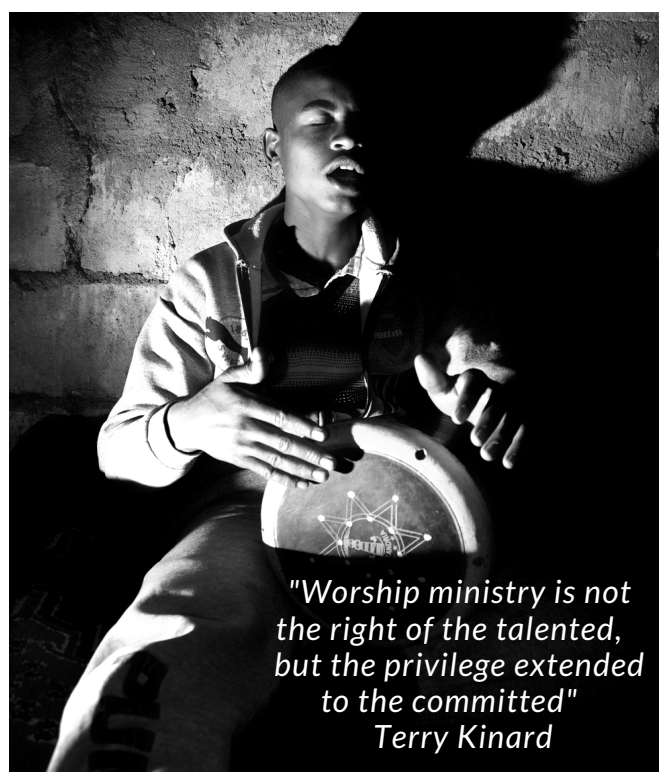
It is important that the individual's immediate family members are willing to accept the necessary time commitment and be a support to the individual.

Commitment to being spiritually prepared

We as ministers should not come to times of worship "spiritually starving." Whilst we expect our worship times to be a blessing and we know that we will feed on God's presence we must remember that we are here to serve and to help others feed on God's presence. If we come with the mindset that we are going to meet with God, it will never get routine or old.

Commitment to growing spiritually

Worship team members need to be committed to maturing in our Christian walk! We cannot allow ourselves to grow stagnant, or our worship will also become stagnant. What is in our hearts is what is going to come out when we worship. It is important to remain open and transparent. If you are not in a place to minister let others know and be willing to step back and let others lead in your place. There may arise situations that will need you to be removed from the team (usually temporarily). This is not a punishment, but rather a way of protecting the worship culture and the members of the congregation from unintended offence. We must strive to be a Christ-like example both on 'on the stage' and off.



Commitment to Working with the team

We need to look at the team as not just a collection of individual musicians, but as a single unit with one purpose. Our heart attitude should not be to shine forth our own technical skill and be "rock stars," but to use that to enhance the team and worship experience as a whole. There must be unity and humility in order to flow under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



GIFTING

We want to be led by leaders that are anointed and gifted to lead us. This is just as true in worship as it is in every other area of church life. You have been asked to be part of the worship team because you are gifted as a musician, singer or / and in leading people into God's presence.

Musical expertise

Members of the worship team must be skilled enough to follow a service that is led by the Spirit of God. We don't want to limit what God will do simply because we can't handle it musically. This is easier for some than others but we must all work on being fluid and willing to follow a new direction.

Ability to flow with a team Worship ministry as we have said is not a solo event, It is not about highlighting an individuals greatness but about causing glory to be given to God. Blending with others is crucial in order to create unity and encourage an atmosphere of worship. Be willing to step back and let others take on the worship leading role where God is leading.

CHARACTER

It is crucial that those in a position of leadership in the church demonstrate a Godly character. If we wish to be in a place of honour then we need to walk in honour toward God and man.

Maturity

It is important to be at a level of maturity where you can accept discipline and critique from leaders and not take it personally. Maturity also includes being responsible enough to arrive on time. being part of the worship team is a leadership role.

Spiritual maturity

Being part of the worship team is a leadership role. When people see you at the front of the church they perceive you as spiritual responsible and we need to take this role seriously. Conduct yourself in a mature manor and be willing to change.

RIGHT RELATIONSHIP

As a leader in the church you must always seek to keep right relationship with members of the church family. So far as it depends on you be at piece with all mankind.

Submission to Authority

Right relationship also means that you are to be submitted to those in positions of leadership over the church. This may mean that in times of worship you will need to submit to those leading a specific service, supporting their aim and mission for the service. This also means that you get behind the elders and the Leader's vision for the church. Take time to look at the church Vision and consider how as a worship team member you will support and encourage that vision. Know that the worship team has the support of the elders and the elders must have the support of the team. Unity is key in our service.

THEOLOGY

As a member of the worship team you will need to be united with the ethos of the church. We ask that you read our Essential Doctrine document and be sure that you are able to be in agreement with the churches agreed doctrine.

PRACTICALITIES

Before accepting anyone into the worship team we may first have an audition / interview & trial period to help us assess their skill and character. This should be very relaxed, but we do need to make sure that your gifting is in music. Things we will be looking for in this would be musical and/or vocal ability, leadership qualities, humility, anointing and availability.

Scheduling

Our schedule is sent out periodically via email. If you are unable to make it to a rehearsal or play on a Sunday, please let the worship leader know as soon as possible so other arrangements can be made. If you are part of another ministry at church then please provide any schedule conflicts to the worship coordinator. If a scheduling conflict arises, please take it upon yourself to find a replacement. Please inform the worship coordinator of the change as soon as possible. (This does not apply to last-minute sickness or emergencies. In those instances, let the worship coordinator know as soon as possible that you will not be able to make it.)

Services

Please arrive in good time to do a set up and sound check before the service, relax, and pray before each service. Again, if you have an instrument to set up, get there early enough to do that and be ready to go with the rest of the team.

"Worship is a divine privilege, and with that privilege comes a great responsibility to show generosity to others in the body of Christ through all we do. We should never leave worship to the pastors and worship leaders. We all need to learn to be excellent, extravagant worshipers, generous in our service to one another and generous in our expression of love toward one another."

Darlene Zschech

