

# MINISTRY MINUTE



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## MINISTRY WORKERS' SPOTLIGHT EVENT

One of the best ways to recruit ministry workers is to appreciate the workers you already have working alongside of you. Too often we are so glad we have someone covering an area of ministry that we just leave them to it and forget to encourage and appreciate the work they do, the time they give, and the contribution they make. Plan an annual event to honour your ministry workers. Put it on your calendar today! Include your ministry workers and their spouses, family, or other guests. Invite people who have served faithfully in the past but are unable to do so now (or who have been led to other areas of ministry). Or invite the whole congregation to attend.



### There is no limit to the kind of events you could offer:

- Breakfast, brunch, or lunch
- Banquet, or dessert night
- Family picnic, barbecue, pizza party or cultural heritage potluck
- Short program after eating or a full evening program with little or no food
- Concert, guest speaker, video
- Host an off-site event, perhaps reserving a section of bowling lanes, taking over a local coffee shop or making dinner reservations for your team at a restaurant

The list is endless! These can be major events with decorations, special foods, table centre pieces, and entertainment. Or they can be low-key and informal. The key is that they be well planned, communicating that someone thinks the ministry workers are important enough to have gone to some trouble on their behalf.



### Here are some tips to consider to help your event be a success:

- Plan ahead so that people can arrange their schedules and the event can be well organized.
- Send out invitations, then follow-up with a personal contact.
- Enlist parents of students and other corps members to do as much of the work as possible. The more people that are involved in saying thank-you the more meaningful it will be.
- Always use name tags so that everyone will know everyone else.
- Plan a get-acquainted activity that encourages people to mingle and meet each other.
- Make sure that everyone involved in the program (speaker, corps officers/pastor, musical group, etc.) understands that the purpose is to encourage and honour the ministry workers, not to encourage them to do even more than they are doing.
- If possible and appropriate put together a PowerPoint display or video of your ministry activities.
- Invite former students of some of your teachers/workers to publicly thank those who taught/worked with them in the past.