

Love Servolution Project Part II

In the summer of 2011 we launched our Love Servolution project. It was designed to encourage creativity in our practice of daily deeds of loving service as Jesus' love revolutionaries. For 2012, the Love Servolution project's focus will be on group activities.

Below are thirty-eight group service ideas. They're meant both as specific invitations to anyone who'd like to pick up on one of them, and as a stimulus to creating other ideas. If you see or come up with one that you'd like to take the initiative on, let our Moderator, Ruth Linnemann, or Pastor Kurt Kirchoff know, and we'll help you get ready for our February 26th launch date. Members of our Church Council will soon be running with some of them too, and information on those will be available at launch time as well:

“Love in Action Fund” project- gather a group whose members commit to donating a certain amount weekly or monthly to a Love in Action fund that's available to give from whenever members become aware of a special need (cf. *The Love Revolution*, p. 111)

“Empty Bowls Dinner” project- gather a group to offer an “Empty Bowls” dinner that will raise funds to fight hunger (cf. emptybowls.net and *Generation Change*, p.111-13)

“Style Your Sole Party” project- gather a group interested in helping to provide shoes to children in need through the fun of a Style Your Sole Party (cf. tomshoes.com and *Generation Change*, p. 138-39)

“Thankless Jobs Thank You” project- gather a group to identify people in our community who do work that's largely thankless and throw a party for them (cf. *They'll Know Us By Our Love*, p. 91)

“Senior Citizens' Ball” project: gather a group who'll throw a party with music and dance for senior members of our church and/or community (cf. *They'll Know Us By Our Love*, p. 97)

“Caring About Foster Care” project- gather a group interested in learning about and considering ways to support foster children in our area (cf. *They'll Know Us By Our Love*, p. 111)

“Prison Ministry” project- gather a group interested in learning about and considering ways to be involved with ministry to prisoners through the work, for example, of Prison Fellowship or Amnesty International (cf. *They'll Know Us By Our Love*, p. 115)

“International Students” project- gather a group interested in learning about and considering ways to offer hospitality to international students in our area (cf. *They'll Know Us By Our Love*, p. 118)

“Kindness” project- gather a group interested in learning more about the practice of creative, daily acts of kindness (cf. secretagentl.com and/or randomactsofkindnessfoundation.org)

“Thank You” project- gather a group for a designated number of times to write thank-yous to people we might not otherwise think to thank, taking inspiration from group reading of John Kralik's *365 Thank Yous*

“Give a Little” project- gather a group to read, try out, and educate others about the ideas in *Give a Little: How Your Small Donations Can Transform Our World*

“Everyday Philanthropist” project- gather a group to read, try out, and educate others about the ideas in *How to Be an Everyday Philanthropist: 330 Ways to Make a Difference in Your Home, Community, and World- at No Cost*

“Save the Earth” project- gather a group to read, try out, and educate others on the ideas in *50 Ways to Save the Earth: How You and Your Church Can Make a Difference*

“Raising Spiritually Healthy Children” project- gather a group to read, try out, and educate others on the ideas in *99 Ways to Raise Spiritually Healthy Children*

“Sticky Faith” project- gather a group to read, try out, and educate others on the ideas in *Sticky Faith: Everyday Ideas to Build Lasting Faith in Your Kids*

“Financial Peace” project- gather a group to learn, try out, and educate others about the personal financial management ideas taught in Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University (cf. daveramsey.com)

“Sponsor-a-Child” project- gather a group interested in learning about and possibly committing to sponsorship of a child in need through a sponsorship program like those offered by our United Church of Christ, World Vision, or Compassion International

“Church World Service” project- gather a group interested in learning more about the work of Church World Service and in considering possible ways for our church to support it beyond our involvement in the CROP Walk

“Habitat for Humanity” project- gather a group that will re-connect our church with our local Lansing Habitat for Humanity to help build houses

“Bread for the World” project- gather a group to read *Exodus From Hunger*, the latest book by Bread for the World president, David Beckmann, and use it to explore and implement additional ways to help fight hunger

“Microloan” project- gather a group interested in learning about and considering possible ways to support the work of microloan organizations like Opportunity International, Kiva, FINCA, or TechnoServe that provide a simple, but powerful hand up to those who are poor in the developing world

“New Abolitionists” project- gather a group to read *Not For Sale*, a book by Not For Sale Campaign co-founder and president, David Batstone, and use it to explore and implement ways to help fight the new global slave trade

“Oneness Embraced” project- gather a group to read *Oneness Embraced* by Tony Evans and use it to explore and implement ways to combat racism

“Heifer International” project- gather a group interested in learning more about the work of Heifer International and in considering possible ways to renew our support of it

“Re-Member” project- gather a group interested in learning more about the work of Re-Member on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota and in considering possible ways to renew our support of it

“Maplewood Center” project- gather a group interested in learning more about the work of the Lansing Rescue Mission’s Maplewood Center and in considering possible ways to renew our support of it

“Rhama Word House” project- gather a group interested in learning more about the work of Rhama Word House and in considering possible ways to continue our church’s support of it

“Carefree Medical Clinic” project- gather a group interested in learning more about the work of Carefree Medical Clinic and in considering possible ways to continue our church’s support of it.

“Open Door Ministry” project- gather a group interested in learning more about the work of the Open Door Ministry and in considering possible ways to continue our church’s support of it.

“Sparrow’s Nest” project- gather a group interested in learning more about and in considering ways to support the Sparrow’s Nest ministry of our local Christian Services organization in which homeless families are helped towards home ownership (cf. sparrows-nest.org)

“Usher Through the Year” project- gather a group who’ll commit to serve in an usher rotation for our worship services in 2012

“Greet Through the Year” project- gather a group who’ll commit to serve in a greeter rotation for our worship services in 2012

“Flower Guild” project- gather a group who’ll commit to provide fresh flowers for our communion table on Sundays on which no one has signed up to bring them

“Visit the Homebound” project- gather a group whose members will commit to making a visit or two or three to one of our homebound members in the coming year

“Birthday and/or Anniversary Card” project- gather a group willing to send a birthday and/or anniversary card to our members and friends in the coming year

“Loaves and Fishes” project- gather a group who’ll commit to providing our church’s monthly meal to the Loaves and Fishes ministry in the coming year

“HCC History” project- gather a group that will help Wayne Mason interview charter members and other older members of our church about their memories of HCC for sharing in our newsletter

“Playground” project- gather a group to consider and propose how best to spruce up and/or find new use for our church’s playground

“West Wall” project- gather a group to work on the new look we want for the west outside wall of our sanctuary