

## Ushers Report

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*Please list the members currently serving on your ministry or leadership team.*

- ❖ Greta Stewart, William George, Barbara Gurley, Tony Merlo, Yiwola and Iyabode Awoyale, and many plate passers and many acolytes.

*Please list the goals of your group for 2019.*

- ❖ Our main goal is to make ourselves available during the Sunday service and every other non-Sunday service, to serve as directed by the Pastor and the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ We strive to meet the needs of worshippers by doing the following:
  - open up the doors into the sanctuary;
  - greet worshippers and visitors with courtesy as they come into the sanctuary;
  - pass out the bulletin;
  - recruit on the spot the people who will help pass the plates;
  - identify an acolyte, if none is listed on the bulletin;
  - get the acolyte ready to robe and take the light in and out of service;
  - un-intrusively take and record attendance;
  - collect and dispose of the used bulletin at the end of the service;
  - clean up the sanctuary at the end of service;
  - turn off the light;
  - and, return the basket and the attendance register to the office.
- ❖ We keep our eyes and ears open during the service to respond to any need.

*Were you able to achieve your goals for 2019? Please be as specific as possible of your successes and failures.*

- ❖ Yes we can say that we were able to achieve our ushering goals for 2019, although there is room for every improvement.
- ❖ Given that we allow the roster to run on auto-pilot, we generally do not hold formal meetings. Each head usher knows himself or herself for a given Sunday (i.e. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or 5th, if need be), and is fully responsible for the service. Each head usher can serve as a substitute for any head usher who may be late or, by prior arrangement, cannot come. This kind of fixed, but equally flexible, arrangement has served the church very well, so that nobody gets burned out.
- ❖ For other special services such as ordinations, weddings, Good Friday, Christmas eve, etc, we make special arrangements.

*Where is the group stuck? What is your group or ministry pondering?*

- ❖ Despite the fact that church members have always cooperated with us, we will always need more people to commit to this very important ministry of the church. Just as excellent ushering can make the service most enjoyable and rewarding, poor ushering can mar the church service. Visitors in particular are likely to judge the health of the church by the quality of ushering that is offered during worship.

*What do you hope to accomplish in the coming year 2020?*

- ❖ We would like to make the ushering more attractive and more spiritually rewarding and invite more people to join our committed team.

*What are the ways that the church can support your team?*

- ❖ We are open to suggestions from the congregants that we serve in order to improve and make every church service extremely rewarding. Ushering is a very noble role during a church service because it is the gateway to the spiritual life of the church.