

Koinonia Holy Hour Guidelines

A sincere thank you to each of you who have agreed to serve the Koinonia community in this special way. Holy Hour is a significant gathering for the community during a weekend. It is a time of fellowship and praise. It is a time when everyone present can offer prayer and support to the team and the candidates. It is a time for each person to remember the joy of his/her weekend and to reconnect with the spirit that binds Koinonians together.

Some requirements and suggestions for Holy Hour:

1.) Holy Hour begins at 8:30 PM on Saturday evening. It is over at 9:15 and 9:30 P.M. Please time your service. We need to coordinate carefully with the Weekend schedule. It is hard for those in the weekend to wait for our Serenade. Plan adequate time for communion—all need to come forward (unless you have a better plan.) If you have people come forward during the prayer for team and candidates, plan sufficient time for that as well.

2.) Two things that must happen during a Holy Hour are communion and prayer for the team and candidates (by individual name.)

A. Bread and grape juice will be provided and brought to the church by the Holy Hour Coordinator. Five sets of chalices and plates will be available. (4 regular and 1 set for gluten free)

B. You will need to contact a Spiritual Director to ask him/her to serve communion. The Spiritual Director does not need to give a talk unless you and that person agree. If the Spiritual Director is not an ordained pastor, please arrange for one to bless the elements prior to the service. (Contact the Holy Hour Coordinator if you need help with this.)

C. You will need a troubadour or your own musician. The Holy Hour Coordinator can be of help if you need some names to contact.

D. Check with the Weekend Coordinator after sign-in on Friday night to ensure that the list of names for team and candidates is the same as the one posted on the website. Sometimes there are last minute changes. Also, check the pronunciation of each name!

3.) You are free to be as creative as you wish with this service. There is no prescribed format. Music, drama, group participation—all are great!!!

4.) If you can duplicate words to the songs you will use, it will eliminate the need to transfer song books from the weekend to the church and back again. (The Holy Hour Coordinator will be grateful.) If you need assistance with duplication, contact the Holy Hour Coordinator.

5.) It is recommended that the community scripture be read at each gathering whenever possible. (1 John 4:7-12) This does not mean that other scriptures cannot also be read and used.

6.) Often a program handout has been used. This is great but not required. The Holy Hour Coordinator can provide sample programs from previous services if you want.

7.) The Chief Steward will be there to give a brief report. Usually, that person prefers to give the report early in the service so that he/she can return quickly to the weekend.

8.) It is our tradition to have some tangible item for each name during the prayer; ensure that you have an accurate list and accurate spelling when preparing these tokens. After the Holy Hour, assist the Holy Hour Coordinator in the transport of the names and supplies back to the weekend building.

9.) Please contact the Holy Hour Coordinator with questions. Contact information can be found on the Core Board page of our website www.koinoniaofjamestown.org.

Thank you, God bless you as you plan and present.