

Motorcycle Ministry Organization

It be effective in ministry, you must be intentional. Motorcycle Ministry is no different. Building relationships is important in the biker community and in order to do that, motorcycle ministry is not for those that desire quick results. In order to do effective ministry you must have purpose and commitment. An effective ministry must have organization in order to function properly. It must stay focused and be accountable to the group as well as the church.

Leadership is very important. You need a leader for the group and ministry who is focused, determined, and called. This person should be someone from the biker community that has been saved and has a passion to reach other bikers. This should not be a new believer or a new motorcycle rider. This person must be committed to take the message of Jesus Christ to the streets. He or she must be focused on the community in which the ministry intends on reaching. This takes drive, time, energy, and a love for bikers.

This person will need assistance: recommended help should include, but not be limited to:

- An assistant; someone that assists the leader with ideas, leadership and focus.
- A secretary; someone to keep track of what goes on, meeting notes, rosters, etc.
- A treasurer; someone that keeps track of money and is held accountable for all finances.
- A road captain or event coordinator; someone that organizes rides, events, sets the routes, and coordinates with other groups on events within the area.

The right people in leadership roles are crucial. They must be focused, motivated, and willing to serve in ways that ensure the ministry succeeds. These volunteers need to be encouraged and supported by the pastoral staff and congregation. Those chosen to fill leadership positions should meet a certain criteria. The list below is merely a sample and can be refined to fit your church, leadership, and purpose. But, all volunteers should be dedicated Christians that have a desire to commit their time, energy, and leadership in order to fulfill the mission.

- Must be a rider
- Must be saved and sanctified
- Must be a person of prayer
- Must be a person of vision
- Must have a heart for outreach
- Must have leadership ability
- Must have a love for bikers and their salvation
- Must dedicate themselves to fulfill the mission and vision of this ministry
- Must regularly attend scheduled meetings, events, and activities in support of this ministry

A clear focus, mission, and goal are vital to success. You need to choose that focus and then shape everything to fit that mission and goal. Following is a list of values and principles that could drive a ministry:

- We value bikers and believe they are significant in the Kingdom of God.
- We value the Bible, God's unchanging truth for our lives.
- We value prayer and vital interactive communication with our Heavenly Father.
- We value the Church, a global holiness community of faith, diverse in culture but one in Christ.
- We value worship and life-changing encounters with God.
- We value discipleship and an intentional lifestyle of becoming like Christ.
- We value community and building relationships that help bind us together and to God.
- We value ministry and extending God's grace to our world.
- We value witness and the sharing of God's love in word and deed.
- We value holiness, a work of grace whereby God, through the working of His Holy Spirit, enables us to live a life representing Christ in who we are and in everything we do.
- We exist for Bikers. We exist to attract, equip, and empower bikers for service in the Kingdom of God and to facilitate their integration into the Church of the Nazarene.
- We focus on Christ. Christ is central to who we are, the Word of God is our authoritative source for all we do, and holiness is our pattern for life.
- We are built on a relational ministry to bikers in the local church. Effective ministry to bikers is critical to the health and vibrancy of the ministry.
- We develop and mentor leaders. We provide opportunities for emerging leaders to develop and utilize their gifts within an environment of nurture and support, assuring strong leadership for the Church of the Nazarene. Leadership training, accountability, and mechanisms for evaluation and modification of ministry are vital functions of the ministries.
- We empower others to lead. Relevant biker ministry requires that responsibility for ministry and organizational decisions reside within leadership and the appropriate governing bodies at every level. A sense of belonging and ownership, a passion for service, and input in decision making are key ingredients for the empowerment of bikers.
- We embrace unity and diversity in Christ. We are committed to understanding and celebrating differences and diversity in language, color, race, culture, socioeconomic class, and gender. Our differences do not diminish unity but enhance our potential and effectiveness. Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ in culturally relevant ways must always be a high priority.
- We create networks and partnerships. A climate of cooperation characterizes our relationships at every level. Networking within the church enhances the development and deployment of bikers for service.

Everything the ministry does should be geared to meet the mission, goals, values, purpose, and principles of your organization. They should reflect the Church and Jesus Christ. They must always be positive and intentional.

It is recommended that each group have a charter and a set of by-laws. These documents help to keep the ministry focused, accountable, and guide the members in accomplishing the mission.

For a sample charter and by-laws, see “Charter” and “By-Laws” on the [NMF](#) web site.