



## Community Groups

Thank you for your interest in being a community group leader!

Community groups are an integral part of what we do as a church. We believe that sustained life change occurs as we are growing in a relationship with Christ, and that this happens best when we are prioritizing intentional relationships with others who are seeking this same goal. Community groups provide people with the opportunity to connect with others, grow in their relationship with Christ, and experience community. Our community group leaders create environments for people to develop and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Paul taught the Corinthians that some plant the seeds, others water them, but God makes them grow (1 Corinthians 3:6). Group leaders have the privilege of creating environments in which seeds of faith are planted and watered in the lives of those they lead, while trusting God with the growth. Our leaders play a pivotal role in helping us achieve our mission to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ!

Since our community group leaders play such an important role, we take great care when enlisting them. Please read through the information below to better understand the role of a leader, qualifications, and expectations. If, after consideration, you are interested in pursuing community group leadership, please follow the instructions below to complete the group leader application. Once we receive your application, we will contact you for an interview. Should you have questions regarding any of the following information, please call me at (631) 476 3811 ext. 5.

### **Role of a Community Group Leader**

Community group leaders are responsible for providing their groups with vision, direction, and support. Leaders are successful when they are personally growing in their intimacy with God, community with those in the church, influence with those outside the church, and are leading their groups in such a way as to encourage the group members' growth in these three relationships as well. The Community Life Pastor supports Community group leaders.

### **Qualifications**

- ◆ Have a personal, growing relationship with Jesus Christ
- ◆ Previously attended Community groups (preferably)
- ◆ Recognize the Bible as the authority for their lives
- ◆ Call True North Community Church home
- ◆ Have the time, emotional capacity, and moral discernment to lead a group

### **Expectations**

- ◆ Lead the group by facilitating the group meeting, monitoring its health both as a whole group and in individual members, and promoting participation among group members
- ◆ Commit to engage in leadership development opportunities through meeting with the Community Life Pastor, and attending Community Group Leader meetings
- ◆ Identify and develop any qualified future Community Group Leaders
- ◆ Read and sign the Community Group Leader Commitment sheet

*Chad Hardison*  
Community Life Pastor



## Community Group Leader Commitment

*Purpose:*

Community Groups exist to equip people to glorify God in everything they do.

*Multiplication:*

Community Group Leader(s) recognize that one of the drives of community groups is to create new groups. This enables community groups to continue, helps create community throughout the church body, gives opportunity to those individuals outside of community groups to experience the community group relationship, and creates an atmosphere where leaders can emerge from within to begin the process of leading a community group. Multiplication takes place when the group reaches 15 individuals or the meeting location has reached its capacity.

*Commitment:*

Outside of mitigating circumstances, the Community Group Leader(s) must be faithful in the facilitating of the scheduled community group meetings.

*Accountability:*

The Community Group Leader(s) will meet one on one with the Community Life Pastor 4-6 times a year, will attend Community Leader Meetings 4-5 times a year and be open to visitation of group meetings by the Community Life Pastor.

*Strategy:*

The Community Group Leader(s) will create an environment of connection and growth. This is done through fostering confession, communication, support, accountability, and care.

I/we understand and will abide by the Community Group Leader Commitment:

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Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

**Personal Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street*

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (h) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Information**

Spouse's Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

*Will your spouse be involved in the leading of the Community Group?* \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's names, ages:

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**Church Related Information**

When did you start coming to True North? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been in a community group at True North? \_\_\_\_\_

*If yes, which group(s)* \_\_\_\_\_

*If yes, what did you enjoy most about your group?*

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*If yes, what would you do differently/the same in leading your own group?*

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Are you currently in a Community Group? \_\_\_\_\_

*If yes, current Community Group Leader* \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently serving in other areas at True North? \_\_\_\_\_

*If yes, which areas* \_\_\_\_\_

Previous church background/former church name: \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Besides small groups, do you have previous church leadership experience, if yes explain your experience:

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Have you ever led a small group, if yes explain your experience:

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**General Information**

Which type of Community Group are you willing to lead?

*Circle all that apply. See last page for group descriptions.*

**NEXT   Social Connection   Women’s Group   Topic/Bible   All Bible**

Tell us briefly why you would like to serve as a Community Group Leader:

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Tell us briefly how you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior:

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How would you describe your current relationship with Jesus:

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What are some things that you enjoy doing in your free time:

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**References**

Please provide us with 2 references we can contact that can speak to your spiritual development, character, and leadership ability (Name, relationship, phone and/or email address).

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