

Envisioning the Arts in Your Church

Worksheet

Pray:

First, take some time to pray and ask God for any direction he would have for a potential arts ministry. If you can, do it with a group of others who are interested in arts ministry in your church. Write down the impressions that you have, then go on to the rest of the worksheet. Often, if the impressions you get are on the right track there will be confirmation as you work through this.

(Use the back if needed.)

Our Church's vision/ mission is:

What are the key areas our church is active in? For example: working with the poor, missions, justice, etc. :

List the areas of the arts we'd like to see develop in our church:

The arts in services

- Creating stage back drops ___
- Live painting on the platform or in the sanctuary___
- Visual art to be hung in the sanctuary___

- Design elements for the sanctuary__
 - Dance__
 - Drama__
 - Short films and videos__
 - Graphics and design for the bulletin, sermons, and/or lobby/building__
 - Spoken word__
 - Sacred space experiences__
 - Special worship services (Holiday, Arts, etc.)__
 - Other_____
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The arts beyond Sundays

- An art gallery__
 - An art studio__
 - Hands-on creative gathering__
 - Arts workshops__
 - Artist community__
 - Other_____
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Who do we have? Who has a passion for seeing any the above areas developed and might be willing to lead an initiative in a particular area of the arts?:

Ministries the arts ministry could work with:

- Outreach__
 - Children's ministry__
 - Young adults__
 - Men's/women's__
 - Missions__
 - Small groups__
 - Other_____
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Using the information you've gathered here, write a vision/mission statement for your arts ministry: (Try to keep it to 3 sentences or less.)

Brainstorm. Time to dream. Let the ideas flow and write them all down. (See page 41 for more thoughts on brainstorming.)

Hang on to this worksheet and let it inform you as you go on to Chapter 4: Launching an Arts Ministry in Your Church.

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