

Building Community on a Leadership Team

1. Meet regularly.
2. Think together (idea: read a book in the bibliography together and discuss it).
3. Fellowship together.
4. Dream/brainstorm together.
5. Reach out/serve together. Continually ask:
 - a. How are we developing community with women in the church?
 - b. How are we nourishing community with other ministries in the church?
 - c. How are we extending the borders of the community to those outside?
6. Communicate expectations.
7. Handle conflict biblically

Suggested Resources: *Peacemaking Woman*, by Tara Barthel and Judy Dabler, and chapter 10, *Treasures of Encouragement* by Sharon Betters.

8. Accept criticism with grace.
9. Be proactive:

Discuss every decision carefully. Think about the consequences and ramifications of each decision for different groups of people in your church. Then, if criticism comes you can give the reason for your decisions. However, if you did not consider a consequence, be willing to admit it and ask for forgiveness.

But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, both that you do and will do the things we command you. Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.

2 Thessalonians 3:3-4