

Planning for WMU Churchwide Activities

“Believe in it, live it, glory in it, we are children of a King—laborers together with God.” --Fannie E. S. Heck

Planning is vital to our work of making disciples of Jesus who live on mission. For churchwide missions activities and experiences, there are two different types of planning that take place: overarching yearly plans and specific activity plans.

Plans for the Year

Planning for the year ensures activities and events are placed on the church calendar and everyone has an opportunity to participate.

- The WMU director, leadership team, or age-level leaders work together to plan for yearly events.
- Plans may include special missions events or activities, annual events such as missions offerings, goals, leadership training, enrollment events, budget, facilities/supplies, and reports.
- Ideally, planning should begin before the church year but may continue throughout the year.
- Plans can be coordinated in a formal meeting, virtual meeting, over email, or by phone or text.
- Evaluate plans throughout the year to identify strengths and weaknesses and to help in making future plans.

Specific Activity and Missions Experience Plans

Planning for specific activities and experiences ensures participants will engage in learning, praying, giving, and doing missions.

- Plans for an activity or missions experience are made by the age-level leaders, members of groups, or those interested in leading the activity.
- Plans can include session activities, missional projects, outreach activities, as well as ideas for engaging new participants.
- Ideally, meeting plans for missions discipleship groups should occur at least a month in advance, and planning for specific activities and experiences should begin at least three months in advance.
- Plans can be created in a formal meeting, virtual meeting, over email, or by phone or text.
- Evaluate to identify improvements needed and celebrate accomplishments made through the activities.