



Administer Justice

HOW TO IDENTIFY A JUSTICE CHAMPION

Your Guide to Filling Your Center's Volunteer Leader Role

Identifying the right Justice Champion to lead your Gospel Justice Center is the critical first step in the launch process. Because filling this role with the right person is vital to a healthy Gospel Justice Center, and because we know your time is limited, **we created this guide to make the process simple.** In it you will find proven approaches for sharing the opportunity and identifying the right people, plus useful tools for helping people discern if the role is a right fit for them.

Our team is cheering you on! Access to justice in your neighborhood is not available to the most vulnerable and your church can make a difference. If you have questions, reach out to Emily O'Donnell (contact info on the last page). We want to make getting started simple so those in need receive the help of a lawyer and the hope of God's love.

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1. PERSONAL REACH OUTS

Have an idea of someone in your church who would make a great Justice Champion? Maybe someone on the Missions or Outreach Committee, or someone who has shared their heart to seek justice for the vulnerable. Review *A Call to Champion Justice* for a helpful summary of the position and then reach out to them.

A personal reach out will make them feel appreciated and cast the vision for them to step into the role. Whether in person, or by phone or email, here are some resources to share in your reach out.

- > Find an **email template** you can use in our Church Leader Toolbox.
- > Share a link to our **Justice Champion webpage** or **A Call to Champion Justice PDF** so they can learn more about the role.
- > Share one or more of our videos that explain the model and highlight the need
 - **What is a Gospel Justice Center?** (90 sec)
 - **Justice Champion Story** (5 min)
 - **Explore Gospel Justice Summary** (10 min)
 - Find more on **our website**

2. CHURCH-WIDE ANNOUNCEMENT

Spreading the news about the church's plans to launch a legal ministry can help rally support and identify interested volunteers. As you know, announcements from church leadership will ignite the most engagement and interest. How your church chooses to announce will be unique to your community, but here are some ideas and templates for how to highlight the opportunity at your church.

- > Make an announcement during your service about the opportunity for legal and non-legal volunteers to get involved in this holistic care ministry. Use the **provided slides** in the Toolbox.
- > Use one of **our templates** to announce, add a blurb to the bulletin, or feature in the church newsletter.
- > Be sure to provide info on how people can register interest and learn more.

3. HOST A JUSTICE SUNDAY

The Bible is full of passages that highlight God's delight in justice and righteousness, and the world needs to hear this more than ever. A Justice Sunday can be a powerful tool to share God's heart for justice, and highlight the opportunity for church members to get involved in a very practical way.

Below are ideas and resources to consider as you plan a Justice Sunday for your church.

- > Take time to shepherd your congregation on what the bible has to say about justice – plan a sermon series or a single sermon on justice.
- > Invite a **guest preacher** from Administer Justice to come and preach on biblical justice and explain the model of Gospel Justice Centers to the church.
- > Review our **[Justice Sunday resource page](#)** to find sermon videos, responsive readings, prayers, songs for worship, children's curriculum and videos about Administer Justice to share with your congregation.
- > End the service(s) with information about the Administer Justice model and an invitation to register interest or to attend a presentation to learn more about how they can seek justice for the vulnerable.

4. HOST A PRESENTATION OF AJ'S MODEL

Hosting a full presentation on Administer Justice's model and the opportunity to get involved invites people to take the next step in exploring a volunteer role. These gatherings are an excellent touchpoint with interested volunteers.

Administer Justice can come to your church, or lead a virtual event, where we present the need, vision, and opportunity to get involved at your Gospel Justice Center. Another option is to present the model using the slide deck and script provided in the **[Toolbox](#)**.

The simple steps below will set you up for a successful event.

1. Set a time/date for a presentation. It might be right after the morning service, or on a weeknight.
2. Announce the event to your church community and share registration info.
3. Establish next steps for interested parties (Justice Champions or one of the other volunteer roles).
4. Share possible Justice Champion leads with Emily O'Donnell for further discussion.

The timeline for finding a Justice Champion may be short or long. **If God calls you to this ministry, he will provide what is needed.** These ideas will generate possible volunteers even if no one feels called to the Justice Champion role. Sometimes two volunteers can serve as co-Champions to help lessen the load, and create a built-in support system for that role.

Keep track of all interested volunteers and let them know you are waiting on someone to step forward as the Justice Champion before beginning the launch process. Ask them to consider the role, or perhaps reach out to their network.

If anyone expresses interest in the role of Justice Champion, introduce them to Emily O'Donnell using the contact info below to continue the discussion!

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