***How to Prepare and Become an AMS and Lead Well***

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**I. \_\_\_\_\_do you want to become an Associational Mission Strategist?**

1. Prayerfully examine your heart, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, calling.

2. Is it to serve the Lord and His pastors and churches in fulfilling the Great Commission?

3. Is it to get out of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pastorate or other ministry position?

4. Is it to have a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ministry position to finish your career between now and retirement?

5. Is it to be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ leader?

6. Is it because you believe - and other trusted individuals believe - you have the calling, compassion, skills, giftedness, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ability to lead an association of churches?

7. Are you a leader of leaders?

8. If you are a pastor, would you rather \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a revival or host a revival?

9. Do you feel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be an Associational Mission Strategist?

**II. How do you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?**

1. Pray, pray, pray…for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, wisdom, discernment, and for the Lord to make your paths straight. (Pr. 3:5-6).

2. Support your AMS and your association \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and learn all you can in the process. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the good, the bad, and the ugly. What would you do differently? What would you do the same?

3. Read, observe, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ like an AMS to be an AMS.

4. Do your \_\_\_\_\_ as unto the Lord where He has you now until such time as He moves you!

5. Do you feel called to a certain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_, or are you open to going to another state?

**III. How do you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an AMS?**

1. Prepare a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that highlights your associational involvement, your collaborative skills, leadership gifts, missions heart, and concern for pastors, churches, and the lost.

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

3. Make an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with your state AMS and let him know of your desire and availability, and ask for his help and advice. Do the same for any state in which you are interested in serving, even if it is a phone appointment.

4. Check the SBCAL Job Board regularly for openings at [www.sbcal.org/job-board](http://www.sbcal.org/job-board). Also check out AMS/DOM openings on [www.sbc.net/jobs](http://www.sbc.net/jobs).

5. \_\_ \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ who models the type of AMS you will be when God opens the door.

**How Do You Lead Well as an AMS?**

We should know the \_\_\_\_\_, but keep our \_\_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus – His purposes and His power.

1. **Be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

“When pride comes, then comes dishonor, but with the humble is wisdom” (Pr. 11:2, NASB). Are you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as a Christian? “but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior” (1 Peter 1:15 NASB).

Be your association’s thermostat, not its thermometer!

Pray for the Lord to grant you character greater than your gifts and humility greater than your influence. \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.** Don’t try to be someone you’re not.

Are you a \_\_\_\_\_\_ of leaders?

Leaders are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. If you read 20 min. a day, you will read over 30 books a year.

Give \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ leadership of what sister churches can do on mission together in your local mission field. People give to \_\_\_\_\_\_, not need.

Use your spiritual \_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for God’s glory, for the good of your pastors/churches, and for the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

2. **Offer Helpful Resources Pastors and Church Leaders Can Trust**

 Is your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a great place for new people to find a good church in your area?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ for your pastors and church leaders. Ex. “Four Things To Know”

What are you known for? Have a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ event, conference, project, mission trip, etc.

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ whatever participation you get from larger churches and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it.

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your pastors/leaders by providing quality Pastor Search Committee training, conferences, networking opportunities, etc.

Your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with your state convention can be invaluable here.

3. **Foster a Family Relationship Based on a Common Confession of Faith**

Be a \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Live by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_: *Therefore, whatever you want others to do for you, do also the same for them, for this is the Law and the Prophets* (Mt. 7:12, CSB).

Stay \_\_\_\_\_ to your pastors and key leaders through all means possible.

“Work with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_” (Mike Perry, former Lifeway Associational Liaison).

Do you have a mission, a vision, and ministries \_\_\_\_\_\_ of your churches’ participation and their mission money?