

Common Good Foundation

Small Group champions

The need for a SG champion

The CGF needs leaders! We need a bunch of CGF representatives (like Jethro suggested to Moses) that multiply what Margie and Sarah do.

The Common Good Foundation's role is to mobilise and equip the church (specifically Common Ground Church) to notice and respond to social injustices in our city and beyond.

We do this in a number of ways: Firstly, by making Commons Grounders aware of the social ills in our city through various communication avenues (articles linked to the e-loop, insights evenings etc.). The aim is to see the need around us without allowing it to overwhelm us or make us feel guilty, but rather to move us to respond where we find ourselves with what we've got in our hands. It's going to be sacrificial at times, but it's important to know that we are commanded, as Christians who live in Cape Town, to take care of the most vulnerable. Allow yourself to really see the waitress or the man at the side of the street or your domestic worker. What are their stories? What are their needs? What are God's plans for their lives? The reward of partnering with someone and seeing them liberated spiritually, emotionally and physically is far greater than the sacrifice.

Secondly, we create and advertise volunteer opportunities with our partner organisations through which Common Grounders can respond. Here I want to be more careful that we don't create opportunities for people to respond to without making sure that they are doing it out of a compassionate response rather than a religious response. Unless one's heart is really broken for what breaks God's, any measure of help is not sustainable. I dream of a community of Christians sustained by Christ to run the extra mile. This is where Small Group champions come in.

The role of the SG champion

Presents and facilitates a CGF discussion time within normal small group meeting times once a quarter (or as frequently as the small group leaders see fit). The material (including media) and training will be provided by Margie and team once a quarter.

Attends the above mentioned training once a quarter. The CGF team will aim to inspire and equip the SG champions with tools and zeal to see the Kingdom come in this area.

Monitors small group volunteer man/woman hours once a month.

Keeps the group informed of social ills in and around Cape Town – essentially teach the group to be socially aware, to have their ‘social antennas’ out.

Helps in matching individual small group members to volunteer opportunities.

Identifies small group members who show potential to lead new ministries within the CGF.

Informs their small group of new volunteer opportunities within the CGF (both for individuals and teams) at least once every 2 weeks. The SG champion will be required to read the CGF section in the e-loop once a week and relate the information to the group.

Relates other CGF news to their small group (including testimonies and stories) at least once a month. (Sent to the SG champions once a week by Margie.)

Inspires and mobilises the team to ‘get involved’ once a quarter as a team.

Who is a good SG champion candidate?

To help SG leaders select their SG champions, please see below criteria:

Essentially the SG champion is a **communicator** who keeps the small group informed of CGF news, current affairs with regard to Social Development (e.g. the climate change debate) and, most importantly, volunteer opportunities within the CGF. He/she is someone whose heart has been broken by what breaks God’s heart.

Characteristics:

- The person is a leader - someone that can motivate, inspire and mobilise the group
- Someone that is interested in social development or feels burdened by the social ills in our city
- Takes initiative and is self-motivated
- Has a knack for admin (advantage)