

# R.O.N. LEADER GUIDE

## RELATIONSHIP OUTREACH NETWORKS

### WHAT IS A RELATIONSHIP OUTREACH NETWORK?

A Relationship Outreach Network (RON) is a group of Christians who network together to reach mutual friends, acquaintances, or work associates for Christ.

Network members could be co-workers at the same business, could all be approximately the same age, could live in the same subdivision, or could have some other common basis for working together. They work together because they can reach people better together than they could apart. It is the Great Co-Mission.

### WHAT EXACTLY AM I BEING ASKED TO DO?

You are being asked to personally enlist two to five others from the church with whom you can network together to reach others. Please have this done by the special RON meeting time on Sunday, January 23. On that evening, we will not have evening services. Instead, we will have cottage prayer meetings for the different Networks in the homes of their members. If a Network would like to meet in one of the rooms at the church, that's OK, too. Childcare will be provided at the church from 5:30 until 7:30. You are being asked to call and organize a cottage prayer meeting for your network, using the agenda below.

#### Agenda for the January 23 Cottage Prayer Meeting:

1. Discuss who your group knows who needs the Lord, whom you can reach together.
2. Make a "most-wanted list", but keep the list to a manageable size.
3. Pray by name for the people you list concerning their relationship with God.
4. Discuss specific, practical ways your network members could cultivate each individual's interest in Christ.
  - Make a concerted effort to meet each person where he or she is.
  - Have a specific strategy for each individual.
  - Consider felt needs and the use of Christian books, tapes, etc.
  - Decide which network member will do what—then expect each person to carry out his or her assignment.

#### After the meeting:

- Communicate with other networks to avoid duplication.
- Meet again, if possible, to pray and plan. You can use the Wednesday night supper time.
- Network informally to discuss your progress. Use the telephone to share information, to give encouragement, and for accountability.
- Continue to pray for these friends and acquaintances in your daily devotional times.
- Keep the doors of friendship open to these persons.
- Cultivate your friends' interest in Christ.
- Invite them to the "The Case for Faith" Revival Services on March 6-9
- Expose them to the Gospel; explain the Gospel to them.
- Encourage your friend to receive Christ.