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AT HOME: Conversation Starters



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INFORMATION BROCHURE FOR
MINISTERIAL SPOUSES OF THE
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

Encourage
one another
and build each other up ...
1 Thessalonians 5:11



VALUES

- C**hrist-centered
- A**ffirmation
- R**espect for Diversity
- E**mpowerment
- S**anctity of Family

TARGET GROUP

Spouses of:

- employed pastors, administrators and departmental directors
- theology teachers
- theology students
- retired and deceased ministers
- military and civilian chaplains

North American Division INITIATIVES

Leadership

- ✓ Fresh Strength newsletter
www.nadministerial.com/FreshStrength
- ✓ Ministerial Spouses website & Social Media
- ✓ Ministerial Spouses Leaders resource
www.nadministerial.com/MSLeadersToolkit

Ministerial Family

- ✓ Resources for the ministerial family:
www.nadministerial.org/spouses
- ✓ Facebook page for ministry to children of ministers
- ✓ Ministerial spouses and pastors' kids programs at ministerial gatherings:

Outreach

Hope & Compassion/Evangelism initiatives for ministerial spouses – including training and resources on: *discipleship, community outreach, proclamation, and new member retention.*

Spouses of New Pastors

The box below is a compilation gleaned from seasoned NAD pastors' spouses on what they believe to be qualities exhibited (but developed over the years) by effective ministerial spouses. It is not meant to be prescriptive — rather a beginning point for discussion with spouses who are struggling to understand their new "role."

QUALITIES OF EFFECTIVE MINISTERIAL SPOUSES

Finds my identity in God ... Supports my spouse's call to ministry

CHARACTER

Disciple of Jesus Christ
Honest/possessing integrity
Knows, accepts, & values oneself
Humble, teachable • Loyal to God, family, church
Adaptive/flexible • Sacrificial spirit

MANAGEMENT

Steward of time, health, finances
Recognizes & uses gifts for God
Sets boundaries • Learns when to make referrals

INTERPERSONAL

Exhibits social intelligence
Sets marital & parenting priorities
Utilizes coping and conflict resolution skills
Inclusive: ethnicity, age, gender • Hospitable

For more info on resources:
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MISSION

To support ministerial spouses and their families with Christ-centered hope and wholeness through networking, resourcing and training

VISION

To see ministerial families spiritually and relationally healthy and with a focus on discipleship