## Gifts & Talents Inventory

*Each one, as a good manager of God’s different gifts, must use for the good of others*

*the special gift he has received from God.* (1 Peter 4:10)

*Each of us is like a gift package from God. Our combination of gifts is unique. Not one of us has ever been replicated on this earth! Our giftedness includes our talents and abilities, styles, interests, experiences, preferences, and passions for serving in the world. Our gifts are part of an abundant web of giftedness in our faith community. These gifts were given to us so that we might minister together as partners in God’s work in the world. And our gifts are meant for us too! When we live out our gifts, we discover the joys of an abundant life.*

(Jean Morris Trumbauer, *Created and Called*)

#### My gifts are…

Check up to a dozen things you do well. Have each member of your household do this. Feel free to add

other gifts not specifically listed. (Adapted from *Created and Called* by Jean Morris Trumbauer.)

* accounting/finances/budget
* acting/drama
* artwork/crafts
* caring and compassion
* carpentry/building
* child care
* clerical work
* communication
* computer skills
* cooking and serving food
* coordinating and organizing projects
* dancing
* decorating
* facilitating and working with groups
* faith-sharing
* fundraising
* gardening
* graphic design
* hospitality
* housekeeping
* legal services
* listening
* maintaining buildings/grounds
* mechanical work
* mediating and problem-solving
* medical/nursing care
* mentoring/tutoring
* music: instrumental or voice
* photography
* planning/visioning
* praying
* promotion/advertising
* public speaking
* researching
* sewing
* social justice work
* sound recording/audio production
* teaching/training
* video and video production
* visiting others
* Web design
* writing
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#### Identifying Ways to Be Involved in Church, Community, and World

Equipped with a list of your gifts and talents and those of your household, you can now start to consider the type of activities you and members of your household might want to be involved in. Take a look at the two lists below, one for the church community and one for the civic community and world. Think about which interests best match with your gifts and talents. Some activities may be more traditional, such as teaching or singing, while others may be new, such as Web ministry. (Adapted from *Created and Called* by Jean Morris Trumbauer)

#### I have experience or interest in these areas of involvement in the church…

Mark the three greatest areas of experience (E) with a 1, 2, and 3. Mark the three greatest areas of interest (I) with A, B, C.

**E I Potential Involvement**

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ aging

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ arts

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ children’s ministry

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ consolation/grief ministry

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ communications/media

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ community outreach/service

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ data administration

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ education: children

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ education: youth

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ education: adults

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ family ministry

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ finance

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ global mission

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ health ministry

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ media ministry

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ music

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ new member welcome

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ pastoral care

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ prayer ministry

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ property management

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ recovery ministry

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ sacramental preparation

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ singles ministry

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ small faith communities

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ social justice

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ social/community life

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual growth

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ stewardship

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ visual communication

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Web ministry/cyberministry

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ worship/liturgy

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ young adult ministry

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ youth ministry

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### I have experience or interest in these areas of involvement in the community and world…

Mark the three greatest areas of experience

(E) with a 1, 2, and 3. Mark the three greatest

areas of interest (I) with A, B, C.

**E I Potential Involvement**

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ abuse

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ addiction and recovery

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ the arts

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ care for and dignity of the elderly

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ disabilities

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ disaster relief

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ discrimination

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ economic/community development

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ education: children, youth

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ employment

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ environment

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ governmental and political reform

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ grief and loss

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ health care

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ homelessness

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ human rights

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ hunger

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ literacy

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ mental health

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ poverty and economic disparity

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ prisons and rehabilitation

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ violence

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ war and peace

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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