

SMALL GROUP DEVELOPMENT

When the Covid-19 Pandemic forced church buildings to close, it became apparent that many of our congregations would have benefitted from having a flexible system that could sustain biblical community and facilitate outreach especially during times of crises.

Years ago, Ellen White wrote: *“The formation of small companies as a basis for Christian effort has been presented to me by One who cannot err”* (Evangelism, 155).

As Adventists, we know that at the end of earth’s history another dynamic (persecution) will once again force our church buildings to close. Therefore, it only makes sense that we develop and implement a “non-building dependent” system through which we can continue the functions of teaching, fellowship, prayer, outreach, worship, and evangelism now—and **Small Groups** is that system. For this reason, our Church Ministries & Mission Development Team provides coaching and support for pastors and their church leaders in developing a church- wide system of Small Groups.