

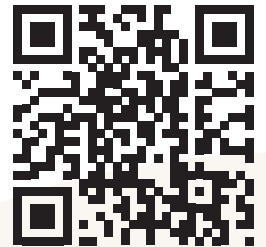
DEPLOYING THE CALLED

Your journey for empowering new church leaders starts here.

This quick start guide offers step-by-step instructions for churches to commission, announce, and strengthen new leaders. Navigate the process of appointing leaders, communicating their installation, and establishing an enduring support system for their ministry.




Many resources are available to help you complete the steps in this guide. Where the **web icon** is present, additional tools and information are available online at: resoundnetwork.com/deploy



I. CONFIRM

How do we make them official?

For Lay Leaders

- Identify appropriate occasions for installing new leaders (e.g. upcoming classes/groups, mission trips).
- Plan a service or set aside a portion of your Sunday service to commission your new lay leader. 

For Pastors

- Plan an ordination service for your new pastor or deacon. 

- License the new leader for ministry. 🌐
- Know the tax laws regarding ordained ministers in Missouri. 🌐
- Know the requirements for ordained ministers in Missouri for reporting and responding to abuse. 🌐

II. CELEBRATE

How do we make them known?

In Our Church

- Communicate the installation of your leader (through Sunday services, social media, bulletins, newsletters, announcements, etc.).
- Communicate your appreciation of the leader (thank you cards, gifts, public affirmation, etc.).

In Our Association

- Invite other churches and leaders from your association to attend/participate in the ordination or commissioning service.
- Inform your association of the new leaders so they can be recognized at an associational event.

In Our State Convention

- Contact *The Pathway* with a story tip about the calling and installation of your new leader(s). 🌐
- Inform the Missouri Baptist Convention that you have a new leader. 🌐

III. SUPPORT

How do we make them strong?

In Our Church

- Pray regularly and intentionally for your leaders by name (e.g. bulletins, prayer guides, Sunday services).
- Equip your leaders (e.g. ongoing education, mentoring sessions, training events, conferences, etc.).
- Provide regular feedback for encouragement and improvement.

In Our Association

- Make introductions with associational leaders and encourage the use of their available resources.
- Identify a mentor pastor and/or partner church to help train your lay leaders.

In Our State Convention

- Be aware of counseling, fellowship, and mentorship opportunities offered through the Missouri Baptist Leader Care Network. 🌐
- Take advantage of coaching sessions offered by the Resound Network. 🌐
- Develop your leadership skills further through a cohort offered by the Resound Network. 🌐



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