

REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS
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The Leadership and Life Development Department serves Florida Baptist churches and associations through a variety of initiatives that fulfill our core purpose:

We exist to strengthen churches through practicing Biblical servant leadership and cultivating spiritual transformation.

We believe this happens in three particular areas. The first is a servant leader who is committed to impacting their world through the model of Jesus as a servant leader. Secondly, leaders provide missional environments for people to flourish and participate in their own spiritual transformation. Lastly, people need understanding and guidance on how they can pursue God's purpose and mission for their lives. The Leadership and Life Development Department assists church leaders in these three areas.

To give you an idea of the scope and pace of our work, the following represents some highlights from the past year:

- Partnered with associations in facilitating seventeen pastor peer-learning groups across the state.
- Responded to 121 event requests from associations (ARIDS).
- Developed and published the *Stepping Stones* disciple-making resource.
- Conducted two state Bible-Drill tournaments with 203 participants.

In addition to these initiatives, we also offer the following resources and strategies:

Coaching: Guided conversations with leaders that result in decision and action.

Deacon Ministry: Training and guidance for deacons who model servant leadership.

Pastor Search Team Training: Training for those involved with selecting and calling a church leader.

Building Powerful Ministry Teams: Helping teams gain clarity of their purpose, roles and operating values.

MEAP - Ministers Emergency Assistance Program: Meets the needs of church leaders in emergency situations.

Conflict Resolution: When conflict arises, we can assist in addressing the difficulty from a Biblical perspective.

Marriage Mentors: Equipping and certification training for marriage champions across the state.

Results-Based Conversations: Facilitated conversations that help churches gain clarity and action steps toward a preferred future.

Please feel free to call upon us to come alongside and help you pursue God's best for you and for your ministry.