



Mission and Engagement Ideas

Inspired by Wesley's General Rules, here are some best practices for engaging in mission so you "do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God." Reflect on how these best practices are already present in your mission ministries or how you can modify your mission ministries to include them.

Do No Harm

- Listen to the hopes, dreams, and needs of those you are in mission with
 - Involve the community you are serving in decision-making.
- Ensure the ways you engage in mission do not take agency away from those you are serving
- Incorporate the assets and gifts of the community
- Acknowledge the implicit biases you carry with you into mission

Do Good

- Treat others as you would want to be treated
- Share the Good News of Christ in word and deed (justice and mercy ministries)
- Build meaningful and long-term relationships in your community
- Remember we are in "mission **with** the communities" we serve.
 - How is mutuality and reciprocity present in your mission ministries?

Stay in Love with God

- Reflect on and share stories about the ways God is already at work in the communities we engage
- See the image of God in those you are serving
- Consider the ways God is speaking to you through other people