

What to look for in a Soma Leader?

Overall Qualities:

When considering who might be a good leader for Soma, here are some things to get you started:

1. Do you consider this person to be a strong follower of Jesus? Does this person reflect Christ-like character?
2. Does the person have enough time to dedicate to Soma and will this person be dedicated to Soma as a top priority?
3. Is this person committed to the mission of Soma - seeking truth, spreading love, and sharing life - and does the person display that through their behavior?
4. Is this person a college student currently enrolled at an area University - particularly the University of Memphis?
5. Does this person exhibit natural influence over others in a way that other people both respect and admire?

The Mission of Soma is a guide to leadership, so here are a few more specific aspects of leadership under missional headings:

Truth Seeking:

Personal spiritual growth and development, a leader of Soma will...

- Get involved in a local church
 - Participate in times of growth like Refuge and Small Groups (also: retreats and special events)
 - Seek a spiritual mentor and help to develop those who are younger
 - Be a person who studies and knows Scripture.
 - Be a person of prayer and other spiritual disciplines that carve out daily time for God
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Love Spreading:

Trying to draw fellow student to Jesus, a leader of Soma will...

- Be involved in campus life for the purpose of trying to build relationships with students outside Soma
- Use various service opportunities to involve students who are not connected to Soma
- Use service opportunities to bless the lives of people who are our neighbors on Midland Avenue or on the University Campus.

- Balance the doing and telling of the Christian faith, this means doing acts of kindness for students and telling them that it is because of Jesus we do what we do.
- Be willing to step out of their comfort zone to engage students who need Jesus, praying with them, studying with them, and talking with them about their faith, struggles, questions, etc.

Life Sharing:

Living in community, a leader of Soma will...

- Be present at the Christian Student Center and make time for other students
- Be able to listen to students and to their ideas to make them feel at home in this community
- Have a good attitude toward other people that draws them into deeper relationships
- Confront sin by holding students accountable, while being held accountable
- Be able to see how God is working in the life of the community, and have the boldness to encourage those within the community
- Be a team player and work with other leaders, the staff, and students to create a sense of family at Soma

Leadership is Made of the Following Offices:

As a University of Memphis Registered Student Organization, we must have the following

- President - Represents Soma to the area churches and the campus, sets up visits and events.
- Vice-President - Same as President; back up to meetings, etc.
- Treasurer - Explores ways/events for Soma to raise money to increase budget
- Service/Philanthropy - Organizes opportunities for public service and outreach to campus

Other Positions:

- Chaplain - Assists the ministers by staying alert to students' spiritual and emotional needs
- Worship Coordinator - Works with Refuge and schedules weekly participants
- Outreach Coordinator - Organizes events specifically designed to reach new people
- Men's Ministry - Oversees the ministry to the men of Soma, plans male only events
- Women's Ministry - Oversees the ministry to the women of Soma, plans female only events
- Social Coordinator - Plans FUN events and outings

Please provide Rusty and Jonathan with names of those who you would like to see as leaders. Along with a name, let us know to which office you are recommending them. You may provide a name for each office listed. Thank you for your participation and as Rusty and Jonathan select leaders for next year, please be in prayer over this process.

Missional Emphasis

President - _____ Truth/Love/Life

Vice-President - _____ Truth/Love/Life

Treasurer - _____ Life

Service/Philanthropy - _____ Love

Chaplain - _____ Life

Worship Coordinator - _____ Truth

Outreach Coordinator - _____ Love/Life

Men's Ministry - (must be male) _____ Truth/Life

Women's Ministry - (female only) _____ Truth/Life

Social Coordinator - _____ Life

If contacted to serve as a leader, you will be expected to:

- Attend a Leadership Workday on April 28th, 2012 to brainstorm ideas for next year
- Attend a Leadership Retreat in August one to two weeks before school begins!
- Schedule around and attend a weekly meeting on Mondays at 4:30 PM
- Meet weekly with Jonathan or Rusty (or a leader of your church)
- Carry out the duties you're assigned by the ministry!
- Continue to live the attributes above and continue to grow!