

Forming Living Waters for the World (LWW) Mission Teams:

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At the Congregational level, when a church intends to form their own team:

Normally these teams are a part of the congregation's Mission Committee, often as a sub-committee. Basic research begins with receiving a package of information from LWW and also spending time at www.livingwatersfortheworld.org, LWW staff is available to support and guide a team in this process.

The first critical step is identifying those passionate about this mission and plans are made to send a team to our *Clean Water U*. This five-day intensive, hands-on, experience equips leaders for a successful project. Three separate – and required - courses are taught concurrently emphasizing the fundamentals:

- CWU 101: Partnership development, team leadership, field survey and water testing. This section provides a comprehensive overview of the whole project.
- CWU 102: Health, hygiene and spiritual education
- CWU 103: clean water systems installation, operation and maintenance

A minimum of three people (one for each of the courses) is necessary though many teams send two for each course. These form the congregation's nucleus, training other church members and beginning the many aspects of planning for their first project.

At the Presbytery level, when a team of people is formed from several various congregations:

Locating the LWW team within the existing Mission committee work of the Presbytery is quite important in providing the necessary structure and guidance to the work.

Recruiting passionate and skilled people is even more essential as the LWW team will be made of people from different congregations. As above, the three (or six) members of the developing team attend CWU for their training and then serve as the nucleus of the team.

There are several existing models of Presbytery teams at work who are willing to share their experience with others, contact us for further details.

Forming a Solar Under the Sun (SUTS) team, for either the congregation or presbytery:

Research for SUTS begins at www.solarunderthesun.org. By locating the solar component – which can be used for FAR more than just clean water systems! - within the same committee as the water team helps insure communication and continuity between these two important components.

As with CWU training, by sending one person (or two) to *Solar School* for each of the two courses necessary, this four-day intensive, hands-on experience training empowers the solar team leaders who as above, then form the solar core for the teams work.

- Solar 1: team leadership, partnership development and including *energy needs assessment*
- Solar 2: installation, operation, maintenance of the solar hardware, including *energy needs assessment*