



### **Purpose of Role**

We desire our Sunday congregations to be gatherings around God's Word, so that people both Christian and not yet Christian leave loving Jesus more. The music team sing and play instruments so others may build one another up and respond to God in song. This visible and upfront team helps set the tone for the gathering and enables people to emotionally engage with the truth of God's Word. This is a great ministry for young people. All OEC musicians seek to excel in faithfulness in preparation and service (not performance), so that our Sunday gatherings can be as engaging and encouraging as possible. Our Music team leaders work hard to arrange music to serve their congregations. As a result not all instruments are suitable for OEC music teams.

### **Character expectations**

- Music Team Members represent our church to insiders and outsiders. They lead the congregation therefore they are people who exhibit the qualities of a leader as outlined in passages such as 1 Timothy 3:2-7, Titus 1:7-9, and 1 Peter 5:1-4.
- Music Team Members will be men and women, adults, and youth, who are active members of their respective OEC congregation.
- Music Team Members will have a humble and servant heart. Not looking for the praise of others rather serving for the benefit of others and for the audience of one: God.
- Music Team Members look to excel in faithfulness. Not having a 'bare minimum will do' attitude but a desire to excel in faithfulness through preparation and serving with others so that our Sunday Gatherings can be as engaging and encouraging as possible.

### **Competency Expectations**

- Genuine love for people both regulars and newcomers at church.
- The ability to understand the importance of music in church and appreciate the responsibility.
- The ability to prepare and play songs that minimises error.
- The ability to communicate in such a way that is clear and understandable with warmth and graciousness.
- The ability to share responsibilities with others.
- The ability to be flexible



### **The role in practice**

- Check the Music Team Roster through Elvanto to know when you are on and what songs are to be played.
- Practice during the week so that you are familiar with the songs.
- Set up your instrument or mics in conjunction with the sound team.
- Warm up prior to the service with the Music Team.
- Play or sing in such a way that the congregation learns Biblical truth with hearts engaged with praise of God
- Play an active role in helping the band work well together
- Pack away your instruments or mics after the service.

### **Training and Commitment**

- Music Team Members are appointed by the Music Team Leader in conversation with the Congregational Minister. The Congregational Minister may ask the volunteers Growth Group Leader for their suitability.
- All people interested in an OEC music team will audition with the Music team leader and practice with a band before joining a band team
- Turn up to practices, meetings, training and rostered Sundays.
- Bands usually operate on a 2 weeks on, 4 weeks off rotation
- Code of Conduct: All those serving up front must adhere to the code of conduct for people volunteering in ministry at OEC.
- Music Team Members commit to serve on the roster for the calendar year.

### **Children and Youth in OEC Music teams**

Young people are welcome to serve in our music teams. These teams are a wonderful place to serve God alongside older OECers, growing in skills and love for Jesus. Young people will be integrated into our music teams through a careful process.

- The first step for all young people interested in serving in music will be to have a discussion with the congregational Music Team leader



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- They will discuss the this document and the pathway to serving. This may include joining a training band, joining a band for practice only, joining a band in congregation.
- The Team leaders and band leaders recognise that youth are young people and need lots of encouragement and support. We have built this pathway to provide support and ensure the primary goal of serving God and the gathering is maintained.

### **Leader Support**

- Music team members are led by the congregational Music Team Leader. They are overseen by the OEC music leader and the congregational ministers.

### **What will happen next?**

You will be contacted by the Congregational Music Team Leader with next step.