



Process of Transitioning a Traditional Group to Vital Network

Vital Network can start from a traditional group that has a desire to be in community together but at some point has lost their vision or vitality. Vital Network may also start with a group of Christian women who desire to make an impact in their community.

Vital Network program flexibility seeks to strengthen and encourage groups to be a vital part within their community yet remain fully committed to living out the mission of Stoneccroft.

A carefully thought out process of prayer and discernment combined with a consensus of the team of volunteers is necessary in transitioning a traditional outreach group or starting a new Vital Network group.

We encourage you to follow this process to be confident in your decision and of God's guidance.

1. ***For existing Stoneccroft groups:*** Field Director and Representative(s) review history of group (decisions for Christ, volunteer leadership, participation, etc.) and commit to prayer.
2. Evaluate if your group desires to support (financially, prayerfully, and relationally) the ministry of Stoneccroft. Do you have interest in meeting and connecting with your community in new and relevant ways? Do you have a desire to impact your community with the Gospel?
3. Field Director and Representative(s) meet with the planning team and discuss the Vision of Vital Network. Consider taking part in an analysis of your group – brainstorm your group's strengths and weaknesses, the opportunities available in your community – also any potential problems with starting a Vital Network group.
4. Review the 3 components of a Vital Network group, planning team options, programming ideas, and other resources available on www.stoneccroft.org/vitalnetwork. Commit to spending time in prayer as a team.
5. Discuss together the process of transitioning your existing group or the plans to start a Vital Network group in your community. Allow everyone to contribute, as the entire team needs to make the decision.
6. You are ready to go!! Contact your Representative and your Field Director to transition or start your group today!

For more information on how to get a Vital Network group started in your community, Contact your local Stoneccroft Field Director or Stoneccroft Ministries at 800-525-8627.