**RETREAT COMMITTEE**

**PURPOSE**: The Retreat Committee provides an opportunity for FinD members to strengthen their relationships through worship and fellowship in an annual retreat. The retreat will be at a nearby venue that attracts as many FinD members as possible into a multi-night, away-from-home experience. <https://finddiscipleship.org/photos/find-retreat-2022/>

**RESOURCES PROVIDED**:

The Retreat Committee will provide the FinD with the following for the retreat:

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| **Annual Retreat Goals** | The committee will agree on the Retreat Goals with **FinD Executive Director** including but not limited to the following…* 50% of the FinD membership registers for the retreat
* Representation from all FinD small groups
* The retreat aspires to break even financially including attendee scholarships
* Post retreat survey: 30% response rate and satisfaction rating in excess of 85%
* Recurring annual event
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| **Retreat Design (Features)** | The committee will agree on the Retreat “design” with the **FinD** **Executive Director** considering* Retreat spiritual theme and messaging
* Potential home run speakers and musicians
* Possibly member testimonials to supplement main speaker(s)
* Fellowship opportunities / Small group time
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| **Retreat Execution Plan** | The committee will agree on an execution plan with the **Executive Director** that delivers on the retreat expected outcomes. The plan will address the retreat purpose, attendance goals, price, location, content, format (# of nights, time of year), communication plan, etc. |
| **Venue Selection** | As input to the selection of the venue (**agreed with the Executive Director)**, the committee will do a **Retreat Venue Analysis.**  They will develop a comparison table for all nearby retreat venues with key venue information (location, driving distance, lodging capacity/type, F&B allowed/provided, activities. |

The Retreat Committee will require the following resources from the FinD leadership / membership.

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| **Member Testimonies** | If testimonies will be in the retreat, the **Executive Director** will identify potential members who could share. **Individual member(s)** will work with the committee to prep a testimony. |
| **Guest Speakers / Musicians** | The **Executive Director and/or Discipleship Council members** will provide the committee ideas / contact information for potential speakers / musicians. Key to that input will be speaker ideas from the **Education Committee.** |

**GOALS FOR 2022**:

* **Annual Retreat Plan for 2023:** To be planned using feedback from 2022 retreat. Most likely dates will be the weekend just prior to the NFL Super Bowl (for 2023, that would be Feb 3-5)
* **Way Forward Retreat (TBD):** A small group (7-11) members of FinD will go through a week-long hiking trip in Colorado. <https://finddiscipleship.org/photos/wayforward-21/>