

At Cokesbury we believe that saved people serve people. Our response to Jesus' love for us is to share that love with others through service. The following questions will help identify areas of service that might be a good fit for you. Please be sure to have some uninterrupted time set aside before starting this inventory. Begin in prayer, asking God to guide you as you respond to the following statements.

**Respond to the following questions on the included answer sheet.**

Respond based on how true these statements are of your life experience, both past & present. Score each statement as follows:

1. Rarely, or never true of me
2. Infrequently true of me
3. Occasionally true of me
4. Frequently true of me
5. Very true of me, consistently

1. I am organized and detail-oriented.
2. I enjoy talking about life with young people and helping them navigate through difficult circumstances, even if I don't have all the answers.
3. I enjoy meeting and getting to know new people.
4. I am comfortable using technology, and I'm not afraid to learn about new technology.
5. I look for ways to translate life lessons for children.
6. I enjoy visiting people who are sick or lonely to bring them a little cheer.
7. I see injustice in my community or on the news and want to be a part of making things right.
8. I am able to explain biblical teachings in ways that others can relate to their lives.
9. I enjoy planning & organizing events or projects.
10. I enjoy being around teenagers, and I am usually good at engaging with middle or high school students.
11. I enjoy making people feel loved through gifts of hospitality such as providing food, coffee, or creating an inviting space.
12. If I see something "go wrong" with technology during a worship service, I want to help fix the problem.

13. People describe me as patient when it comes to dealing with children - my own or someone else's.
14. I can minister to people in need in a way that protects their dignity.
15. I have a desire to help people navigate through life's most difficult circumstances and walk with them through tough seasons.
16. Whenever I learn something new, I am thinking about how I might share that new knowledge with others.
17. I enjoy serving behind the scenes. No task is too mundane for me.
18. I don't mind acting silly or being a bit embarrassed if it will help a teenager engage with or relate to me.
19. I think it is important for someone new to feel welcome and comfortable when they visit a church for the first time, and I go out of my way to be friendly when I see someone who looks out of place.
20. I have theater or concert experience, working with the technical aspects of a production such as light or sound.
21. I enjoy presenting bible stories in ways kids can understand them.
22. I am a good listener, and people often talk to me about their troubles.
23. I have compassion for people in poverty and want to help them break the cycle of generational or situational poverty.
24. People often thank me for helping them to better understand the bible or materials from a bible study.
25. I like to work with issues involving systems, structure and procedures.
26. I have compassion for the middle or high school student I see sitting in the corner and want to engage and get to know him or her.
27. I am good at making people feel at ease in new or different situations.
28. I want to help make Cokesbury's online campus a welcoming place where people from all over the world can interact with someone from our church to learn more about Jesus.
29. I love being around children and look for opportunities to interact with them.
30. I have compassion for older adults and enjoy serving them.
31. I am comfortable managing my personal finances and would enjoy helping others create a budget or navigate through financial challenges.
32. I look for opportunities to share what I have learned about the bible.

## Service Interest Inventory Answer Sheet

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 9. \_\_\_\_\_ 17. \_\_\_\_\_ 25. \_\_\_\_\_ Total Row A: \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 10. \_\_\_\_\_ 18. \_\_\_\_\_ 26. \_\_\_\_\_ Total Row B: \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 11. \_\_\_\_\_ 19. \_\_\_\_\_ 27. \_\_\_\_\_ Total Row C: \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ 12. \_\_\_\_\_ 20. \_\_\_\_\_ 28. \_\_\_\_\_ Total Row D: \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ 13. \_\_\_\_\_ 21. \_\_\_\_\_ 29. \_\_\_\_\_ Total Row E: \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_ 14. \_\_\_\_\_ 22. \_\_\_\_\_ 30. \_\_\_\_\_ Total Row F: \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_ 15. \_\_\_\_\_ 23. \_\_\_\_\_ 31. \_\_\_\_\_ Total Row G: \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_ 16. \_\_\_\_\_ 24. \_\_\_\_\_ 32. \_\_\_\_\_ Total Row H: \_\_\_\_\_

## Service Interest Inventory Results

This inventory is designed to give you an idea of the areas where you are uniquely gifted to serve at Cokesbury and in our community. It is not intended to be fully comprehensive.

Each letter below corresponds to a total from the previous page. The letters with the 3 highest totals indicate the 3 areas where you are best suited to serve out of the options listed below.

- A. Administration:** If you scored high in this row, you are inclined toward the gift of Administration. Persons with the gift of administration lead by steering others to remain on task. Administration enables groups to organize according to God-given purposes and long term goals. Consider volunteering in the church office or with our Outreach ministry team. Contact Jill Stuckey at [jstuckey@cokebury.tv](mailto:jstuckey@cokebury.tv) for more information.
- B. Student Ministry:** If you scored high in this row, we need your help on our Cokesbury Students team, with 6th - 12th graders. Consider leading a small group, chaperoning a retreat, or otherwise engaging with students. Contact Manna Purushotham at [manna@cokebury.tv](mailto:manna@cokebury.tv) for more information.
- C. Guest Experience:** If you scored high in this row, we need your help on our Guest Experience team. Greet people before and after worship services, help answer questions about Cokesbury, and engage with others. Consider serving during weekend worship or for special events. Contact Jill Stuckey at [jstuckey@cokebury.tv](mailto:jstuckey@cokebury.tv) for more information.
- D. Production:** If you scored high in this row, we need your help on our Production team. Help keep all of the technical aspects of worship running smoothly: lights, sound, screens, and more. Consider serving during weekend worship, Recovery at Cokesbury, and for special events. Contact Chris Bullock at [cbullock@cokebury.tv](mailto:cbullock@cokebury.tv) for more information.
- E. Kids' Ministry:** If you scored high on this row, we need your help on our Cokesbury Kids team, serving preschoolers through 5th graders. Consider serving on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings, playing, singing, and learning with children. Contact Diane Baylor at [dbaylor@cokebury.tv](mailto:dbaylor@cokebury.tv) for more information.
- F. Mercy/Compassion:** If you scored high on this row, you are inclined toward the gift of mercy and compassion. Cheerful acts of compassion characterize those with the gift of mercy. Persons with this gift empathize with hurting people. Consider serving on one of our Care teams, such as Grief Support, Cancer Support, Stephen Ministry, and more. Contact Shirley Gross at [sgross@cokebury.tv](mailto:sgross@cokebury.tv).
- G. Outreach:** If you scored high on this row, we need your help in our Outreach ministries. Consider using your gifts to minister to people in poverty or facing difficult life circumstances through Manna House, Hope Initiative, Christmas Hope, and other Outreach programs. Contact Katie McIlwain at [kmcilwain@cokebury.tv](mailto:kmcilwain@cokebury.tv) for more information.
- H. Teaching:** If you scored high on this row, you are inclined toward teaching, whether in a formal or casual setting. Consider joining a teaching group or small group, then joining our team of facilitators to help others mature in faith. Contact Mary Lou Sokolow at [mlsokolow@cokebury.tv](mailto:mlsokolow@cokebury.tv) for more information.

Still not sure where to serve? We're here to help! Contact Jill Stuckey, volunteer coordinator at [jstuckey@cokebury.tv](mailto:jstuckey@cokebury.tv). Jill can give you a brief overview of volunteer opportunities here at Cokesbury and in the Knoxville community, and she would be happy to help you find the right place to serve.