

# RIVERVIEW CHURCH

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## INDIE MINISTRIES.

We have a little bit of an indie spirit at Riv.

We think this is a great thing. We value the Biblical principle that every follower of Jesus is a minister in one way or another. To this end, we encourage everyone who's part of the Riv family to be actively involved in ministry. We also encourage people to be involved in the myriad of ministries happening outside of Riv. There are many great ministries in the Greater Lansing Area, and we're excited to see people using their gifts and serving with them.

### STARTING AN INDIE MINISTRY

At Riverview we're committed to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus and providing opportunities to grow, serve, and go. Our primary way of doing this is through our Core Ministries (weekend services, life groups, etc..). We understand that there are a multitude of additional opportunities to connect and serve outside of our Core Ministries, so we've put together the Indie Ministry model to allow for new, member-led groups. Below are the guidelines for these ministries.

### GUIDELINES FOR INDIE MINISTRIES

- The leader of each Indie Ministry needs to be a member of Riverview Church in good standing.
- The ministry needs to be self-funding as a ministry.
- The ministry should focus on connecting or serving or both.
- The ministry should not be focused on teaching doctrine (as it would need elder supervision).
- The ministry will not receive ongoing pastoral support/coaching.
- The ministry does receive some promotion limited to slides, newsletter announcements, Facebook posts, Calendar events on the Riv website, and a self managed Facebook page (if you so desire). While these promotions are available, depending on the current schedule or season, core ministries may take first priority.
- The ministry may use the building if it's available, but there may be fees depending on what kind of event it is. (There may also be restrictions on things like food, tech stuff, and availability of particular rooms). \*As building traffic increases there may be a need to limit events in the future.
- A pastor may review each Indie Ministry annually with the team leader.
- Riverview has the right to pull the Indie Ministry if it's not reflecting Riv's core values, doctrine, or strategy.
- The first step for starting an Indie Ministry is emailing [indie@rivchurch.com](mailto:indie@rivchurch.com) and connecting with a pastor who will have an initial meeting with you to evaluate and approve or disapprove the ministry.

Can't wait to hear about your ideas for serving and connecting with the Riv family!

