

Tuesday (Optional Day) Training Tracks

Money and Finance Track, led by Ken Emert

Focused on best practice in using the BMT, finance reports and views, and how to handle soft credit and non-cash gifts.

Pre-requisites: Basic understanding of how MinistryPlatform works

Goal: *"I want to learn how to manage contributions better"*

Intro to Reports, led by Kevin McCord

Introduction to report writing: For those who are dedicated or self hosted, learn how to make create and edit basic reports. SQL Server knowledge would be a pre-requisite.

Pre-requisites: Basic SQL knowledge, access to your MinistryPlatform SQL server "I can go to system setup and make basic changes to our views or other pages, "I can create a basic view and do some basic SQL edits, like find the date and update the date range."(dedicated cloud and self hosted customers only)

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Extending the Platform, led by Traci Vincent

Understanding how to add fields, tables, and pages to your system

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Goal: *"I want to know how to add a new field or table to MinistryPlatform"*

SQL 201, led by Don Jewett

Advanced views and filtered pages: Understanding the basics of SQL and applying that to custom views and filtered pages.

Pre-requisites: Basic SQL knowledge "I can use the advanced view creator without issue and I can even flip over to the SQL view and make change like change the ID of a record the view is filtered on"

Goal: *"I want to learn how to write a join or use advanced criteria like "TOP" "*

Intro to MP, led by Tifani Gordon

Come learn the essentials to using MinistryPlatform. Navigation, creating records, communicating and understanding groups and events will all be covered.

Pre-requisites: I have never logged into MinistryPlatform or I have never really worked in it.

Goal: *"I want to know where to start"*

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MP Power Users, led by Ashley Morris

Come and take your skills to the next level. Focused on searching and selecting tips and tricks and how to best utilize your views and reports to get your job done.

Pre-requisites: Basic understanding of MinistryPlatform. "I can add a new person to the database and update my group"

Goal: *"I have the essentials down and want to learn how to work at the next level"*

MP SPOC Training, led by Trace Jackson

Come to this track if you want to step up your skills in managing your database. Learn some tips and tricks to gain a better understanding of MP as well as practical ways to encourage and train the users at your church.

Pre-requisites: Basic understanding of MP and in a role that influences others.

Goal: *"I have people around me that need to get on the MP train and I want to help them get there as I grow in my knowledge and experience"*

Wednesday Sessions – 9:00am

Introducing ... !! A tour of what's new in MP

Set phasers to stun! This high-level overview will give you a sneak peek at all the new things that are coming out in MP soon!

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How-to: Manage Invoices & Payments

Invoices and payments are powerful components of MP. Learn how to manage and get the most out of them.

How-to: Get the most out of the Knowledge Base

The Knowledge Base is The. Most. Helpful. tool for users and SPoCs! Learn how to search it and find Release Notes, FAQs, etc.

How-to: Trim/Transfer Selections, Create Advanced Searches and Views

You know your data is good, but there's just so much of it! Have no fear: if it's in MP, then you can find just what you need. Come find out how.

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Take me to Your Leader: Getting Pastors using the App vs. the Platform

Pastors are speshul :) so don't expect them to be like everyone else! Give them the tools that work best for them and how they think.

SPoC Spotlight: Serve your church staff without losing your humanity

SPoCs, you want to serve your staff. Really, you do. Yet some of them seem determined to remain un-servable even when your logic is compelling. We'll help you help them.

Check-In Suite Warp Speed: Rooms & Groups

New to Check-In Suite? Need an overview of how Rooms and Groups are now handled? Spoiler Alert! It's different than Check-In 2 ;-)

How-to: Setup Notifications for Views and Records

This session shows you how to use View Notifications and introduces Record Notifications! Wait... What? Oh yeah! Suit up and get ready to explore a whole new galaxy of notifications that will boldly take your staff where they've never gone before.

Staying sane during statement season - prep for success!

Follow our best practices to set yourself up for a sane statement season! Checklists, fix views and a large bar of chocolate. Success favors the prepared ;)

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Ted Panel: Stewardship Views

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VBS Warp Speed: Leverage MP for a successful VBS

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