



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF STILLWATER

VOLUNTEER ACCELERATOR

DISCOVERY TOOL

FAQs

Volunteer Discovery Tool

Q.1. What is the Discovery Tool?

A. It is a survey that helps connect your particular gifts with the needs of the world, our community, our congregation and one another.

Q.2. How does the Discovery Tool work?

A. The Discovery Tool instantly matches people to volunteer opportunities in the church that they'll love (because their results are based on their gifts and skills).

Q.3. How many volunteer opportunities are there in FPC?

A. 140! Detailed job descriptions are available for each position. They include primary duties, skills and talents needed, and contacts for asking for more information.

Q.4. How will the Discovery Tool be used?

A. The tool creates a database of the talents of our congregation members that can be used to help people get matched with the right fit - meaningfully connecting our member's gifts with mission and ministry at FPC in ways that are joyful and spiritually enriching. FPC committees will use the database of results to connect with people who would match well with volunteer opportunities.

Q.5. How is the Discovery Tool different from the old "Time and Talent" form?

A. It is more than time and talent – It starts with people's giftedness and seeks to connect them with the church in ways they might not have considered or even known about before.

Q.6. Will the "Time and Talent" form continue to be used?

A. No, the Discovery Tool will replace the Time and Talent form.

Q.7. How long does the survey take to complete?

A. It only takes 3 – 5 minutes to answer 25 multiple choice questions.

Q.8. When will I see my results?

A. Immediately! As soon as you submit your survey a list of the top 20 volunteer positions that your talents and skills are most adapted to will be displayed. There is a button to “Learn More” for each position that will give you detailed information about that position, including a person you can contact if you’d like to learn more about the opportunity or to let them know you’re interested in volunteering for that particular role. The results can immediately be emailed to you for future reference.

Q.9. What if some of the positions just do not interest me?

A. There might be a handful of results that just don’t fit you. Just ignore those. But there may be some that jump off the page at you that you could see yourself in ways you may have never thought about or that confirm your interest in a particular area of ministry.

Q.10. Who will use the results?

A. Committee chairs of Deacons, Elders, and Trustees will be able to request the results of the people who matched well with their particular ministry areas. They will be able to contact those people to connect them with potential volunteer opportunities.

Q.11. How can I access the survey?

A. You can easily find the survey at www.stillwaterfpc.org/getinvolved or request a paper survey from the church office.

Q.12 What if I have questions on this tool?

A. Feel free to contact any of the church staff at (405) 372-5580.