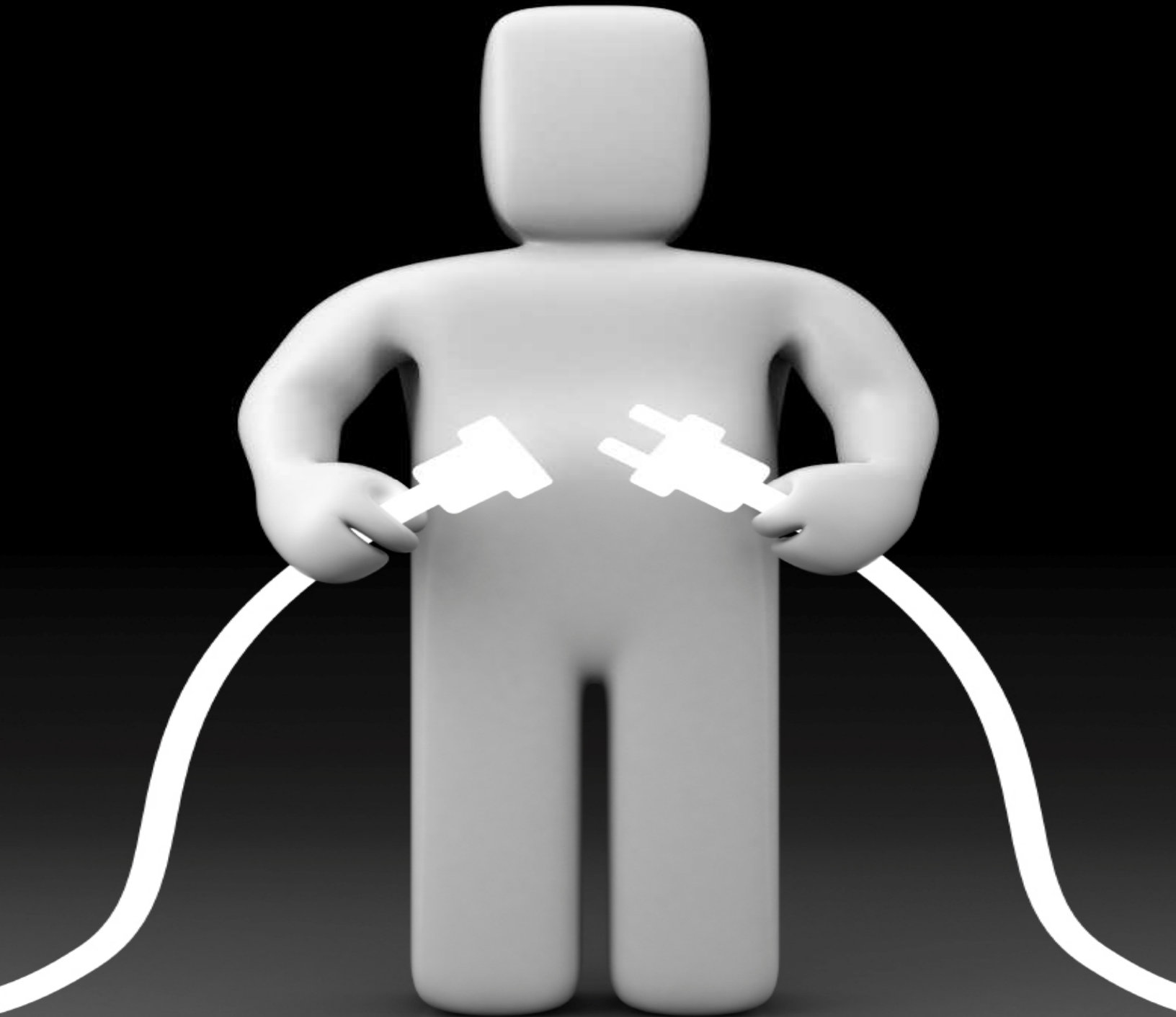


# OUTLETS

GUIDE



PLUGGING INTO THE  
MISSION

# Home or Hotel?

At TXC, we think that we each have the potential to view our faith community in one of two ways: as a hotel or a home.

If we view TXC as a hotel, we see it as a service that is owed to us. It can even be possible we see that our presence at the gatherings demands service. After all, we don't HAVE to be there. When we go to a hotel, we don't bring our drill just in case the door needs to be fixed. Rather, we call the front desk and get them to fix it because we've paid to be there. If we pass a piece of garbage in the hallway, we leave it for housekeeping to deal with. The "hotel" mindset is one where going to church is the goal...and that's it. The "home" mindset is completely different.

Those of us who view TXC as a home see it as "ours". If there is something that needs to be done, we jump in and do it, regardless if we feel like it. If you own a home, you very well know that if you don't cut the grass, no one will. It's the same thing with us as a church. As a community there are things that need to get done and if we don't do them, no one will! If we have the home mindset, WE are the church and the way we live our lives matters.

Because we are a portable church, everything we do has to be set up and taken down for our Sunday gatherings. Each Outlet plays a vital role in seeing our mission of "Reconnecting people to Jesus" fulfilled a little bit more, no matter how big or small it may seem to appear to be.

You can start by checking something out one Sunday as an observer. You can see everything in action and see if you think it's going to work out. Once you find something that you think would line up with your gifts/talents/abilities, commit for the next 4 month semester (serving 1x/month). If at the end of the semester you don't feel like it is the right fit, you can just "opt out" and jump into something else. It's not a lifetime thing (unless you want it to be!), so let the discovery process begin!

**Our dream would be to have every person, serving in one outlet, 1x/month for the next 4 months.** If you have an idea for something that isn't listed, please talk to us and we'll see where it fits in our overall vision and work towards making it a reality.

Each outlet runs on a semester system of which we have 3 semesters each lasting 4 months. (Sept.-Dec./Jan.-April/May-August). **Once you see the Outlet you want to serve in, fill out a Connection Card and put it in the popcorn bucket on the giving table after the gathering. You can also fill out a form on the Outlets page of our website-[www.ivethemission.ca/outlets.htm](http://www.ivethemission.ca/outlets.htm)**

The opportunities are endless for what we as a faith community can accomplish when we realize that it is up to us...no one will reconnect people to Jesus for us! We are moving ahead at full speed and we invite you into the craziness as we see those who are far from God reconnected to Him! This is The CrossCurrent...where life is meant to be lived!

# Audio/Visual

## Video Creation

**Description:** Create short films, worship backgrounds and message illustrations for Sunday gatherings as well as capture special events on film.

**Qualifications:** Must be creative and at have a desire to make TXC creative and engaging. Video experience isn't necessary but would be nice. Teachability is a must!

**When:** Throughout the week

**Time Commitment:** Flexible

## MediaShout

**Description:** Set up and run the media computer in our gatherings

**Qualifications:** Have a basic knowledge of computers and be attentive to move the slides along as needed.

**When:** Sunday mornings

**Time Commitment:** 2 hours, 1x/month

## Website maintenance

**Description:** Update the website with current information

**Qualifications:** A general understanding of how websites work.

**When:** Throughout the week.

**Time Commitment:** 60 minutes/week

## Sound Engineer

**Description:** Set up the sound board and mix the sound for our gatherings

**Qualifications:** A willingness to learn and an ear for music. Being a musician is an added bonus

**When:** Sunday mornings

**Time Commitment:** 4 hours, 1x/month

## Stage Hand

**Description:** Help with the set up and take down of the sound systems, props and general stage equipment

**Qualifications:** Have a few muscles and a desire to help people be able to hear during our Sunday gatherings

**When:** Sunday mornings

**Time Commitment:** 60 minutes, 1x/month

## Creative Design Team

**Description:** Be a part of the team that dreams up creative elements and makes them reality on Sunday mornings. If there are any props, these are set up by the creative design team. There will be 3-4 teams that will each take turns designing one 4-week series at a time.

**Qualifications:** Have a creative mind and the ability to make your ideas reality.

**When:** During the week and Sunday mornings

**Time Commitment:** 45 minutes a Sunday, 4 weeks straight.

## Lights

**Description:** Set up and aim the lights in the auditorium and take down lights after the gathering

**Qualifications:** Have a few muscles and the desire to help people to be able to see the stage during our Sunday gathering.

**When:** Sunday mornings

**Time Commitment:** 30-60 minutes, 1x/month

## Setup/Takedown

### **Auditorium**

**Description:** Setup—Fold and put bulletins in cup holders, Setup barriers on stairways. Take down—collect unused bulletins, put barriers away and clean up any garbage left in the auditorium.

**Qualifications:** A desire to make each guest/attenders experience a good one.

**When:** Sunday mornings

**Time Commitment:** 60 minutes, 1x/month

### **Lobby**

**Description:** Setup—Place retractable signs at designated places in the lobby, put giving and resource tables in their respective places and prop open the doors to the theatre. Take down—Close up signs, fold tables and take them to the storage room.

**Qualifications:** A desire to help make each guest/attendees experience one that is well directed and well informed.

**When:** Sunday mornings

**Time Commitment:** 45 minutes, 1x/month

### **Storage Room**

**Description:** pack up storage room with all of TXC's equipment and supplies.

**Qualifications:** Must be organized and able to move around heavy equipment.

**When:** Sunday mornings

**Time Commitment:** 45 minutes, 1x/month

### **Tiny Wonders Room**

**Description:** Convert the party room closest to the worship gathering into a room for nursing mom's and their babies and revert it back after the gathering.

**Qualifications:** A desire to make moms and their nursing infants as comfortable as possible while at our Sunday gatherings.

**When:** Sunday Mornings

**Time Commitment:** 60 minutes, 1x/month

## Connections

### **First Time Guest follow up**

**Description:** Call each first time guest asking for feedback from their experience and giving them an opportunity to ask any questions that they might have.

**Qualifications:** Must be friendly, care about our guests' experience and know a basic knowledge of who TXC is and why we do what we do.

**When:** Within 48hrs of Sunday

**Time Commitment:** 10-30 minutes, 1x/month

### **Greeting**

**Description:** Helping to create a warm and friendly environment for First Time guests by welcoming them and answering their questions

**Qualifications:** A mouth full of teeth, a big smile, enjoy talking with people and a desire to create a friendly and welcoming atmosphere at TXC.

**When:** Sunday mornings

**Time Commitment:** 45 minutes, 1x/month.

### **Coffee bar**

**Description:** Make good coffee for everyone at TXC and help create a social atmosphere in the lobby prior to the gathering.

**Qualifications:** Know how to make coffee or be willing to learn how and enjoy talking with people

**When:** Sunday mornings

**Time Commitment:** 60 minutes, 1x/month

### **Resource Table**

**Description:** Answer any questions that people may have regarding the church

**Qualifications:** Must have knowledge of the history of the church and an understanding of why we do what we do.

**When:** Sunday mornings

**Time Commitment:** 45 minutes, 1x/month

## **Worship Arts**

### **Musicians & Vocalists**

**Description:** Be a part of a team that is exploring the edges of what musical worship is and what it can be.

**Qualifications:** Have excellent musical talent, the heart of a worshipper and the desire to learn and grow in your respective skill. Must also be Christ-Follower.

**When:** Thursday nights and Sunday mornings, 1-2x/month

**Time Commitment:** 6 hours, 1-2x/month

## **UnderCurrents**

### **Leader/coordinator**

**Description:** Lead, or help lead, an undercurrent. It should be focused on something that you are passionate about.

**Qualifications:** A passion to connect people to each other and to Jesus. The ability to organize and lead a weekly or bi-monthly gathering of 10-20 people. Must be a Christ Follower.

**When:** 2-4x/month (usually evenings)

**Time Commitment:** 3-6 hours/month + any leadership training events throughout the semester.

### **Hosts**

**Description:** Open your home for an UnderCurrent to meet in during the week.

**Qualifications:** Be a hospitable person with a desire for people to connect with each other and Jesus.

**When:** 2-4x/month (usually evenings)

**Time Commitment:** 3-6 hours/ month.

### **Team Leaders**

**Description:** Oversee and mentor 3-5 UnderCurrent leaders throughout the semester. Meet with the leaders 1-2x/month as well as meeting with Donovan for ongoing training and accountability.

**Qualifications:** Must have proven your ability to lead as an UnderCurrent leader prior to becoming a team leader.

**When:** 1-2x/month (usually evenings)

**Time Commitment:** 1-2 hours + any leadership training events throughout the semester.

# Upstream Kids

## Teacher

**Description:** Help with the set up of the kids' theatre and teach the kids using the provided curriculum.

**Qualifications:** Must enjoy kids 4-11 years old and have a desire to help make this their best hour of the week. Being a Christ Follower is a must.

**When:** Sunday mornings

**Time Commitment:** 3 hours, 1x/month

## Assistant

**Description:** Help with the set up of the kids' theatre as well as assist the teacher in any way needed. Usually the assistant will operate the dvd player for the video curriculum

**Qualifications:** Must enjoy kids 4-11 years old and have a desire to help make this their best hour of the week.

**When:** Sunday mornings

**Time Commitment:** 3 hours, 1x/month.

## Nursery

**Description:** Help set up the nursery and take care of babies and children from 8 mos—3 yrs old during the Sunday gathering.

**Qualifications:** Experience taking care of young children is necessary as well as a desire to help their parents have an enjoyable time on Sunday.

**When:** Sunday mornings

**Time Commitment:** 3 hours, 1x/month

## Check-in/Check-out

**Description:** Help set up the Upstream Kids Check In/Out area as well as check in/out the kids before and after the gathering.

**Qualifications:** A desire to make Upstream Kids a secure area for kids of The CrossCurrent and to make the check in process as friendly and efficient as possible.

**When:** Sunday mornings

**Time Commitment:** 2 hours, 1x/month