

BAND COACHING SYSTEM | WHAT IS A COACH?

Band coaches are assigned to each band. Ideally, we would like to have 1 coach for every 3 bands, or 1 coach for every rotation (site). These coaches are responsible for attending at least one practice by each band a month. See "Band Coach Check List" for details. These coaches also attend the worship leaders' Round Table Quarterly meetings for updates and are responsible for helping the leaders communicate and carry out changes to band members.

BAND COACH | CHECK LIST

Preparing bands for Worship Gatherings:

1. Help the bands arrange songs.
2. Look for open or crowded melodic/harmonic or rhythmic space
3. Help band set and hold tempos
4. Dynamics!
5. Look for musical errors that are not already being caught by the leader.
6. Make sure the musical intentions of the band are being communicated.
 - i.e. If the band wants the song to sound celebratory- does it?

Creating quality practices:

1. Teach bands how to practice.
2. Help the bands to have a basic understanding of theory.

This is to help with:

- leveling the musical language
 - saving practice time.
 - creating written parts
 - making less errors due to not "speaking fluently" in the key
3. Affirm the worship leader's authority during practice .
 4. Meet individually with band members outside of practice.

During Worship Gatherings:

Provide feedback for the bands. Make sure this information is given to Liz to send out to band leader the following week.