

Urbana 2022 IA Prayer Ministry, Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. When do volunteers need to arrive in Indianapolis?** The first activity for Immanuel Approach prayer ministry volunteers is the welcoming banquet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday Dec 27th, ***but this is optional***. In contrast, all volunteers **must be present** for the orientation, which starts at **9:00 a.m. on Wednesday Dec 28th**.
- 2. Will we be working in small teams of 2 or 3, or will we be working one-on-one with recipients?**

The very short answer is that many of the ministry sessions, especially toward the end of the week, will be one-on-one with recipients.

And here's a slightly longer answer: We realize that many ministries have facilitators work in small teams of two or three. This is an excellent practice for many reasons, and it will probably be possible for prayer ministers to work in teams of two for ministry sessions earlier in the week. At past Urbana conferences, the usual pattern for the prayer ministry room has been that the number of recipients steadily grows as the conference progresses. Early in the week, there may be only 75 students who come for prayer. And the good news with respect to this pattern is that our prayer ministry adventure at Urbana will therefore probably also provide a wonderful training opportunity for less-experience Immanuel Approach facilitators. Our expectation is that less-experienced facilitators will be able to team up with seasoned veterans for the less-crowded sessions early in the week (less-experienced can observe seasoned veterans, and also facilitate with a seasoned veteran present as mentor/backup).

However, our expectation is that we will be at full capacity by the end of the conference. There will be so many students wanting prayer, and so few facilitators (relative to the number of recipients), that each recipient will be paired with a single facilitator.
- 1. What prior information will students have with respect to IA?:** Most students coming for prayer will have minimal prior knowledge regarding Immanuel Prayer.
- 3. Will we be praying with students in separate small ministry rooms? Several larger rooms? One very large room?** The very short answer is that we will all be in one very large room.

And here's a slightly longer answer: We will all be in one very large room, with about 200 prayer stations. Each station will be two chairs, with the facilitator and recipient sitting close together so that they can hear each other more easily. An encouraging reassurance from Peter, who has been in the middle of very similar setups at previous Urbana conferences: the room is large enough to allow a bit of space between prayer stations, and the background noise is acceptable – if the facilitator and recipient lean in towards each other, the whole endeavor works surprisingly well.
- 2. Is the prayer ministry we are all talking about going to be part of the IA workshop Dr. Karl will be providing?** The very short answer is “no.” The prayer ministry room will be completely separate from the workshop I will be doing to help students practice the initial steps of IA with each other. My IA workshop for students will probably be on the last day of the conference (to give potential participants more time to hear about the Immanuel Approach).