



From the Stats Corner:

I know there can be much confusion about reporting this item we call the "Responsibility List". Let me see if I can help you understand the concept behind the stat which will enable you to minister more effectively and report more accurately. In a nut shell, the RL (Responsibility List) is an accounting for all those for whom you and your church are "spiritually responsible".

Let's begin with who NOT to include on your RL:

1. People who live outside of your ministry area and visit once a year (extended family, etc)
2. People who came for a special event (musical, baptism, etc.) and live in your area of ministry, but have another church home in your ministry area
3. People who only visit your church once and you never see them again
4. People who attended your church, but you know they have moved on to another church
5. People who attended your church, but have moved out of the area

People who SHOULD BE on your RL:

1. Members - whether they attend or not
2. Regular Attenders - no matter how infrequently! My test is: Do they consider our church their church?
3. Newer Guests - these are people who have attended at least three separate occasions and have indicated some interest in your church and to the best of your knowledge have no other church home in the area

The simple question to ask yourself is this: WHO is spiritually responsible for this individual/family? If they live in your area and have demonstrated some level of interest in your church (whether through several appearances at a worship service or an extended ministry, i. e. youth group, etc.), then they should be on your Responsibility List!

Hope this helps you. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

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