

Local Chapters Guidelines

Leadership

- Local Chapter leadership should be under the guidance of the parish priest(s) and in coordination with the BRAVE Men's Ministries Committee
- Leaders are to refer to the "How To Get Started" file on the local chapters page to kickoff the ministry in alignment with other Brave Men's Ministries chapters
- **Frequency - The local chapter is to meet at least once a month**
- ***"Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself." Phil 2:3***

Teaching

- All teaching is to abide by the Coptic Orthodox Church faith and Dogma
- Teachers in the local chapter are to follow the curriculum provided by the Brave Men's Ministries Committee. (Any additional topics are to be discussed with the local parish's priest(s))
- ***"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Col 3:16***

Behavior

- All service interactions (e.g. activities, outings, etc.) are to follow and adhere to the Coptic Orthodox Church standards of behavior
- ***"He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked" 1 John 2:6***

Fellowship

- Local Chapters are to plan fellowship events to encourage the men to build relationships and support each other
- A minimum of one fellowship event per quarter
 - Official Fellowship events must be planned at least 2 weeks in advance to allow for inclusion and attendance.
 - Official Fellowship events must be approved by local parish priest
- ***"Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing." 1 Thes 5:11***

Accountability

- Men are encouraged to hold each other accountable in different aspects of their lives.
 - Please refer to the accountability document on the local chapters page
- ***"As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend" Prov 27:17***

Services

- Men are to participate in different available church services.
 - Please refer to the services document on the local chapters page
- ***"Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant." Matt 20:26***