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The Kollab app, integrated within CITK, is a powerful tool designed to streamline both the internal and external affairs of church management. This guide will walk you through the steps to effectively use the community features to manage your church's operations, with a focus on creating and managing private and public groups.

1. Accessing the Community Features

1. Login to CITK:

- Open the CITK dashboard and log in using your church administrator credentials.

2. Navigate to the Community Section:

- On the main dashboard, locate and click on the “Community” tab. This is where all the group management and community interactions will take place.

2. Creating Private Groups for Internal Affairs

1. Click on ‘Create Group’:

- In the Community section, select the “Create Group” option.
- Choose “Private” for the group's privacy settings. This ensures that only invited members can view and interact within the group.

3. Name Your Group:

- Enter a descriptive name for the group, such as “Church Leadership Team” or “Finance Committee.”

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4. Add Group Description:

- Provide a brief description of the group's purpose, goals, and expected outcomes.

5. Invite Members:

- Add the email addresses or usernames of the members you want to invite to this private group. You can add church leaders, staff, or any specific individuals responsible for the internal affairs of the church.

6. Set Permissions:

- Determine who can post, comment, or make changes within the group. Set roles like 'Admin', 'Moderator', or 'Member'.

7. Finalize and Create:

- Review the group settings and click "Create Group" to finalize.

3. Creating Public Groups for the General Church

1. Click on 'Create Group':

- As with private groups, navigate to the "Create Group" option in the Community section.

2. Set Group Privacy:

- Choose "Public" for the group's privacy settings. This allows all church members and possibly the broader community to join and participate.

3. Name Your Group:

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- Name the group based on its purpose, such as “**Sunday Service Announcements**” or “**Community Outreach Programs**.”

4. Add Group Description:

- Provide a description that invites participation and outlines the group’s objectives.

5. Invite Initial Members:

- Optionally, you can invite initial members to get the group started, or allow members to join freely.

6. Set Permissions:

- Set permissions based on the expected engagement. For a public group, it’s often beneficial to allow all members to post and comment, with moderation in place.

7. Finalize and Create:

- Review and click “Create Group.”

4. Creating Groups for Each Ministry

1. Identify Key Ministries:

- Determine the different ministries within your church that need a dedicated group. Examples include “**Youth Ministry**,” “**Women’s Ministry**,” or “**Outreach Ministry**.”

2. Follow the Group Creation Steps:

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- For each ministry, follow the steps outlined in the sections above. Decide if the group should be public or private depending on the ministry's nature.

3. Streamline Operations:

- Use these groups to organize events, communicate with members, share documents, and manage ministry-specific projects.

4. Regular Updates:

- Encourage ministry leaders to update their groups regularly, keeping all members informed and engaged.

5. Managing and Moderating Groups

1. Monitor Group Activity:

- As an admin, regularly check on group activities to ensure they align with the church's mission and values.

2. Moderation Tools:

- Use moderation tools to manage posts, remove inappropriate content, and maintain a positive environment.

3. Engage with Members:

- Encourage active participation by regularly posting updates, questions, and discussion topics.

4. Review and Adjust:

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- Periodically review each group's effectiveness and make adjustments as needed. You can change group settings, add new members, or merge groups if necessary.

By effectively utilizing the community features in the Kollab app within CITK, your church can greatly improve its internal and external operations. Private groups help maintain confidentiality for sensitive discussions, while public groups foster a sense of community and keep everyone informed. Creating groups for each ministry ensures that operations are streamlined, communication is clear, and engagement is high.

Follow this guide to set up and manage these groups, and watch as your church community grows stronger and more connected.