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The Campaign Prayer Coordinator will establish, promote, and lead a prayer support team to demonstrate the spiritual importance of the campaign. Providing prayer support for the campaign is a central responsibility that cannot be over emphasized. The resulting financial impact of the campaign will be greatly enhanced by the prayer support of the whole church.

Remember that if our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, felt the need to pray, how much more should we be devoting ourselves to this discipline? Impact's desire is that the momentum created by your Prayer Program will continue on past this campaign and become a vital part of your church's ongoing ministry.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Develops and organizes a support team which prays regularly for campaign activities, leadership team and major campaign activities.
- Develops a prayer calendar
- Implements a special prayer feature to involve the entire congregation
- Develops church-wide prayer emphasis to take place during the public phase of the program.
- Develops prayer support materials for the church
- Directs and oversees all prayer activities during the campaign and encourages everyone's participation
- Recruits others to assist as needed
- Considers prayerfully their own contribution to the campaign

TASKS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Enlist Your Prayer Team Members

Choose known prayer warriors in your church that will commit to daily prayer for the campaign and its leadership. Also, enlist those with giftings for the development and implementation of church-wide prayer events and activities that will be created by this team.

Consider people who are already involved in prayer activities. Ask members of the leadership team for suggestions of people who have a passion for prayer. Give or email a copy of your prayer team members to the Program Manager and the Impact Stewardship Consultant.

Schedule Prayer Team Meetings

Once the Prayer Coordinators are trained, it will be important for you to gather your team for regular prayer and planning meetings. It is recommended that you schedule the first meeting during your training session with your Consultant.

Develop a Campaign Prayer Calendar

1. Use the calendar in your training material. Reference the Campaign Leadership Team positions and which Coordinator(s) are responsible for specific calendar events.
2. Write the names of those individuals on the calendar beside the events.
3. Also, write Campaign Leadership Team members' names on each day of the calendar.
4. Write your Pastor's name on the Fridays before Sundays 1, 2, 3, and 4.
5. Note the campaign's main activities—which include the Vision Gathering, Early Commitment events, Commitment Day, Celebration Sunday, etc.
6. Schedule Prayer Team meetings with the people you enlist if you will be praying together regularly
7. Pair a Prayer Team member with specific campaign leaders in order to contact them periodically to encourage them and take prayer requests. It often helps if Prayer Team members call Coordinators during the campaign and solicit both personal and church-related prayer requests. Because the Coordinators are serving in voluntary roles, it is important to support them specifically through prayer.

Important prayer reminders during the Preparation Phase:

- Pray for the Team Leaders and their coordinators
- Pray for recruitment of team members
- Pray for the work of all the teams
- Keep people as the focus of the campaign

During the Public phase, pray for

- Vision Gatherings
- Early Commitment events
- 4 Inspirational Sundays
- Commitment Day and Children's activities
- Celebration Sunday

Develop the Church-Wide Prayer Event

Prayer is absolutely the most important component of this campaign. The program you develop needs to stress that fact and compel the entire church body to commit to prayer. The following ideas are designed to get your creative juices flowing as you plan the prayer program.

Review all the ministries, small groups and leaders within your church. Create ways for each of these groups to pray for specific parts of the campaign. Here are some creative prayer event ideas for your consideration:

Samples Prayer Events

1. A Day of Prayer

Call the entire church family to a day of focused prayer for the project and campaign prior to Commitment Day.

Provide these guidelines to direct the prayers:

- Say a personal prayer, offering praise and thanksgiving for God's goodness to our church and asking for the Holy Spirit's leading during your time of prayer.
- Pray for the impact of the project on the community.
- Pray for the church body and for the church's response to the Lord's leading in this project.
- Pray for the Lord to reveal His Will for your response during this important time.

2. Prayer Walk

To help the church understand the scope of the vision, conduct a series of guided prayer walks around the new property or construction zone or within the church building. This should be ideally scheduled between Sunday 2 and Sunday 4 on the calendar. These walks will give participants the opportunity to visualize the proposed project and pray over the land, renovated spaces and their future use. Schedule as many walks as needed to accommodate everyone. Encourage them to pray for the campaign, the project, the construction workers and the people that will come to your expanded facilities.

3. Day of Fasting

Consider calling a fast. A corporate day of fasting can be a poignant means of reinforcing the importance of this project in the life of the church. Schedule and work with the appropriate staff members to promote and prepare the church family for it.

4. Prayer Wall

You may want to consider dedicating a physical wall at the church for prayer postings. This wall could possibly become a permanent part of the new structure. Another variation would be to

provide bricks for people to write short prayers or scriptures on. These bricks could be used in a wall of the new building.

5. Focused Scripture Readings

If your church will be taking on a construction project, consider reading the Bible from Genesis to Revelation over several days. This is a strong illustration of building on the Word of God.

6. Prayer Meeting

Consider calling a church-wide meeting to pray. Working in tandem with the Pastor and Worship Leader, you may want to schedule a Prayer Meeting. It could include times of worship, along with corporate and private prayer.

7. 24 Hours of Prayer

24 hours of prayer is a popular activity. Volunteers can sign up to pray on the church campus or in their own homes.

Dedicate a full day between Sunday 2 and Sunday 4 for this special time of prayer. Design a schedule, dividing the day into blocks of minutes. Depending on the size of your church, you may choose longer or shorter increments of time. Ask people to sign up for a block of time. More than one person can sign up for the same time slot, but all blocks should be filled. Determine if the leadership wants this activity to be on campus or if it can be done from homes, businesses, etc.

During each minute of this day, people will be lifting up our church before the Lord in prayer. As you join them in prayer, ask for God's blessing on our church family so that His will may be done.

Use the following guidelines on how to pray:

- Offer thanks for the church
- Ask God to move others toward Him
- Request God's guidance and wisdom for the campaign leadership
- Ask for God's blessing on the campaign and the church's response to it
- Seek the Lord's will regarding your personal commitment and involvement in the campaign

Develop Special Prayer Resources

1. Church-wide Prayer Devotional Guide

The Prayer Team can create, assemble and distribute a prayer devotional booklet or

series of emails.

Its purpose is to motivate the church body to pray and participate in the campaign. It can include weekly, bi-weekly or daily devotional thoughts over the four-week public phase of the campaign written by church members or leaders. Their contributions could include thoughts and reflections on the campaign and its purpose, the people that will come to know the Lord and be ministered to through this project, pertinent quotes, and scripture.

The following is an example of a member written devotion:

October 10: Contributed by: Andrea Whitaker

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

Question: What will our church and our families put our trust in for the next 50 years?

Application: The heart of our church body must not forget our first love. Our heart needs to drive us to an acknowledgement of our need for God's leadership. If we trust in God we will have eternal significance, but if we trust in what is temporal we will not be a light to those without Christ.

Prayer: Lord God, help us to not lean on our own understanding, but to trust in you and you alone. Guide us as we seek your direction for our next 50 years as a church family. May our hearts return to our first love and may we always find our significance in you and in nothing of this world.

Download more samples here: www.impactresources.info

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Click on the "Prayer Devotional" section to review the samples.

Develop a budget for any and all expenses that may occur with printing devotionals. Be sure to have it approved by the Pastor and staff.

You will need to decide if you want to produce the guide in booklet form or send via email on selected dates. Contact the Program Manager if you decide to distribute them via email and contact the Website and Social Media Coordinators for postings on your church's website or social media page.

2. Create Prayer Reminder Gifts

Prayer reminder gifts such as: bookmarks, cards, magnets, stickers, wrist bands, etc. with the campaign logo, theme and prayers can be created. Encourage people to place them on refrigerators, mirrors or in Bibles as a reminder to pray.

Bookmarks or prayer cards with the corporate prayer can be created. They could be placed in the church's worship bulletin or handed out at weekend services, campaign events, or small groups.

3. Online Prayers

Work with the Media Team to construct a project prayer wall on the church's website. You might also use the church's social network page (i.e. Facebook™) to post prayer requests, messages from the Senior Pastor, inspirational thoughts, etc.

4. Corporate Prayer

Create a corporate prayer that can be implemented during the four Sundays of the Public Phase prior to Commitment Day services. This prayer should lead the church to not only pray for the project but to determine what the Lord wants them to commit through their time, talents or treasures. Consider using Impact's prayer: "Lord, what do You want to do through me to accomplish Your will for our church?"

5. Inspirational material for classes/small groups

Create a series of targeted devotional material, inspirational thoughts and prayers dedicated to the project and campaign for all adult classes or small groups. These can be a series of four devotions used during the weeks of Sunday 1-4.

Present Prayer Program to Campaign Leadership

Present your prayer program to the Campaign Leadership Team at the third Leadership Team meeting. Announce at this time the prayer activities and events planned by your team.

Implement Your Prayer Team Program

Typically, all activities are implemented between Sunday 1 and Sunday 4 leading up to Commitment Day. Please confirm your schedule with your consultant and finalize all plans.