

Small Group Leader Instructions

What is being asked of you?

- **1. Share information.** Make a short presentation on the ChurchOne campaign's process and purposes to your small group, Sunday school, ministry or committee.
- **2. Answer questions, or direct to those who can.** Help everyone in your group understand why the campaign is occurring now, the campaign's purposes and outcomes, and what is being asked of each person/household.
- 3. Encourage prayer. Ask your group to prayerfully consider God's calling for them, using the prayer "Lord, what do you want to do through me?" Your role is not to convince persons to support the ChurchOne campaign. Rather, ensure they are fully informed and their questions are answered. You may share your personal excitement and support, but let God lead.

When do you make your presentation?

Between May 2 and May 14. If your group does not meet in this window, make your presentation no later than May 19. You may present over two meetings, or just once and then to reach out to anyone in your group that was missing.

What are the key points to emphasize about the process?

- **1. Pray and respond.** We encourage everyone to seek God's guidance. Ask "Lord, what do you want to do through me?" then respond by completing a ChurchOne commitment card.
- 2. Non-gift responses. If you do not feel led to make a financial commitment, write "0" in the amount line. Please return your card, even if it says "0". For active households that do not return a card, the church will follow up with reminders and encouragement. There will be no follow up contacts with households that return a card with "0" in the amount line.
- **3. This gift is over and above.** It is important persons do not shift giving from the ministry budget to the ChurchOne campaign.

- 4. Persons have three years to complete their ChurchOne Commitment. The period to complete a ChurchOne commitment runs through June 2020. Persons may complete their giving any way they feel comfortable in this window of time.
- 5. Gatherings will continue.

Lead Gift Gatherings | We held four in-home gatherings to invite a small number of church families to prayerfully consider making three-year ChurchOne commitments. These gifts helped us refine our goals and make the exciting \$8,000,000 announcement in worship on April 29/30.

Advance Commitment Gatherings | Additional church families will hear a personal presentation by Pastors Robert Hasley and Arthur Jones, Building Chairperson Bill Gerlach, and others. We invite these families to prayerfully consider making their ChurchOne commitment in advance of the rest of the church to help build further momentum.

- 6. Prayer events. Rev. Pam White is leading times of prayer in the chapel each Wednesday at noon through May 17.
- 7. Commitment Weekend, May 20/21. Our community will complete commitment cards in worship as an act of worship. We encourage those not making a financial commitment to write "0" or, if they wish, "I will continue to be in prayer" in the amount line. First-time visitors may participate by bringing a card forward and writing "I will pray for this church" in the commitment line.
- **8. First Fruit Offering, June 10/11.** Persons will be invited to begin their giving toward their ChurchOne three-year over and above financial commitment by making their first gift during a special offering time on June 10/11. It is common to see churches receive 7-20% of the total amount committed on this Sunday.
- **9. Q&A.** If you don't know the answer to a question, you can say, "That is a great question, and I will need to speak with someone who has that information to get you an answer." If time is short, offer to answer questions after the group concludes.

Discussion Questions

If time allows, consider asking some discussion-starting questions.

- What is your first memory of someone being generous with you?
- Who in your life most impacted your perspective of generosity?
- · When was the first time you experienced being generous?