



GIVING LIGHT TO OUR WORLD

GLOW

ONE PAGE AT A TIME

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HOW TO MAKE YOUR CHURCH GLOW

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Preparatory Work

1. Talk to the pastor, set up a time when you can share the following information with him:
 - a. Testimonies of what God is doing through church members involved in GLOW.
 - i. (See Testimonies on “GLOW Church Board Proposal” page)
 - b. Program structure- How his church members would be involved in level one of GLOW.
 - c. The cost to start and continue the program. See the *Church Board Proposal* information.
 - d. Requirements of the GLOW kick off weekend which includes sermon time to get the church members bought-in to the program.
2. After the pastor approves the ministry, you must find the local church GLOW leader (you may want to fill this responsibility yourself).
 - a. Choose a leader in the church who would be capable and willing to fulfill the duties described in the *Local Church GLOW Leader* page. (Remember also that this person will ideally have some influence in the church.) Once the pastor narrows down the candidates, he or you must present the opportunity to them and they must accept the position before moving forward.
3. Once the Pastor approves the program and you’ve found a leader, its time to get the church board’s OK. Because this is a decision which includes finances you need to go through the proper channels. Here are the objectives to be reached in the church board and how to reach them:
 - a. Get the board to approve the program and create a “budget” for it. Often they make the decision to use a portion of the personal ministries budget for GLOW. When making your presentation, cover two main points keeping in mind your time limit for the presentation. Keep these short.

1. **Inspiration**-Tell them a few quick testimonies of what God is doing through church members involved in GLOW. If possible share a short quote or two from Spirit of Prophecy about Literature Evangelism.
 2. **Data**- Let them know the facts regarding the program structure and necessary finances.
- b. Get the board to make the GLOW leader position into an official and voted/nominated church officer position. *This is not absolutely necessary to begin the program but to provide for its continuance it may prove to be quite helpful.*
- i. When presenting this concept show them two things:
 1. Each church should have a Literature Leader: *Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual Revised 2205 17th Edition, p. 131*
 2. The benefits of making the GLOW Leader an official church position:
 - a. The nominating aspect gives the leader a set starting and ending date for his term of ministry.
 - b. It provides more accountability for the program leader.
 - c. It incorporates the ministry into the church on an official standpoint.
 - d. It links the literature ministries department in the local conference with a representative in the local church and facilitates further cooperation, communication, and interaction between the local conference and church in the literature ministry.
4. Once you have the board's approval then talk with the pastor and set a date to present the program to the church members on a Sabbath afternoon. Try and secure a weekend when there are no other activities happening that would draw people away from coming and give it plenty of announcement time beforehand so members can plan for it.
- a. Create bulletin inserts announcing the time and place to meet for the training session.
 - b. Contact your local conference literature ministries department and let them know that you are going to start the program in your church. Ask if it is possible for the Conference Publishing Director to come and help you make the presentation to start the program.
 - c. Have announcements made during your church's announcement time.
5. Launch GLOW at your church!

The GLOW Launch Sabbath

1. **Sermon Presentation:** see *Available Resources* below.
 - a. PowerPoint or Keynote presentation
 - b. Audio recording of presentation
 - c. GLOW Experiences to share (if you don't have your own)
2. **GLOW Literature** is made available to the members to distribute throughout the week
3. **Door to Door:** It is advisable to take the church members door to door afterwards as well to hand out literature. This gets them accustomed to handing out literature and makes for a great start to the

program in the church. Have the announcement made at some point during the Sabbath service that a door to door outreach will happen that afternoon.

Follow-up Work

Now is when the remaining part of the church GLOW Leader's work begins. They make sure to order materials for the church members, prepare the materials if necessary, recruit more members into the group, encourage the existing members, obtain testimony time up front at church to share what God is doing through the GLOW literature evangelists, relay information to the Conference Literature Ministries Director about the status of their church's progress, relay information to the church members about upcoming conference events for literature evangelism, etc.

For more information, refer to the *Local Church GLOW Leader* information page.

Available Resources

- GLOW Literature is available for order on our website.
- Documents
 - How to make your church GLOW
 - Local Church GLOW Leader Information
 - The GLOW Launch
 - GLOW Commitment Cards
 - GLOW Presentations for your church (in PowerPoint and Keynote formats)

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