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# Nurture

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# Evangelism and Church Growth (Ch 6)

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# What is evangelism?



“To evangelize is to share the gospel and lead others to accept Jesus as their personal Saviour, embrace Him as their soon-coming Lord, and unite their lives with His church.”

- Elder's Manual p.105



# Evangelism & Church Growth



Outline your church's evangelism process

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## Personal ministries strategic plan 2017 – 2020



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1. Prepare the heart



2. Plant the seed of the Word



3. Cultivate spiritual interest



4. Harvest decisions to follow Christ and His Word

5. Preserve the harvest

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The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, “Follow Me.”

-MH p.143



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1. Mingle
2. Show sympathy
3. Minister to needs
4. Win confidence
5. Ask people, “follow me”

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# 10 principles for Church Growth

1. Understand the Biblical Purpose of the Church
2. Be Passionate and Committed to Evangelism
3. Cultivate a Faith-based Optimism
4. Make Disciples Instead of Just Making Members
5. Commit to Improving the Health of the Church
6. Celebrate Adventism
7. Offer Meaningful Worship Experiences
8. Strive to Connect With Visitors
9. Keep Track of People
10. Work Hard

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# 10 principles for Church Growth



1. Understand the Biblical Purpose of the Church
  - a. Develop mission and values consistent with that purpose
  - b. Align ministries and resources consistent with that call
  - c. Don't be afraid to let some things go
  - d. Make sure the desire for growth is for the right reason
  - e. Never stop casting vision.



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## 2. Be Passionate and Committed to Evangelism

- a. Develop a culture of evangelism by being passionate about lost people.
- b. It is passion that will drive your people to sacrifice
- c. Create a culture of evangelism among yourself, your leaders and your church.
- d. It is a proven and effective way to grow an Adventist church



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## 3. Cultivate a Faith-based Optimism

- a. Create a sense of expectation that God will work
- b. Set challenging but realistic goals which will build faith
- c. Go out of your way to acknowledge God at work
- d. Recognize short term gains



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4. Make Disciples Instead of Just Making Members
  - a. People want to be challenged spiritually
  - b. If people stop growing, they will leave the church
  - c. Involve people in ministry and sharing their faith
  - d. Stress the spiritual disciplines



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5. Commit to Improving the Health of the Church
  - a. Honest assessment and evaluation
  - b. Deal decisively with troublemakers
  - c. Secret visitors
  - d. Visit visitors and missing members
  - e. Natural Church Development, iCOR





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## 6. Celebrate Adventism

- a. Adventist churches grow differently than other churches
- b. Don't be afraid to be different
- c. People are looking for something different



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## 7. Offer Meaningful Worship Experiences

- a. Plan great worship experiences
- b. Provide safe services
- c. Provide biblical sermons
- d. Provide variety and ways to involve worshippers
- e. Strive for excellence



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## 8. Strive to Connect With Visitors

- a. Make first impressions count
- b. Make sure the right people are in front
- c. Go beyond greeting to connecting (guest services)
- d. Create lingering opportunities
- e. Wow factor



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## 9. Keep Track of People

- a. Know who is coming
- b. Know who is missing
- c. Know who is returning



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## 10. Work Hard

- a. Growing a church requires a lot of hard work
- b. Working hard will inspire others to work hard
- c. Establish high expectations for your leaders then create a system of accountability.
- d. Plan everything, don't just let things happen
- e. Strive for excellence in ALL things

