



Principles of a Global Impact Celebration

1. The Global Impact Celebration is a significant event in the life of the church. This event will be a driver to help create and maintain a culture of missions at the church, cast the church's vision for missions, and share and celebrate the church's commitment to local, national, and global missions. As such, a few things should be remembered:
 - a. The pastor and church leadership need to put their full support behind this event. They should be the advocates in promoting and supporting the GIC.
 - b. Allow seven-to-ten months to plan for the GIC. Additionally, no other church-wide events should be calendared two weeks before or after a GIC.
 - c. The GIC should be a recurring event. Missions is not a one-time special event in the life of the church. Though the format will change over the years, the GIC should be a consistent occurrence in the life cycle of the church.
2. The Global Impact Celebration is meant to touch every member of your church. This is not a missions event solely for those already engaged in missions, but it is also for those who have no previous mission engagement or exposure.
 - a. Planning should involve a minimum of 20 percent of the congregation with different spheres of influence and from different age groups.
 - b. Have enough missionaries to allow for personal conversations. A 1:30 ratio is a good number to have as a goal. (One missionary for every 30 active congregants.)
 - c. It is important to have a variety of events and venues. There should be a mix of the following:
 - i. A large, church-wide event. This allows the congregants to worship, celebrate, respond, and learn together as a body. These events provide an opportunity to emphasize the importance of mission engagement to the entire congregation.
 - ii. Small group events. These events allow for members to have one-on-one conversations with missionaries in order to have a deeper view of what God is doing in the world.
 - iii. An event that showcases all of the mission partnerships of the church at the same time. It is important for the church to see all the partners and have an opportunity to understand the scope of work in which the church is engaged.
 - d. Be creative, diverse, and inspirational in your communication and promotion of the event.
3. The Global Impact Celebration is a mobilization event in the life of your church. We are praying that you will see a significant increase in the number of people serving locally and globally in missions, a significant increase in giving, and an overall deepening of the "spiritual temperature" of the church.
 - a. Saturate the entire event with prayer from the beginning planning stages. Psalms 127:1 (NIV) reminds us, "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain." We are aware that He alone produces the fruit as a result of this GIC.
 - b. Provide opportunities for people to respond through giving and serving. This is done through Faith Promise (financial) and Life Commitment (service) cards.
 - c. Follow up is imperative. This event is the starting line for those in your church, not the finish line. Don't let the promptings of the Holy Spirit die out by not following through on commitments. The GIC is not meant to be a "stand alone" event. While it is an amazing event, it will have limited impact if left on its own. It is important to combine the GIC with the other five areas of focus in the coaching process.



4. Partnerships are key to the local church joining Jesus in His mission. Partners are highly valued, and as such, they need to have an integral part in the Global Impact Celebration. While in-person attendance is ideal, due to financial or travel constraints, there are other ways to have partners engaged and in front of the congregation in a significant way during the GIC.

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