

October 6, 2020

Greetings Pastors and Church Leaders,

This past year has been anything but typical, and the plans you made last year for evangelism may have gone out the window the moment COVID struck. But the gospel is still good news and no virus can stop it! As we look toward 2021, the thought of making definite plans can seem daunting at best. But the time for planning has come, and after a few months of our new reality, many of you will be ready with new approaches to sharing the good news about Jesus.

God has blessed us with resources dedicated to evangelism that we share together for the cause of Christ. As you plan, consider the full cycle of sowing, growing, reaping, and repeating. If you have a plan, we want to help that plan become a reality by sharing the resources our conference family has given to that purpose.

In order to help with the allocation process, there is some information we will need from each of you. We need:

- Your outreach plans (with budget numbers) for each activity scheduled for 2021 for each church in your district
- . Accurate tithe return, baptismal, and attendance data for the last three years.
- A review of last year's plans: what you did, what worked and what didn't, and whether you have ongoing interests or not.
- . If you will have a *conference-sponsored* Bible Instructor for your church in 2021
- The number of people currently involved with a ministry within your church.

This information will help the committee best determine where to allocate our resources.

There are several forms that will help you pull together the information listed above in a consistent format. These forms are available in two ways: (1) emails to UCC Pastors, first elders, personal ministry leaders and church secretaries from Denise on October 6, 2020 and (2) posted online: www.uccsda.org/evangelism

All of the information is due no later than midnight Thursday, October 22, 2020 [giving us time to prepare materials and spreadsheets] for Allocation Committee November 23, 2020.

Thank you for your dedication to reaching one more for Christ and the mission of our church, for your continued commitment to share with our communities the Good News about Jesus; Savior, Life-giver and eternal Friend.

In Christ.

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