

PENTECOST *Life*

Education

For churches who participate, we will offer educational resources about the historical significance of Pentecost as well as how the Holy Spirit continues to move throughout the church of God globally. This will include sermon starters, videos, testimonies from missionaries and national leaders, and other helpful curriculum.

Involvement

Besides the educational pieces, we are encouraging churches to give to missions through supporting our \$50 in 50 days challenge. This is an offering on Pentecost Sunday to support the on-going, sending work of the Church of God. Churches, Sunday school classes, or small groups may encourage their individuals to set aside \$1 a day to give \$50 as a Pentecost offering; other churches may give from their budget. The money will fund new Global Strategy missionaries and in future years will equip non-Americans to engage in cross-cultural ministry.

Timeframe

The official launch is set for the fifty days after Easter 2019, leading up to Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2019. But for 2018, we are doing a small pilot program with select churches leading up to Pentecost Sunday, which falls on May 20. The goal of the pilot program is to learn about what resources would benefit churches and how best to engage them.

Participation

Would your church be willing to be part of the Pentecost Life pilot program? If your whole church is unable to participate, are there small groups or Sunday school classes that might benefit from this?

FAQs

What will the offering funds go to?

The offering will go toward the Preparers of the Path fund, which supports missionaries. Preparers of the Path funds have historically been given to missionaries as they go on the field for the first time, but we hope to use it to support all our missionaries. In future years we plan to divide the offering between Preparers of the Path and a grant program that will be used to encourage non-Americans to engage in cross-cultural ministry.

What missionaries will it support?

The funds will go to Preparers of the Path, which supports all missionaries. Unlike other campaigns, this will not support specific missionaries, but all missionaries benefit.

Can we support our missionaries?

Absolutely! If you would prefer giving an extra bump to your specific missionaries that is fine as well. Just make sure you clarify that when you send in the funds.

Do we have to do it on Pentecost Sunday?

No. The themes and material fit that time, but we are encouraging people to see Pentecost as a way of life, so it is something that could be used any time of the year.

Do we have to do the educational pieces to participate in the offering?

No, we welcome church participation in the ways that best fit your community.



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Do we have to do the offering to get the educational pieces?

No. The educational resources are for any church to use.

Is this to be done in place of Faith Promise?

No. This is not a replacement of Faith Promise. We encourage churches to do this in addition.

What kind of curriculum?

Our hope is to have curriculum for all age/stages of the church, but we are starting this year by focusing primarily on adults and pointing to a number of resources churches can use.

Why is information about this so late?

We knew we were too late to start in 2018, but we didn't want to miss the opportunity to engage churches and learn from their experience. That is why we decided this year would be a pilot program. Information about 2019 is already available.

When will materials be available for 2019?

Early in 2019 we will have materials available for churches.

Is this a replacement for Christ Birthday Offering?

This is not connected with CBO. This more of a replacement for the former Easter/Spring offerings that have been done by Church of God Ministries. But the focus is not simply on raising funds, it's an engagement initiative aimed at educating the church and involving them in cross-cultural work however that is expressed in their community.



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