

The following pages can be used as handouts or overhead transparencies to accompany the Assimilation Life Line chart when the chart is discussed by a group.

The information on these pages is included in the Assimilation Guide on the website.



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Pre-Assimilation (Evangelism/Outreach) INITIAL CONTACT

Canvasses

Friendship Pad

Web Site

“New in town” Visits

“Bring a Friend” Sunday

Cable TV

Referrals

Directional Signs

Day Care

Attractive Facilities

Pre-School

Non-member Weddings

Day School

Non-member Building Use

“Cookie Monster” Visit

Sports Teams

Youth Activities

Newspaper Ads

Newspaper Publicity

Community Events

Local Food Pantry

P.A.D.S.

Yellow Pages

Others?

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**#1 - INTEREST IN
MEMBERSHIP**

Sign Friendship Pad (indicating interest)

Contact Pastor

Contact Other Staff

Contact Church Office

Web Site Inquiry

E-mail Inquiry

Membership Information Requested

Other Options?

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#2 - MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Adult Confirmation

Reaffirmation of Faith

Transfers

6 – 12 Weeks - Weekdays

Intensive Saturday/Weekend

Other Options?

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#3 - MEMBER

PRE-ORIENTATION

(One of New Member Classes with transfers invited)

Get Acquainted Activity

Membership Expectations
(“Membership Covenant”)

Stewardship Life Information

Local Congregation Stewardship
Information

Time & Talent/Spiritual Gifts Information

Congregation History Information

Congregation Program Information (video?)

Get-Acquainted Interview Information

Other Options?

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#4 - NEW MEMBER WELCOME

New Member Sunday

New Member Photos

New Member Nametags

New Member Reception

New Member Luncheon

New Member Households - List in Bulletin

Whole Household Introductions in Worship

Other Options?

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#5 - NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Preparations for Orientation

Agenda for Orientation

Introduction of Leaders/Staff

Congregation Video

(if not shown during Pre-Orientation)

New Member Packet

New Member Gifts

**Further Information/Instructions
Regarding Get-Acquainted Interviews**

Other Options?

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#6 - NEW MEMBER INTERVIEWS

Purposes of Interviews

Scheduling of 1-hour Interviews (at church or in their home)

Format of Interviews

“Welcome” Form for Photo Information

Personal Information Form

Time & Talent/Spiritual Gift Survey(s)

Follow-up Information

Other Options?

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#7 - NEW MEMBER INVOLVEMENT/ACTIVITY

Bible Studies

Small Groups

Committees/Boards

Fellowship Activities

Sports Activities

Youth Activities

Service Activities

Women's/Men's Groups

Mission Activities

Human Care Activities

Worship Activities

Prayer Activities

Other Options?

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#8 - NEW MEMBER FOLLOW-UP

Follow-up Contacts
(pastor(s), staff, elders, leaders....)

Time & Talent/Spiritual Gifts Referrals
(lists to pastors, staff, leaders....)

Small Group Connections

Bible Study Options

Shepherd/Sponsor Mentoring

Elder Zone Assignment/Contact

New Member Follow-up Survey/Phonecall

Other Options?

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Post-Assimilation

LEAVING THE CHURCH (Peaceful Release, Transfer Out, Death)

**Caring Contact(s) Regarding
Symptoms of Inactivity
(decreased worship attendance, stewardship life,
congregational involvement, increased
complaints....)**

**Encouragement Regarding Return to
Membership Involvement
(by pastor, staff, spiritual leaders....)**

Decisions by Spiritual Leaders of Congregation Regarding
Membership

**Notification of Changes in Membership
& Suggestion of Congregation Transfer**

Exit Interview

Counseling for Grief/Loss

PLANNING FOR ASSIMILATION

FIRST STEP/NEXT STEP

- 1. THE FIRST STEP/NEXT STEP IN THE OUTREACH HOME VISIT PROCESS FOR MY CONGREGATION WILL BE:**
- 2. WHO WILL CARRY OUT THIS CHOSEN FIRST STEP/NEXT STEP? (Name names.)**
- 3. WHEN WILL THIS FIRST STEP/NEXT STEP BEGIN? (Be specific!)**