



Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ



**Growing faith
By sharing Faith**

OAFC 3 Day Pilot Program Test Draft 2017

A new option for OAFC local groups, leaders, and churches for holding ongoing activities with minimum requirements and maximum training/faith-growing.

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What O AFC is about

O AFC is a witness training program that works to strengthen faith within our LCMS youth by sharing the Faith with the unchurched. We do that through outreach weekends and national conferences that focus on 6 methods of witnessing: Singing, Puppets, Dramas, Bible Studies, Personal Witnesses, and Neighborhood Canvassing.

We use the 6 witnessing methods to engage all youth in the act of witnessing. Not every youth is the same. Some are more comfortable sharing their faith one way and others another. Our 6 methods ensure that every youth can find a way that fits them and so builds their confidence and faith.

Pilot Program Explanation

O AFC relies on 4 resources coming together to make our traditional ongoing outreach events possible: 1) Volunteer leaders, 2) Pastoral Advisors, 3) Youth participants, 4) Churches willing to host ongoing weekends. When these 4 resources are abundant, or at least all available, local O AFC groups can schedule and host weekends easily. When even 1 of these 4 don't manifest, it can become difficult to schedule weekends.

In the last 10 years, the #1 difficulty local groups have shared with the Board is finding churches willing to host ongoing weekends. There are many factors leading to this, yet, regardless of the reason, if you can't get other churches to host weekends you can't engage in ongoing events. To address this problem, a new model is being offered to local groups—in addition to the regular outreach weekend model.

This new option utilizes 1 church for 3 or more different weekend events so that a local group only needs 1 base church to have ongoing events. The 6 O AFC witnessing methods have been organized into 3 modules, - the ABCs of O AFC—and these 3 modules can be done, 1 each, for 1 Saturday a month for 3 months. So 1 month would be module A., the 2nd would be module B., the 3rd would be module C. This is to spread the load of planning and activities so as not to overburden the single hosting church and leaders. If desired, the base church could then restart or seek out other churches to host full weekends, 1 Saturday module, or all 3. We pray these options will help overcome some of the difficulties local leaders have been having organizing ongoing weekends.

1 Day Event Schedule

9:30-4:30p (7 Hrs)

9:30am Gathering w/ Singing

9:35am Fellowship Activities

10:00am Bible Study

11:00am ABCs Training

A. ACTS—Puppets & Dramas

B. BIBLE Study & Personal Witness

C. CANVASSING

Noon Lunch

1pm Preparation & Logistics

1:30pm ABCs Impact Events

A. Nursing Home Devotions

B. Preparing personal witnesses and/or hosting a Bible Study workshop at the church

C. 1 1/2 to 2 hours of Canvassing

3:30pm Reflect, Review, & Application

4:00pm Time w/ God

4:25pm Closing Devotions

4:30pm Depart for home

or Plan for Sunday Worship and Bible Study

ABCs of O AFC Modules

The O AFC 6 witnessing methods can be focused into 3 sections:

A—ACTS (Puppets & Dramas)

B—BIBLE (Bible Study & Personal Witness)

C—CANVASSING

With Singing being a consistent, latent method among all 3



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Details about the Pilot Program

This is in NO WAY intended to replace the standard of having a full O AFC weekend, where available. This is for those leaders and groups who are struggling to get weekends on an ongoing basis. Here's how you present it to a church.

O AFC outreach events are a 3 day commitment on the part of a local church. This is typically done on a Friday night through a Sunday morning. If your church so chooses, you can rather do 3 one-day events over 3 months.

A church within convenient driving distance who chooses the 3 one-day schedule can also be a church encouraged to have the O AFC team participate in their Sunday morning worship activities. LCMS youth grow so much by seeing the similarities and differences in Lutheran worship throughout our Synod, and O AFC is a wonderful tool for that exposure. The standard should be joining in worship with the church that hosts O AFC events. If, however, time or distance, or whatever reasons, prevent such, the one-day schedule wraps up before dinner at 4:30pm. Those who need to leave to go back may do so at this time, while it can be arranged for those who can stay to have dinner and then plan for Sunday activities. On Sunday, if it can be arranged, the church is encouraged to hold a potluck after service. If not—if using the same base church 3 months in a row for the one-day schedule, for example, becomes burdensome - youth would simply be asked to find lunch on their own after church.

Running the Pilot Program

I have run this format as a pilot program here in Nebraska—because I just can't get local churches to agree to host a weekend—along with a couple regular format weekends. Throughout the pilot phase year, I have worked on drafting resources to supplement and publicize this model. They are included in this booklet.

NOTE: I would highly recommend signing up for a Thrivent Action Team Grant to cover your meal and printing costs. This is up to \$250 dollars to be used for missions by any Thrivent member up to 2 times a year for any mission activity.

If you would like to use this model in your local group, please also work on ways and resources to share it around. Send me feedback throughout the year and together we'll work to fully roll-out something to bless O AFC, to strengthen faith in our youth, to make getting ongoing activities easier on our leaders, and to bless the Church and the unchurched.

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Get to Know You Games
Singing
General OAFc Introduction

10:00am OAFc Bible Study
Recommended: An Overview of Song of Solomon as Musical
An Overview of Job as Play

11:00am **ABCs of OAFc Training—Acts**

Basics of puppetry teaching
Practicing the basics of puppetry
Basics of dramas teaching
Practicing the basics of dramas
Choosing the puppets and dramas for the weekend
Review of what's in the Another Book of Acts
Finding what the youth think they'd enjoy and what the leader thinks appropriate
Break into groups to practice Puppets and Dramas
Rehearse Puppets and Dramas about 15 minutes before lunch

Noon Lunch

1pm Preparation & Logistics for Impact Event
Final run-through of Dramas and Puppets
Gathering of props, Curtain and Puppets
Final run through of **Impact Event Plan**

1:30-3:30pm **ABCs Impact Events—Acts**

(Includes travel time to and from Impact Event)

Nursing Homes /Children's Homes—Involves scheduling ahead of time

Local Hospitals—Involves scheduling ahead of time

Local Parks—Involves going and inviting people during the first half of this time and/or sending out community invitations ahead of time and then performing the second half of this time.

Social Media—Involves recording and publishing the Dramas & Puppets on Social Media

3:30pm Reflect, Review, & Application

What did you like about sharing your faith in this way?

What did you, personally, learn about the Bible and Jesus today?

How can you take this and use it in your daily life?

4:00pm Time with God or Prayer Partners

4:20p Closing Devotion & Taking up of Offering

4:30pm Depart for home



Bible Study: An Overview of the Book of Job as a Play

Opening Prayer

Introduction—Did you know that there are dramas in the Bible? There are two famous dramas in the Bible: the book of Job and The Song of Solomon. The Song of Solomon is intended as a musical and the Book of Job is intended as a play. What do you think about that: that there are scripts for dramas in the Bible? Let's try a little bit and you'll see what I mean.

Open to the book of Job. Could someone be our Narrator? (Select a narrator) Narrator, read for us **Job 1:1, 6-12** while we follow along in our Bibles. (READ)

Now we need a Messenger. Who'll be our Messenger? (Select Messenger) Read for us **Job 1:14-19** as dramatically as you can while we follow along. (READ)

And a Job? Someone who likes to read. (Select Job). Read Job's response in **1:20-21**. (READ)

Narrator, please read **Job 2:7-13** while we follow along. (READ)

That set the stage for the whole play to really begin. What do you think of the story so far?

Now we need an Eliphaz, a Bildad, and a Zophar. (Select E. B. and Z.) Job, read **3:1-6**, and then, right after, Eliphaz read **4:1-7**; Job, **6:24-27**; Bildad, take **8:1-7**; Job, **9:1-5**; then Zophar, **11:1-7**; then Job, **12:4-5**. That'll give us a feel for this play with its characters and dialogue. Try to really act it out with feeling as you do. [*you might write these down on a board or piece of paper for them*] (READ)

Climax—The story of Job goes back and forth like this; with the friends trying to convince Job that he's being punished for some sin and Job replying that he's confessed all his sins, made the sacrifices God required by faith for the forgiveness of his sins, and so there's no reason that God should be punishing him. His friends try to point Job again and again back to himself, and Job tries to point them again and again back to God. It all culminates in the Theophany (The God-Epiphany) of chapter 38.

Let's have another person read God's part here. (Select "God"). The character of God, read for us **Job 38:1-7** and **40:2** while we follow along in our Bibles. (READ)

Job, read **40:4-5** for us. Then, Character of God, could you read one last time, **40:7-14**. Finally, Job, if you could read **42:2-6** and then, Narrator, finish out the book with **42:7-16**. [*you might write these down on a board or hand this paper out for them*] (READ)

Conclusion—And that's the story of Job: one of the plays God inspired to be included in the Bible. Just with the little bit we were able to cover, what is the moral of the story? It may be helpful to look again at Job 42:7. What does that say about Job's friends and about Job? What were Job's friends saying? What was Job saying? Was there anything else you found interesting in the story as we just quickly summarized it?

Applications—How might this play apply to you and your life and your friendships? What could this have to help you in answering the question: Why do bad things happen to good people? Or, how could this play help you draw closer to God when bad things happen to you? Why do you think God chose to inspire a drama in his Bible? (Open it up for other application questions, sharing, etc)

Let's end by us all turning to Job's most famous words in **Job 19:23-27**. Comment on those verses.

Closing Prayer

Should your group desire, we also have the whole book of Job condensed for an OAFB drama.

Bible Study: An Overview of the Song of Solomon as Musical

Opening Prayer

Introduction—Did you know that there are musicals in the Bible? Long before “Wicked,” “Hamilton,” or “The King and I,” there was “The Song of Songs, which is Solomon’s.” God inspired Solomon to include this musical love story in the Scriptures. It’s the story of Solomon’s true love, a Shulammitte, whom he meets, courts, marries, and then with whom he lives committedly-ever-after. Why do you think God would want to include something like a script for a Broadway musical in the Bible? (refer to John 5:39 and Luke 24:44). So, how might a musical love story about Solomon and his fiancé/bride reveal Jesus to us? (cf. Ephesians 5:21-32)

Let’s open up our Bibles and see this Song of Songs musical of Solomon’s. Let’s have one of our young ladies take the “SHE” part (Choose a SHE), one of our young men take the “HE” part (Choose a HE), and everyone else be “OTHERS” (As long as they have the same translation). Chapter 1 begins in the middle of their wedded bliss. Let’s have you read the outlined parts in **Chapter 1**. *Since it is recorded as a song, you’re welcome to try to sing it however you want for fun or just read it.* (READ)

Explanation: After hearing chapter 1, what is this play about? Let’s look at the way they compliment each other for a second. Remember, they didn’t bathe as often back then; they didn’t always brush their teeth; they didn’t have deodorant, and most work was done outside. The most beautiful things they knew were things in nature and they weren’t ashamed to talk candidly but modestly about their sexuality. So, what’s the big deal with anointing oils? Why might the ancient world consider paler skin as a sign of nobility and wealth? What connection is there between Solomon and a shepherd? Why would comparing her to a female horse in the king of Egypt’s chariots be a compliment? Why might someone wear fragrant stuff around their neck, on their chest? What color are doves; in a day of not-uncommon jaundice, why would dove’s eyes be hot? What’s so great about a husband who provides a lovely home of cedar and pine for his wife? Throughout the Song, these kinds of poetic descriptions will come up again and again; so it’s helpful to get yourself in that not-modern mindset.

Let’s hear some more of the play; now during their engagement. . Let’s have SHE read **2:1** and then HE and SHE read [or sing if you want] your parts from **2:2 to 4:2**. (READ) So what’s going on for Solomon and his fiancé? [*Helpful leading questions: What season does SHE say it is in 2:11? What happens in that season? What do engaged couples often do in that season? In chapter 3, why can’t SHE sleep on her bed? This is the night before her wedding. 3:6-11 describes the wedding procession and ceremony of Solomon and his Shulammitte bride. What does the wedding look like? In 4:1, why a veil?*]

Moral of the Story: There’s a lot more of the two whispering sweet nothings to each other after that. But, now, let’s go to the last chapter and hear what Solomon writes as the moral of the story. Let’s have SHE, OTHERS, and HE read [again, or sing if you want] **Song 8:4-14** according to your parts to finish it off for us. (READ) What, then, is the moral of the story? (cf. 8:4, 9).

Applications: Think of some popular love stories among you, your peers, and others. What moral do other popular love stories teach? How does that compare with The Song of Solomon? How might a story of blessed chastity, modesty, marital love, and commitment help you in your current or future relationship struggles? What does it mean to “not stir up or awaken love until it pleases”? Why is that difficult for someone of your generation? What is a “wall” and what is a “door”? What is the godly blessing of the one and the godly restriction of the other? Why? Why should God care what you do with your body and your sexuality?

Sexuality is a gift from God. Sometimes we abuse that gift. If you’ve done something you shouldn’t have with God’s gift to you, there is forgiveness in the blood of Jesus, who has sanctified His Bride the Church, having cleansed her by the washing of water and the Word; your Baptism (cf Eph 5:26).

Closing Prayer

Should your group desire, we also have the whole Song of Solomon condensed for an OAFS drama.



Puppets & Dramas



Dramas

1. Respect the puppets.
 2. Take good care of Scriptbooks and Scripts.
 3. Only use puppets during practice and the play.
 4. Know whether you'll be using a portable or stable stage.
 5. Adjust yourselves to a stable stage.
 6. Adjust a portable stage to yourselves.
 7. The top of the curtain should be a little higher than the puppeteer's heads.
 8. Practice setting up the curtain and holding the puppets before the play.
 9. Hold puppeteer hands straight up to avoid tiring your shoulder.
 10. Puppeteers and curtain holders: Draw attention to the puppet, not yourselves.
 11. Fold up and put away the curtain with the puppets after the play.
 12. Keep the puppets waist-high or sitting down on the curtain rod.
 13. Evenly space puppets across the width of the stage.
 14. Puppets look down when talking to the audience and at each other when talking.
 15. Mouths OPEN at each syllable and close when not speaking.
 16. Talk like you would in conversation.
 17. Give the puppets personality – while still conveying the Gospel.
 18. Speak to be heard by all.
 19. Move the puppets according to the scripted activities as you would.
 20. Practice to make your puppets "come alive" for the audience.
1. Take good care of Scriptbooks and Scripts.
 2. Perform, watch, listen, and learn respectfully.
 3. Rehearse in front of a group to get better.
 4. Memorize your parts.
 5. Project to be heard.
 6. Enunciate to be understood.
 7. Act with your body and your mouth.
 8. Don't turn your back to the audience.
 9. Overact to be understood.
 10. Don't stress, have fun.
 11. Use props.
 12. Pray that the message is well-sent and well-received.
 13. Check out the videos on the O.A.F.C website for examples.

God bless your drama and puppet presentations that all may hear and believe that Jesus is their Savior.

O AFC Dramas and Puppet Shows Explained



Drama scripts are even included in the Scriptures of the Bible. There is a long tradition of sharing the Gospel through such dramatic presentations. While not acted out, even Jesus' parables sought to paint a dramatic picture for his audience so that they could experience the Gospel with their imaginations as well as their eyes and ears. It is in this light that O AFC seeks to teach youth and adults to share their faith through Dramas and Puppet shows.

Scripted plays have the advantage of being able to put good and godly words into the mouths and actions of youth. This teaches them to form such godly responses for themselves by practice and repetition. As the youth are encouraged to memorize their drama lines, this repetition moves into memory and so “the pattern of sound words” (2 Timothy 1:13) moves from mouth to head to heart for the participants. All the while, the final result is the sharing of these sound words with others that they might hear and believe, as well. To this end, O AFC enables the youth to have fun doing these dramas and puppet shows while encouraging a high standard of presentation. Dramas should be worked to memory and well-acted; Puppet shows should be worked to a natural flow and convincing puppet movements: all to let the message of the Gospel come through these instruments with minimal distraction.

Some youth are very outgoing and willing to be VERY dramatic. It is for such youth that O AFC has Dramas. Other youth are not as outgoing. We use Puppets as a means to get our shyer youth still engaged in this form of growing their own faith while sharing the Faith. It is an opportunity to be behind a curtain, to not have to memorize lines, and to play with a puppet. The scripts are shorter, simpler, and geared to a younger audience. Yet the content—typically from the Small Catechism or basic faith topics—is still rich and filled with the faith-creating and faith-sustaining Word. Use Puppet shows to allow your less dramatic and less bold youth to still participate and as a bridge into possibly later participating in Dramas.

Above all, emphasize and help connect for the youth how what they're doing with these Dramas and Puppet shows is preparing them to set apart Christ as holy, being ready to give an answer for anyone who asks for the reason of the hope that is within them with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15).

Nursing Home Devotion Plan

(The following is just a guide; abbreviate as necessary.)

Moderator: _____

Get-Attention **Song** _____ Pg # _____

Opening Prayer (Thanks for God's Word & this opportunity to share it together) _____

Moderator: Briefly tell WHO we are & what CHURCH we represent.
(then each person says their name and where they are from)

Song _____ Pg # _____ Intro by _____

What is OAFIC & our Purpose (W.I.T.) _____

Good News Method shared with one resident _____

Good News Method said by all Ambassadors using "You" – started by moderator.

Song _____ Pg # _____ Intro by _____

SSS Method explained and shared by _____

Personal Witness by _____

Solo/Duet/Group **Song** _____ Pg # _____ Intro by _____

Puppet Play _____ Curtain Holders _____

Puppeteers _____

Short Message by _____

Song _____ Pg # _____ Intro by _____

Drama _____

Song _____ Pg # _____ Intro by _____

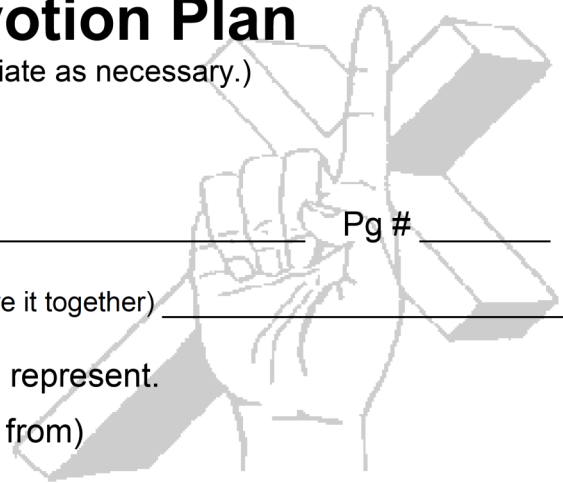
(The Apostles Creed or Lord's Prayer may be used occasionally, led by moderator, said by all.)

Song _____ Pg # _____ Intro by _____

Song _____ Pg # _____ Intro by _____

Closing Prayer by _____

Moderator: Words of thanks & Announcement of our desire to visit with them personally.



1 Day Event Schedule—B. Bible

9:30am Gathering/Registration

9:35am Fellowship Activities
Get to Know You Games
Singing
General OAFB Introduction

10:00am OAFB Bible Study
Recommended: John 4:7-30 A Woman's Witness
Luke 8:26-39 A Demonic's Witness

11:00am **ABCs of OAFB Training—Bible Studies & Personal Witnesses**

In-depth Bible Study training
Basics of Personal Witnesses
Drafting a Personal Witness
Refining of Personal Witnesses
Break into small groups and share Personal Witnesses
Edit and Finalize Personal Witnesses

Noon Lunch

1pm Preparation & Logistics for Impact Event

1:30-3:30pm **ABCs Impact Events—Bible Studies & Personal Witnesses**

LASSIE Presentation/Training from Witness & Outreach Ministry of LCMS—involves inviting Rev. Mark Wood or Deaconess Maryann Hayter from LCMS in for workshop
Nursing Home Devotionals
Social Media Sharing Challenge—Finalize Personal Witnesses and then actively work on how to use and share them in their daily lives
Challenge and then help the youth plan and implement a Bible Study at their school
Outside Bible Teacher asked to lead a workshop on a particular Topic of Interest to your youth

3:30pm Reflect, Review, & Application

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What did you, personally, learn about the Bible and Jesus today?
How can you take this and use it in your daily life?

4:00pm Time with God or Prayer Partners

4:20p Closing Devotion & Taking up of Offering

4:30pm Depart for home



Bible Study Challenge



Pick a text

Our Study Text will be:

Pick a day

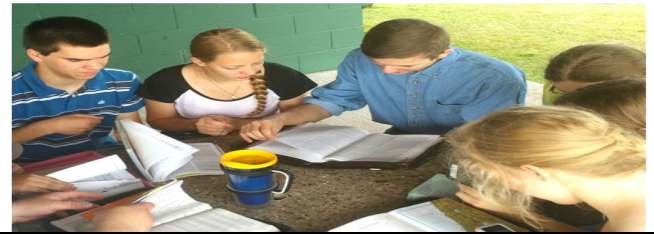
Our date and time will be:



Tell your friends

I will invite:

Bring your Bible



Social Media Sharing

The point of the Social Media sharing challenge is to give the youth an active, practical way to use prepared Personal Witnesses in their daily, social lives.

This serves many different uses.

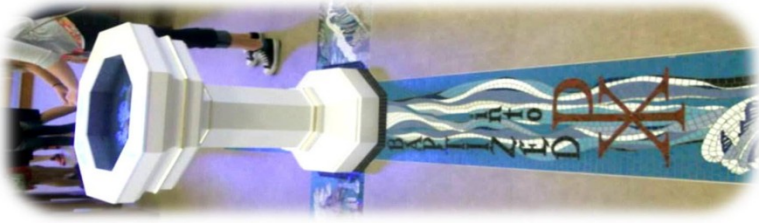
- 1) It encourages the youth to draft, revise, and finalize a Personal Witness during the weekend.
- 2) It gives leaders the opportunity to emphasize the essential witness of Jesus Christ and the Gospel in our youth's Personal Witnesses.
- 3) It teaches youth the importance of and how to form concise statements of faith when they summarize their points for a social media post.
- 4) It gives groups without a nearby Nursing Home or other institution another outlet for sharing.
- 5) It engages youth in their social domains.

- Have the youth draft, share, revise, and prep a full Personal Witness.
- Have the youth summarize their Personal Witness so that it would fit a Post or even a Tweet.
- Encourage them to find an image to go with their Post or Tweet that fits their PW.
- Have them post it. Encourage them to watch the responses and look for openings to share further.



Personal Witness

We teach youth a simple way to connect everyday events to Christ through Law and Gospel so they can always be ready to share the importance of faith in their lives.



An OAFc Personal Witness is a pre-planned, 2-3 minute presentation of how Christ crucified for you has made a difference in your life. Youth and adults are then encouraged to share these Personal Witnesses with their churches, friends, and everyone so that others can learn how Christ can make a difference for them, too.



Supporting OAFc

- Prayer Support**
- Financial Support**

The ministry of OAFc is supported entirely by gifts of congregations, groups, and individuals like you. Our annual budget supports only 1 called worker and pays for witnessing materials. Please consider supporting this ministry individually and encouraging your church to include us in their mission and outreach budget.

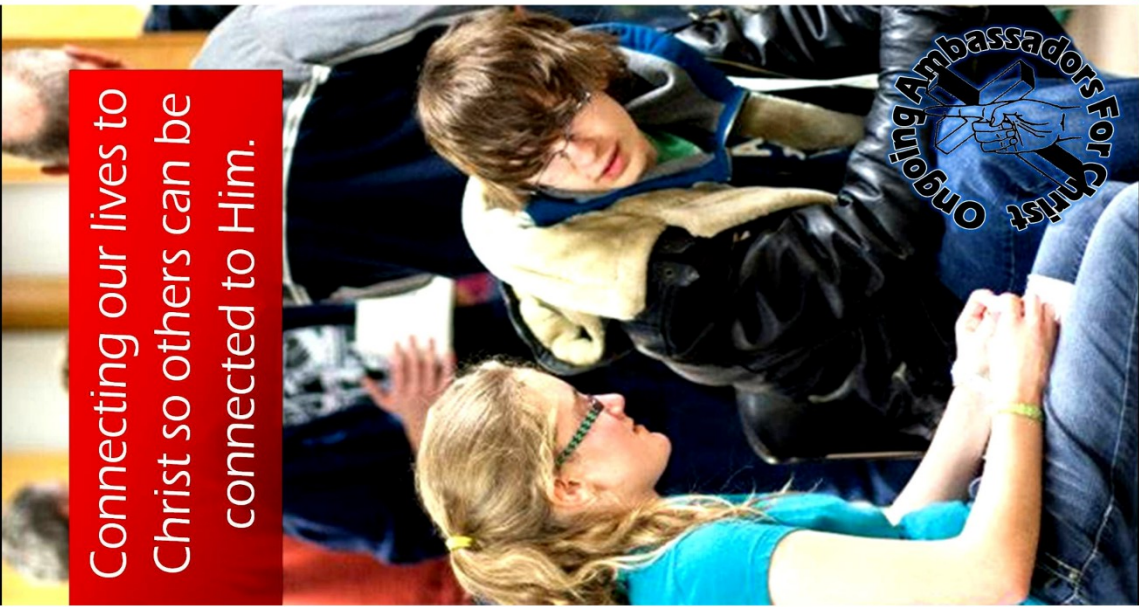


More than financial support, we ask for your prayers. Please pray for the youth who participate, adults who serve, congregations who host, and the people with whom we share. Follow our ongoing Prayer List and News by signing up to receive our email newsletter or LIKE US on Facebook and FOLLOW us on Twitter.



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Personal Witness



Connecting our lives to Christ so others can be connected to Him.



Personal Witnessing Thought Starters and Ideas

PICK THE BEST TOPIC THAT APPLIES TO YOU	FOLLOWING ARE SOME HELPFUL THOUGHTS	PICK ONE BIBLE VERSE	YOU MAY INCLUDE A SONG
1. Jesus saved me from my sins	Share the joy of God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ. "I was once eternally lost, but now I am saved through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ."	Isaiah 12:2, Isaiah 43:25, Romans 6:23, Rom. 10:13 Ephesians 1:7, 1 John 1:9	Freely, Freely Robe of Righteousness Hallelujah, Let Hosannas Ring Love is God's Gift
2. Jesus gave me the Assurance of Heaven	Share the joy of knowing that when you die you will go to heaven through believing in Jesus Christ as your Savior from sin. You may incorporate one of the witnessing methods in this personal witness.	John 3:16, John 4:13 John 5:24, John 17:3	For God So Loved The Steadfast Love of the Lord I Am the Resurrection Love is God's Gift
3. Jesus delivered me from an ordeal, or rough surgery, or through a death in the family	Share how God has kept or strengthened your faith in God while going through the ordeal of these trials. Share how you were totally helpless while in the hospital accident, or rough surgery, or and compare that with the lives of your audience: "I am totally helpless when it comes to saving myself, but Jesus Christ saved me by dying on the cross. He forgives my sins and assures me of eternal life with Him."	Psalm 23:4, Psalm 27:1 Matthew 11:28, Rom 8:35 1 Corinthians 1:10 James 1:2-3, 1 Peter 1:6-7 1 Peter 4:12-13	Cast Thy Burden I Know Where I'm Going Through It All Promises Be Ye Glad
4. Jesus strengthened my Christian faith through OAFc	Share what your faith in God was like before you attended your first OAFc weekend, and how God strengthened your faith through the OAFc witnessing methods. Tell how God gave you the absolute assurance that you will go to heaven by faith. Always give the glory to God and not a person or thing - tell how God worked through OAFc.	John 11:25, John 20:31 Romans 5:1, Rom. 10:17 Ephesians 2:8	Use your favorite OAFc song or hymn
5. Jesus is First in my life	Share how other people or material things were first in your life and God came after. "God showed me how lost in sin I was without Him. Now I believe in Jesus as my Savior from sin. He is now and always will be number one in my life. He means more to me than anything in this world because He died for my sins." Hebrews 13:5	Matthew 6:33 John 12:25, John 14:6 Ephesians 2:8 Hebrews 13:5	He's Everything to Me Dear Jesus Seek Ye First The Greatest Gift All I Once Held Dear
6. Jesus is my Best Friend	Share how you can sometimes trust in a friend. "But now in my life Jesus is my best friend, whom I can totally trust as my Savior from sin, giver of eternal life, and provider for my needs. Jesus will never let me go."	Proverbs 18:24 John 14:18, John 15:13-15 1 Corinthians 1:9 2 Thessalonians 3:3	Happy Am I Jesus, Jesus What a Friend We Have in Jesus
7. Jesus gives me a purpose for living	Share that as a Christian you can be assured that your sins are forgiven and that you've been given eternal life NOW. "My purpose for living is to always be a witness for Christ sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ through my life and vocation."	Isaiah 43:10 Matthew 16:24 Matthew 28:19-20 Acts 1:8, Galatians 2:20 1 Peter 2:9-10	Be of Good Cheer Good Morning Lord Everybody Ought to Know
8. Jesus gives me direction for living	Share how God has made a difference in your life, even from before you believed in Christ to now. "Jesus changed my life from living for the world and for myself to living for Jesus. I was once a loser, but now I am a winner through Jesus Christ. God's Word gives me direction to live for Jesus and not the world."	2 Corinthians 5:7 Galatians 2:20, Gal. 5:16 Titus 3:5, Hebrews 13:6-7 1 John 1:7	Free The Answer Titus 3:5 If Any Man I Know Where I'm Going Glorious Day
9. Jesus brought me to faith through a friend, family member, or spouse.	Share what your life was like before you believed in Jesus (empty, lost, no purpose, etc.) and what your life is like after you believe in Jesus as your Savior from sin (peace, happiness, assurance of heaven, forgiveness, etc.). Share how God's Word worked faith in your heart.	Psalm 119:67, John 1:12-13 John 6:44, Romans 5:1 Romans 10:17	I Am I Am the Bread of Life I Know Where I'm Going All I Once Held Dear Light of the World
10. Jesus brought me to faith through Holy Baptism	Share that you were brought to Holy Baptism either as an infant by your parents or as an adult. Share that through Baptism you were a new born Christian by the blood of Christ through the Holy Spirit. Share how the Spirit has worked in your life through Word and Sacrament, through devotions, Church, Sunday School, and OAFc, always strengthening your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior from sin. Boast about what God has done FOR YOU.	Matthew 28:19-20 John 3:5, Acts 2:38 1 Corinthians 12:13 Galatians 3:27 1 Peter 3:21	His Sheep Am I The Steadfast Love of the Lord Baptized into Your Name Most Holy See This Wonder in the Making Battle Hymn of Moses

Sharing your personal story of faith is an effective way to tell an audience or an individual your gratitude or appreciation of what God and He alone has done in your life.

I. PRE-OUTLINE

- Pray for the Lord to give you wisdom and guidance as you work out your testimony (James 1:5-6).
- Think through any spiritual changes or guidance that God has brought about in your life. Then pick a topic that best applies to your life, whether it relates to what God did for you, what He means to you, how important God is in your life, or how God brought you to faith.
- Pick one or two scripture verses that best apply to your topic.
- At the end of your testimony you may wish to sing a favorite song or quote a portion of a song that best applies to your topic.

II. OUTLINE

- A carefully planned and well organized presentation can help you present Christ in a clear, attractive and simple way, better than one given without much thought.
- Below is a suggested outline to follow:
 - Begin with an attention getting sentence.
 - Share an aspect of your Christian life.
 - Share how God strengthens your Christian life.
 - Share how God is helping you through a struggle of life.
 - In closing, share an applicable Bible verse and perhaps a song.

III. WRITING

- A short, well planned testimony will do more than one that is long, dragged out, and causes the audience to become bored. Try to be short and to the point, about three minutes.
- Emphasize that Jesus makes the difference in your life.
- While writing, avoid the following:
 - Making negative or humiliating statements about churches, denominations, organizations, or individuals.
 - Copying another person - give your own testimony.
 - Overworking certain words such as fantastic, exciting, great, etc.
 - Using large words or stereotyped expressions such as justification, redemption, born again, conversion, hallelujah, praise the Lord, etc.
- Be honest, sincere, positive, interesting and realistic. Jesus does not eliminate all problems in life, and struggles often recur. However, Jesus does give us the power to live in peace in the midst of problems and struggles.



Small Group Bible Study

We teach youth a method of studying Scripture that engages everyone, encourages discussion, and purposefully connects every Scripture to Christ and your life.



Too many small group Bible Studies point people to themselves rather than Jesus. In OAFc, we teach youth and adults always to look at Christ as the center of all the Bible – in every passage, every Study. That’s why we consider Bible Study a Witnessing Method: because it’s whole purpose is to point us and everyone to Christ.



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Bible Study



Purposefully connecting every Scripture to Christ.

Bible Study

1. Leader Prays –

Example: "Heavenly Father, send us your Holy Spirit to show us Christ in His Word that we may learn to show Christ to others: in Jesus' name. Amen."

2. Group Circle Prayer – Thanksgivings

3. Each Person Reads a

Verse through the Reading

4. Re-Read Verses and Share How it Points to Jesus and Applies to Your Life

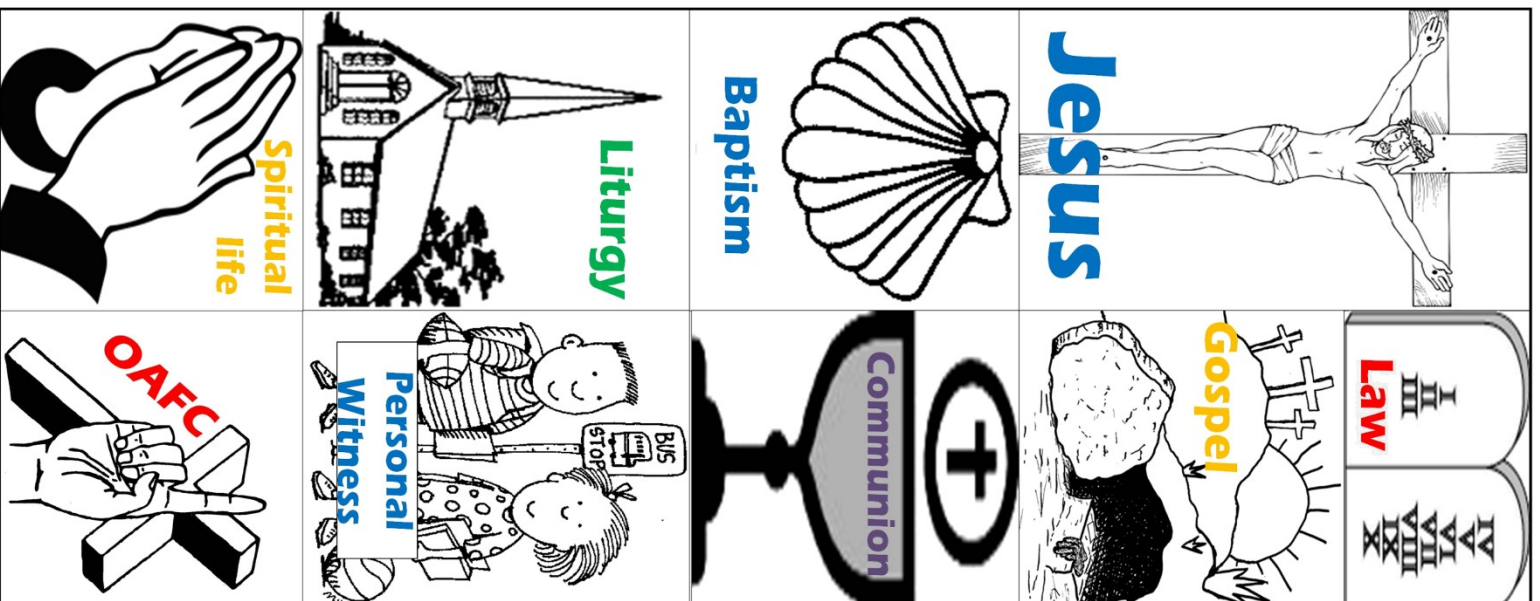
Application Guides

5. Closing –

Example: "How would you use what you've learned in this study to share Christ with others?"

6. Group Circle Prayer –

Thanksgiving & Petitions



Interpreting Scripture

All Scripture points to Jesus. How does this verse point to Jesus?

What sin does this verse condemn?

How can this verse comfort sinners with the death and resurrection of Jesus for them?

Does this verse talk about Baptism or cleansing?

Does this verse talk about the Lord's Supper or eating and drinking?

Do we use this verse in any of our liturgies? Where? How does that help you understand the verse or the liturgy better?

Have you or could you use this verse in a Personal Witness?

How could this verse help you with your prayers or spiritual warfare?

How does this verse help you share the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

O AFC Bible Studies & Personal Witnesses Explained



There are 2 main reasons to study the Scriptures. The first reason to study the Scriptures is to know Jesus for yourself. Anywhere to which you open your Bible, there you should

always find Jesus in one way or another, just as he said about himself in John 5:39 "You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me," and, again, in Luke 24:44 "Everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled," and again Peter says in 2 Peter 1:19-21 "We have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts" [of which he means, Jesus in your heart by faith through the Scriptures] "knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.... But men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit," and to which Paul adds in Romans 10:17 "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ." This is following the example of the people of Berea who "received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so" (Acts 17:11) We study the Bible to know Jesus. That's why the O AFC Small Group Bible Study has as it's main focus learning to know Jesus in all the Bible.

The second reason to study the Scriptures is so that we might know how to share Jesus with others. To this end, Peter says in 1 Peter 3:15, "In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience." As we have received the Gospel, so we're called to share within our vocations. A pastor's vocation is to share the Gospel from the front of the Church as the public witness. A layman's vocation is to share the Gospel in whatever private setting God has called you to: be that as a student, child, teammate, sibling, worker, parent, spouse, etc. In your daily vocation, God gives opportunities for you to bear witness of your faith by word and deed. And for that reason, we are called to be prepared with a reason for the hope within us. Especially for youth, this requires preparation and training. So we study the Scriptures with an eye towards how to share a Personal Witness about Christ in our daily vocations so that, when the opportunity presents itself, we're prepared with a message that purposefully, powerfully, and personally conveys the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That's why the O AFC Personal Witness has as it's main focus teaching youth to proclaim, not just a generic good news, but the specific Gospel of Jesus Christ crucified, risen, and returning for you.

1 Day Event Schedule—C. Canvassing

9:30am Gathering/Registration

9:35am Fellowship Activities
Get to Know You Games
Singing
General OAFc Introduction

10:00am OAFc Bible Study
Recommended: 1 Peter 2:4-19
1 Peter 3:9-22
Acts 17:16-34

11:00am **ABCs of OAFc Training—Canvassing**
Basics of Canvassing—learning the Survey
Practice the Survey
Basics of Tallying/Reporting
Practice the Team Report
Secretaries Practice the Weekend Report
Learning the Witnessing Responses
Good News Card
Sin, Separation, Savior Response
Assurance of Heaven Response
Break into small groups to do mock Calls using the Witnessing Responses
Prospect Procedures & Follow-Up Recommendations for Church Members
“The Odd Calls” Training

Noon Lunch

1pm Preparation & Logistics for Impact Event
Divide into Teams of 2 or 3
Assign Canvassing territories & Transportation plans

1:30-3:30pm **ABCs Impact Events—Canvassing**
(Includes travel time to and from Impact Event)
Religious Survey of local community or Church Follow-Up Workshop for Members
Tallying of Results & Writing of Prospect Letters

3:30pm Reflect, Review, & Application
What did you like about sharing your faith in this way?
What did you, personally, learn about the Bible and Jesus today?
How can you take this and use it in your daily life?

4:00pm Time with God or Prayer Partners

4:20p Closing Devotion & Taking up of Offering

4:30pm Depart for home



Canvassing Policies

1. "No Solicitors" Sign

- A. Know the state and city law regarding these signs. In some localities it may mean to make no contact at a door.
- B. Where the state and city laws are silent regarding this matter, acknowledge the sign before you speak and ask permission to continue.
- C. Follow the directions and desire of the host congregation.

2. Apparent Danger

- A. We follow the policy that the Holy Spirit must warm the hearts of those to whom we will speak or we do not speak, as there would be only fruitless efforts and negative results.
- B. Leave the home at once if you sense danger.

3. Absent Parents

- A. If children are younger than age 14, do not talk with them but you may leave a tract. Count the house as "no one home" in your report.
- B. If youth are high-school age, ask if their parents would mind if you took the survey with the youth and proceed if you gain permission.

4. Non-Prospects

- A. It is okay to write them up on a prospect form and also to write a letter to them, if this seems good in special cases, but clearly mark on the prospect form the circumstances and share orally with the host congregation this special situation.
- B. Do not count them in your total of prospects.

4. Non-Lutherans at O AFC Weekends

- A. The majority at weekends should be LCMS members. Guests from other churches are allowed.
- B. Guests must consent to follow our teachings and directions and not promote contrary teachings.
- C. The same behavior standards are expected of all.
- D. Their door-to-door witnessing must always be supervised as we are representing the host church.

5. Attire while Canvassing

- A. Wear walking shoes.
- B. Wear non-distracting clothing: shirts without writing, pants/shorts without holes, no hats, etc...



O AFC Prospect Report

Date: _____ Team # _____ Team Members _____

PROSPECT'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT) _____

PROSPECT'S DENOMINATION _____

Active Now REQUESTS VISIT
 Background REQUESTS BIBLE

OF CHILDREN AGE 0 - 18 _____
 ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL Yes / No _____

SPOUSE'S DENOMINATION _____

Active Now
 Background

PHONE NUMBER ADDRESS TOWN STATE ZIP

When asked "Why do you believe you will go to heaven?" he/she answered: _____

PROSPECT DATA:

Estimated Age _____
 Multi-church family
 New to area

Unchurched
 Interested
 Friendly Response
 Personal Problems

Single
 Married
 Widow (er)
 Divorced
 Separated

METHOD TRACT
SPOKEN: GIVEN:
 SSS AH Tract
 Good News GN Card
 AH Church info
 Cross

Date last attended church _____

Further comments about why I consider this person a prospect (beliefs, attitudes, background, needs, situation, etc.)



Witnessing Survey

We use a survey to expose youth to the beliefs of their communities and, at the same time, give them an opportunity to share their faith in eternal life by the blood of Christ.



In our Survey, youth are exposed to world beliefs – not just in a textbook but from the mouths of people in communities just like theirs. Through our witnessing methods, youth learn how to proclaim the Faith through Law and Gospel to others. When they return, our Pastoral Advisors and Directors can explain other religions' teachings and show why Christianity is the only true faith.



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Witness Survey



Learning what others believe. Sharing the Gospel of Jesus.

The Survey

1. Hi. We're representing _____ Lutheran Church and are taking a religious survey and sharing some Good News. This is _____ and I am _____. May we ask you a few questions?
2. Are you familiar with _____ Church?
3. Did you attend church when you were growing up? What church?
4. Do you and your family attend church now? Which church?
5. Are there children in this home that attend Sunday School?
6. Do you have a Bible in your home? If not, may we bring you a Bible?
7. May I ask your name?
8. May I ask you something important? Where do you believe you will go when you die? Why?
9. May I share with you why I believe I will go to heaven when I die?
10. May I share the Good News of Jesus with you in a personal way?

If Unchurched: May someone from our church come and talk to you again about the Lord Jesus?

O AFC Canvassing Witnessing Methods



I believe
Jesus died for
me.

Good News Method

I would like to share God's good news with you in a personal way. May I ask your first name? May I call you by your first name? For God so loved _____ that He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer, die, and rise in victory for _____, so that believing in Jesus as the Savior from sin, _____ shall not perish, but _____ shall have everlasting life. That's God's promise to you.

Sin, Separation, Savior Method

May I share with you why I believe I will go to heaven? (*Repeat their answer, e.g., "I go to church..."*)...But, I still sin, and because God requires perfection, even one sin would separate me from God forever. That is why I am glad to know that God sent Jesus Christ to suffer, die, and rise in victory to pay for all of my sins. I believe I will go to heaven because of what Jesus did for me. What do you think about what Jesus has done? (*Seek to follow with the Assurance of Heaven!*)

I believe I'm a
pretty good
person.

Assurance of Heaven Method

Would you like to be absolutely certain that if you were to die right now that you would go to heaven? The Bible says, "These things are written to you...that you may KNOW that you have eternal life." (1 John 5:13) We can KNOW we have eternal life! This is possible

I don't know.

because of what Jesus did for us. Jesus said in the Gospel of Mark (1:15), "Repent and believe the Gospel." "REPENT" means to have a change of heart about sin and about God. God requires perfection and He says that even one sin would separate me from Him forever. Does it surprise you to know that you and I deserve God's punishment forever? Even in this hopeless situation, God rescues us through the Gospel. The GOSPEL is the good news about God's Son, Jesus Christ, and what He did for each of us. Jesus lived the perfect life that we cannot live. Then, He was punished for all of our sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Finally, He rose from the dead to confirm that His sacrifice paid for our sins and to guarantee our life with God forever.... (**For the rest of the Method, see our Assurance of Heaven Tract.**)



Team Report Of Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ Calls

TEAM NUMBER _____

NAMES OF TEAM MEMBERS:

- 1) _____
 2) _____
 3) _____
 4) _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITS MADE
(where you actually talked to someone) _____

NUMBER OF "NOT HOMES"
(Where Gospel Tracts Were Left) _____

NUMBER OF PROSPECT
(prospect slips turned in) _____

NUMBER UNCHURCHED _____

DENOMINATION	JESUS	GOOD WORKS	DIDN'T KNOW	DID NOT ANSWER	TOTALS
LUTHERAN					
ROMAN CATHOLIC					
METHODIST					
BAPTIST					
OTHER CHRISTIANS					
write-in					
write-in					
CULT (Mormon, JW, Etc.)					
WORLD RELIGIONS					
NO CHURCH					
CHURCH NOT REVEALED					
TOTALS					*



O AFC Tabulation Guidelines & Prospect Letter

WHEN YOU RETURN FROM CALLING IN THE AFTERNOON:

- Gather your whole team and sit down together at a table. **TRAIN THE NEWCOMERS** in each aspect of the tabulating. Start by reading through this page with them.
- Look through your survey forms. Check to see that you have filled out everything and that every word is easily readable.
- Separate the UNUSED survey forms from those that you used.
- Count up the number of prospects you have.
- CLEAR YOUR TABULATION AREA of any EXTRA FORMS & TRACTS. Place the Unused survey forms, tracts, Good News cards, etc. on the secretary's table in the piles designated for unused materials. If your group prefers, **restock your clipboard** so that it is ready for the next weekend.
- Pick up these items:
 - 1 Team Report
 - Additional Prospect Forms, if needed
 - As many pieces of church stationary and envelopes as you have prospects.
- Fill out the Team Report completely. Your horizontal and vertical "Totals" columns should add up to the same figure. This is your number of visits made.
- Review that your Prospect Report(s) are complete and thorough, including first & last name, address, zip code, and all that you found out about the person.
- STAPLE TOGETHER the following in this order: 1) Team Report 2) Map 3) Survey forms in order
Place them on the secretary's table.
- Write VERY NEATLY (preferably in ink) a letter of encouragement to each prospect. A **sample letter** is below. Add a special Bible promise if you wish.
- Address an envelope to each prospect and place letters in envelopes (DO NOT SEAL THEM). Place the letters and Prospect Reports on the secretary's table.
- Your Team is Finished. Now look around to see if you can **HELP SOMEONE ELSE WHO IS NOT FINISHED**. Do NOT move on to any other activity until you first check with one of the adult leaders!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND NEAT WORK!!!

O AFC Outreach Report Presentation

About O AFC

(Introduce yourselves and where you are from – You should be able to do this without reading it)

O AFC is Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ. We are a Recognized Service Organization of our LCMS that equips youth and adults to share their faith in Jesus Christ. Our three-fold purpose is to:

Witness to all about Jesus who died for the sins of all people so that they can have the certainty of eternal life with Christ when they die,

Invite the unchurched to the congregations we serve and to invite youth to join us in our ministry,

Train youth and adults to share their faith in Jesus.

O AFC witnesses through: **puppets, singing, Bible study, drama, canvassing, and personal witnesses.**

Survey Report

(Introduce yourselves and where you are from)

Ambassadors from ____ different churches (states) witnessed about Jesus' love and forgiveness through a witness survey of the community where we spoke to people at ____ homes. We left Gospel and church literature at another ____ houses where no one was home.

During our survey we asked, "Where do you believe you will go when you die?" Most people answered "Heaven." Then we asked, "Why do you believe you will go to heaven?"

____ people were sure of going to heaven through what Jesus did for them;

____ said they thought they would go because of their own good works;

____ said they did not know how to get to heaven or where they were going; and

____ persons did not answer that question or take our survey.

We shared with all who would listen that Jesus gave His life to pay for all their sins, that they might be certain of having eternal life with Christ. We spoke to some individuals who are inactive in church or have no church home with whom we also had the opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. From this survey we can report ____ such visits.

Through our neighborhood survey we discovered ____ person(s) who is (are) interested in learning more about Jesus Christ their Savior and this church. We ask that you welcome these souls into your midst and pray for them. We would like to leave the names of these individuals with your congregations for follow-up. Would _____ please come forward to receive these?

Financial Support

(Introduce yourselves and where you are from)

The ministry of O AFC is supported entirely by gifts of individuals, groups, and congregations like yours. We are a volunteer organization. Our annual budget supports only one part time Called worker and pays for witness materials.

O AFC works to establish additional groups throughout our Synod. We would like to thank the members of this congregation for hosting us and for supplying us with meals and homes for sleeping. Thank you for the door offering which you are presenting today for the work of O AFC as we continue to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We invite your ongoing financial support.

Those of you who are Thrivent members may designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to the national ministry of Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ. Please contact your area Thrivent representative for assistance with this gift to O AFC.

Prayer Support

(Introduce yourselves and where you are from)

The ministry of O AFC needs prayer supporters. Your prayers are vital to our ministry. We ask that you pray for Youth who participate, Adults who serve as leaders, and Congregations who host O AFC weekend.

Anyone who is willing to become a prayer supporter of the ministry of O AFC is asked to meet with me after the service so we can record your name and email address. We will send you our monthly O AFC email newsletter, "The Crier," to inform you of our prayer needs and keep you up to date with what's happening with O AFC. You can also visit our website to check us out at www.oafc.org. God bless every one of your for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

The Impact of O AFC

(Introduce yourselves and where you are from – You should be able to do this without reading it)

(preferably a new ambassador) My experience with O AFC has helped me grow in my faith in Jesus by: (in your own words)

Report of an Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ Weekend

Following the Weekend, send this Report, Prayer Support Sheets, and Commissioning Forms to the O AFC office.

DIRECTOR'S NAME(S)

ATTENDEND: # of Commissioned

Youth		Adults

of Non-Commissioned

Youth		Adults

DATE:

 (mm/dd - mm/dd/yyyy)

TOTAL ATTENDANCE

CHURCH:

OF NEW PERSONS TRAINED

Youth		Adults

CITY:

STATE:

OF NEWLY COMMISSIONED

Youth		Adults

COLLECTION:

If tracking expenses, please record on back.

OF RE-COMMISSIONED

Youth		Adults

Place names of youth and adults trained on the lines below. If you went Canvassing, please group them into their teams on each line. If you have more than 15 Ambassadors or more than 15 teams, use a second sheet.

1.	_____
2.	_____
3.	_____
4.	_____
5.	_____
6.	_____
7.	_____
8.	_____
9.	_____
10.	_____
11.	_____
12.	_____
13.	_____
14.	_____
15.	_____

		Non-weekend witness

NEXT

Date/church/location

THREE

Date/church/location

WEEKENDS

Date/church/location

If you did not have Canvassing results from your weekend, you don't need to fill out the back page; though please here record what you did as your Impact Event during the Weekend and how many participated:

DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE

WITNESS SURVEY RECORD

Date: _____

Church, City, State: _____

Lutherans only

Write ins

Answers to the way to Heaven

Team #	# of Calls	Prospects	Lutheran Calls	Said Jesus	Roman Catholic	Methodist	Baptist	Other Christian	Write in A.	Write in B.	Cults	World Religion	No Church (NC)	Church Not Revealed (CNR)	Jesus !	Good Works.	Didn't Know ?	Didn't Answer (? !)	Not at Home	Unchurched
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If Sunday School Survey is used, Summerize below:

Coins: _____
 Currency: _____
 Checks _____
Total _____

Names of counters _____

Expenses _____

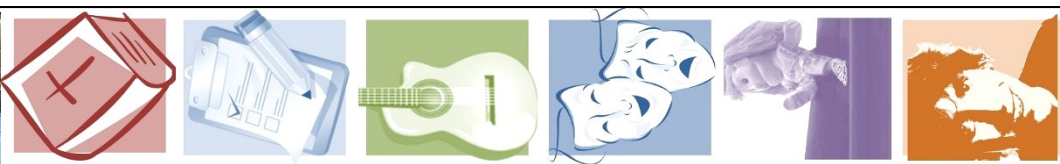
Offering enclosed _____

Church will send it _____

Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ



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Contact:

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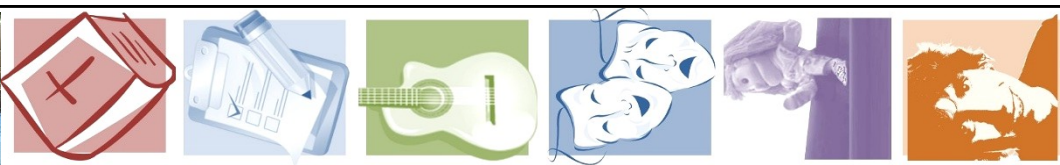


To register or for more info.

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Thank you for hosting a team of Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ (OAF's).

This weekend Ambassadors from ___ different churches witnessed about Jesus' love and forgiveness through a witness survey of your community where we spoke to people at ___ homes and left Gospel literature at ___ more homes where no one was home.

During our survey, one of the questions we ask is "Where do you believe you will go when you die?" and "Why do you believe that?"

___ people were sure of going to heaven because of what Jesus did for them.

___ people did not confess Jesus as their only Savior.

We shared with all who would listen that Jesus gave His life to pay for all of their sins that they might be certain of having eternal life with Christ.

___ people we spoke with did not have a church.

___ person(s) were interested in learning more about Jesus Christ, their Savior and this church.

We ask that you pray for those who don't know Jesus, those who don't have a church home, and these prospects; that you reach out to them and welcome them into your midst to join you in growing in faith in Christ.

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O AFC Neighborhood Survey Explained



The neighborhood survey is likely the most notable aspect of O AFC events. That's because it has one of the strongest impacts on both our participants and our neighbors. Because of the strength of the O AFC canvass, it's good to remember why we do it.

First of all, we send people out into their communities with the Gospel because that's **where the lost are**. People who need to hear the Gospel are out there and so many will not hear the truth of Jesus unless the Church goes out to them. This is an important lesson for members of the Church to learn, and especially

to learn it when they're young. So we send teams of trained youth and adults out with the message of the Gospel like a reckless sower casting the Word everywhere and anywhere, trusting the Lord of the Harvest to grant it growth (Mark 4).

Second, we send youth out to do this, first of all because we're a youth organization, and second because Confirmed youth have a responsibility by the vows they made to be witnesses of the Gospel in their daily lives. To do that, **they need to be trained**, and there is no greater training than through experience. Youth learn to witness by witnessing. That's why we use a simple survey to allow the youth the safety of the bounds of the survey while giving them the specific venue for leading a discussion towards Jesus and the Gospel. In this way, the survey is as much for the youth to grow in their experience and preparedness to witness as it is to spread the Gospel. Having both, then, combined is a great gift to the Church and community.

Third, the O AFC survey is about finding and leading prospects to their local Lutheran Church for **ongoing Word and Sacrament ministry**. Since faith brings believers into the body of Christ, there is no such thing as a private Christian; but rather Christians are to be part of the Church. Therefore, any mission of the Church should seek to connect people to their local church. That is exactly what the O AFC neighborhood survey seeks to do. And, in doing so, we also teach the youth and adults involved in O AFC the importance of the Church in the life of believers and in the mission of Christ.

Finally, then, you put all of this together and you cannot overstate the powerful **impact** all of this has on the participants. Seeing and hearing what real people in their own communities actually believe about the Bible, the Church, and about Jesus helps them better understand the need for the Gospel and their own witness in their daily lives. And learning how to respond with the Gospel to the confusions, frustrations, and outright heresies of the world confirms the youth's own faith and better prepares them for their own faith-challenges later in life.

For all of these reasons, and more, O AFC does a neighborhood survey.

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To help support local and national O AFC efforts, leaders are encouraged to 1) collect a door offering during the events, 2) send pre-addressed offering envelopes home with regular O AFC Ambassadors, 3) ask if your church or the church hosting events would be willing to collect an offering or allow the distribution of pre-addressed offering envelopes on a certain Sunday.

Supporting O AFC

O AFC supports an Executive Director, operates an office, produces materials for the O AFC ministry, and seeks to establish new O AFC groups everywhere. We are entirely supported by volunteer donations throughout the year by individuals like you. At Summer Training each Ambassador has an opportunity to financially support the ministry of O AFC at the opening worship service and at the Happening. Please consider giving personally and encouraging others to support O AFC, too.



Ambassadors at Training are encouraged to regularly support O AFC in the following ways:

1. An **Ambassadors' Circle** supporter agrees to personally make a monthly gift for the support of O AFC. Ambassadors who become members of the Ambassadors' Circle often give their gifts at their local O AFC weekends. Some Ambassadors give \$1 each time, others \$5, etc... Consider committing to financially support the work of O AFC during the coming year.
2. **Thrivent Choice**— If you are 16 or older and a Thrivent Benefit Member you might be able to have some Thrivent funds given to O AFC on a regular basis. Check with your local Thrivent rep or contact them directly.

Become a member of the **Ambassadors' Circle**, today. Make the commitment to donate a portion of your resources to O AFC each month or each year.

_____ I wish to make a commitment of taking \$_____ to each O AFC Weekend during the coming year to be used for spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ through the ministry of O AFC.

Signed: _____

