



Case statement

Designing the programme

Introduction

This programme design section of the Case Statement simply asks you to pin down some of the main elements of the Giving in Grace programme. Look at the fictional St Vincent's case statement for an idea of the kind of detail that is needed in this first draft. Use the questions below as a rough guide to formulating a basic programme. Individual members of the planning group should explore one particular aspect of the programme and the web resources and report back with information and suggestions. Not every member can explore the entire web site.

<p>Teaching and preaching</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When do you propose to preach on Giving in Grace in the church? Do any dates suggest themselves immediately? • How many weeks will the series last? • Have you fixed a date for the Thanksgiving Sunday no more than two weeks after the end of the preaching programme? This is the date by which response forms should be returned from church members • If the programme is run in the autumn, what will you do about harvest? • Is there any initial preference for a preaching series: Matthew, Exodus, Luke or Corinthians, or a combination at different services each week? • Will children and young people be included and will it include any all age worship services? • Has someone from the planning group taken responsibility for this aspect of the programme?
<p>Communication of the financial facts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you begun to construct a comprehensive database of church members and to differentiate it into Core, Congregation and Fringe? • Do you plan to send differentiated letters (and response forms) to the different segments on the database? • Will you appoint a co-ordinator to handle the follow up strategy once church members return their response forms? • Has someone from the planning group taken responsibility for this aspect of the programme?
<p>Leadership</p>	<p>Leadership is vital to an effective programme. Background for these questions can be found on the web page <i>Consultation around the Case Statement</i> and the <i>Case discussion paper</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who will prepare the first draft of the case statement? Will that person plan to visit each planning group member personally while preparing the draft? • When will the PCC formally approve the Giving in Grace programme? Has a PCC meeting dedicated to Giving in Grace been planned? (See third meeting agenda) • Will the planning group personally visit and consult with each member of the Core segment beginning with the PCC? • If not, what is the process for effectively engaging the PCC and wider leadership in

	<p>Giving in Grace?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will PCC/DCC members be asked to consider their own giving in advance of the launch of the preaching series? • Will the combined, total response of the PCC be stated publicly to the congregation to inspire and encourage? • Has someone from the planning group taken responsibility for this aspect of the programme?
Interaction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you plan to make use of the small group resources in house or cell groups? • If so, how will you recruit people to join a small group for this purpose and find leaders? How will you familiarise the leaders of any existing small groups with Giving in Grace? • Will Parish Visiting be part of the programme? • If so, is there a strategy for this - when, who will you visit and who will do it? • Will a financial presentation be made to the congregation as part of the preaching? • Has someone from the planning group taken responsibility for this aspect of the programme?
Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is vital that the whole programme is underpinned by prayer. • Is the planning group itself committed to both individual and group prayer? • Will you be setting up special arrangements for prayer? • How will prayer requests be fed through to them? • How will Giving in Grace be prayed for during the intercessions in church? • Will you be using special prayer cards as part of the programme? • How will individual prayer from the congregation be encouraged? • Has someone from the planning group taken responsibility for this aspect of the programme?

