



# CM Commissioning Service Planning Guide

## Purpose

- *The CM Commissioning Service Planning Guide* adds a CM Commissioning element to the *CM Emphasis Ideas For Church Service*.
- The commissioning service will challenge Christians to accomplish the Great Commission by mobilizing students to evangelistic ministry at school and motivating adults to fully support them. Choose from the ideas below. Adapt to fit your church.

## Objectives for Service

- To communicate urgency. This generation is in desperate need of God's truth, hope, and intervention.
- To help the church grow in commitment to their youth ministry and develop cooperative efforts to reach students locally.
- To accelerate prayer for students, educators, and schools by name.

## Desired Outcome

- Christian adults will commit to prayer and personal involvement with local youth ministry and outreach efforts to a local school.
- Christian students and educators will commit to a missionary mindset toward their peers and their school.

## During the Service

- Boldly display the commitments of a campus missionary on a video screen or handout.
- Use a video segment to capture the emotion of ministry to students and life on the campus. Some helpful videos are available on Youth Alive's Media page: <http://youth.ag.org/media/youthalive/>
- Interview your youth leader. Since many adults do not know how to pray effectively for this generation, point out the needs of students in the church and real life issues teenagers face without Christ.
- Cast a vision for reaching every student in the community, not just ministering to those who attend church. Feel free to use statistics or a video.
- Ask a student, teacher, or coach to share a testimony about how God is working in his/her school.
- Recruit students to participate in service elements, such as announcements, offerings, Scripture readings, etc.
- Enlist adults to pray in an on-going way for students, teachers, and local schools by becoming a Prayer Zone Partner, more information is available at [www.yausa.com/pzp](http://www.yausa.com/pzp)

## The Commissioning

- Commission students at the end of the sermon.. See *Sample Sermons* for ideas. Call Campus Missionaries forward.
- Explain the Campus Missionary Commitment. To grow in the following one habits: Pray, Live, Tell, Serve, and Give.
- Have one or two students share what their CM commitment or CM training means to them. Talk with students ahead of time to prepare them.
- Ask parents, church leaders, then everyone to come forward to pray with the students.
- Challenge students with a Campus Missionary Charge:



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## Campus Missionary Charge

Before God and these witnesses

I commit myself to be a missionary

To my school and to my generation

Submitting myself to God

I will pray daily

For my friends, teachers and administrators

I will live a real and consistent Christian Faith

By reading, studying and memorizing God's Word

And spending time in personal worship

I will tell my friends

A clear presentation about Jesus Christ

I will serve in or begin

An active campus ministry

I will give time

And finances to missions

I will be a voice

I will be a life

That counts for the cause of Christ

\*\*If it is your desire with God's help to fulfill these goals in your life, please respond by saying "I WILL!"

- Based on Paul and Barnabas' commissioning in Acts 13:1-3 (NIV): "1 Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. 2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off." Lead in a time of prayer. Having adults lay hands and pray for the Campus Missionaries.
- Pray a concluding commissioning prayer.

Many local churches give their campus missionaries something to serve as a reminder of the commissioning service and prayer support they will receive. Several churches use yellow cords, similar to honor cords at graduation, and place them over the students' necks during the commissioning prayer time.



## The Five Commitments

The five commitments of a campus missionary make a great teaching outline leading up to or following the Sunday service. The five commitments are pray, live, tell, serve, and give.

1. Pray Regularly—Students make a list of specific prayer items (e.g., principals, teachers, friends, family, etc.) and pray for them daily.
2. Live the Word—Encourage students to live their lives as Jesus would—having a daily relationship with God (e.g., prayer, Bible study, worship, etc.).
3. Tell your story—Students develop a Five-Friend Focus list of unsaved friends with whom they want to share Christ. The students pray for them daily and seek opportunities to share the message of hope in Jesus Christ.
4. Serve others—Students develop a ministry of service to their school and community (e.g., trash pick-up days, canned food drives, Toys for Tots, etc.).
5. Give generously—Cultivate a spirit of generosity in your campus missionaries, both in finances and time, by encouraging them to support their local church missions projects and tithe to their local church.