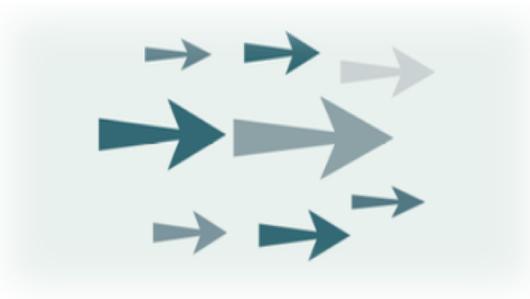


# Mission-driven Excellence

## *Weekend*



### **Idea Starters**

Nothing inspires an audience like a good weekend launch! In planning your launch, you might choose to use any ideas below or come up with your own.

**First: decide your purpose:** A good launch helps your members invest in the mission-driven concept. They should feel like active partners in creating a transformed church.

**Second, determine your time:** Would you be able to do Friday evening? Sabbath School? Church service including the sermon? Sabbath afternoon seminar? Sunday workshop? What you do depends upon what you're able to do in the time available.

**Finally, check out these idea starters** on the next page. They're only suggestions to help you come up with something that will get your congregation totally engaged. And if you find something not listed that works for you, share it with us at [MdX@nadadventist.org](mailto:MdX@nadadventist.org).

## *Friday night idea starters*

You may or may not choose anything for Friday night

- Board, elder's board, or strategy team: meet in advance to take an inventory of the church, its strengths and as opportunities for improvement.
- Board: Praise-and Prayer service for what the congregation has accomplished to date and prayer for what needs to be done.
- Board: Give them a sample of what you will do tomorrow with the entire congregation. Whet their appetites. Get their ideas and suggestions.
- Board and/or congregation: Show some videos of "turn-around churches" including discussion questions to get them thinking about what THEIR congregation could do.
- Sort through a catalogue of MdX power-point slides and videos and come up with a novel presentation(s) based on what you find.
- District churches and congregations: Invite them to meet together during one or more days during the launch week. Allow them to meet together and separately.
- Hold an extended semi-all-night prayer meeting with a group of persons intensely interested in seeing a Holy-Spirit-driven revival accompany the launch.
- Invite a compelling guest speaker to come and present on a topics that would serve as a good foundations for mission-driven excellence.
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## *Sabbath School idea starters*

Consider any of the following as you plan

- Modify Sabbath School with an interactive general lesson study with one or more presenters with concepts that relate to the MdX approach. If you could connect with the actual lesson in some ways that would be a bonus. Come to consensus in a way that sets the stage for the rest of the weekend.
- Hold a lively panel discussion during Sabbath School that discusses the topic above with a roving mike to capture audience questions and ideas. Come to consensus in a way that sets the stage for the rest of the weekend.
- In Sabbath School, or if your church holds a missionary period, feature one or more members of the congregation who has done something exemplary related to mission.

## *Sabbath worship idea starters*

- Find or prepare a sermon that sets the stage for mission-driven excellence. If you want some ideas, see the web [ReachNAD.org](http://ReachNAD.org) (if operational) or contact Dr. Wood, MdX Implementation Specialist.
- In your sermon you may include some power-points or video to enhance the message (optional)
- Feature one or more members of the congregation who has done something exemplary related to mission.
- Hold a consecration service for officers and members interested in creating mission-driven culture in our church, homes, school, etc, accompanied by a personal and corporate desire for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

## *Sabbath afternoon idea starters*

- Have a church potluck Sabbath and hold the meetings immediately after lunch so that you can capture an audience before they disperse and find other things to do
- Work from the document “Introduction for member” by distributing a copy to each member, discussing each paragraph on the front side.
- Secure power-point slides to accompany the above (available through the web or Paul Brantley)
- Select one of three possible beginnings from power-point sequences that have been used in the past (available through the web or Dr. Brantley).
- Conduct an Appreciative Inquiry visioning session to get your group into a positive frame of mind toward creating a new culture.
- Begin with putting the congregation into work groups (randomly selected)
- Let the congregation take one or more Habits and rate the Habit on a scale of “1” to “10” giving reasons for the rating and then suggesting what it would take to make their rating a “10.”
- Feature one or more members of the congregation who has done something exemplary related to mission.
- Let each group (bullet #5) design a church of their dreams, using big butcher paper with markers; when they finish let them explain their dream church.

## *Sunday idea starters*

Consider any of the following as you plan

- Have a Sunday breakfast, brunch, or lunch for board members as an added incentive for the presence and participation. Allow at least two or three hours for in-depth dialogue.
- Board: Work from the document “Orientation for Church Leaders.” Distribute copies to each board member and go through each section to give them a synopsis of the MdX process.
- Secure power-point slides to accompany the above (available through the web or Paul Brantley)
- Check the MdX Presenter’s Manual for ideas in presenting Habits 1-3. Review the videos and power-points and choose what would make for a robust presentation during the time allocated. Insist on lots of dialogue while maintaining positive movement.
- Discuss what the mission-driven approach and how it can lead to deep change. Analyze the case of a turn-around church (Video request to Dr. Brantley)
- Although we generally recommend taking the first three Habits in order, there may be occasions when your group will want to work on a mission statement and visionary goals first (Habit 5). The first three Habits set a spiritual tone and relational climate that helps get work done on the other Habits.
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