

AFFINITY GROUP INSTRUCTIONS AND SCRIPT FOR THE PRESENTATION

WHAT IS BEING ASKED OF YOU?

Introduce *Pathways to Generosity* between **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23** and **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6** to your small group (or the group assigned to you). If your group does not meet during this period, please facilitate the presentation on the group's meeting date closest to today's training day.

WHAT'S THE AGENDA FOR THE PRESENTATION? The agenda and talking points are below:

AGENDA FOR THE PRESENTATION (APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES)

- **Welcome everyone and open the presentation in prayer**
- **Introduce *Pathways to Generosity* and play the video of Andy**
<https://youtu.be/QbQhbmGVXbY>
- **Provide a copy (electronic or hard copy) of the *Pathways to Generosity* brochure to each participant, and BRIEFLY REVIEW EACH SECTION OF THE BROCHURE as noted here.** In reviewing each section, simply reference the parts of each section that are meaningful for you:
 - Quickly review the steps along the giving path? (Andy referenced this chart in his video)
 - Ministry Impact Section - - (How God works through our collective generosity)
 - Point out the campaign prayer for *Pathways to Generosity*: "God, where do you want me to be in my giving?"
- **Present the Affinity Group Talking Points.** After reviewing the brochure, simply read these talking points:

WHAT WILL PEOPLE EXPERIENCE DURING *PATHWAYS TO GENEROSITY*?

- *Pathways to Generosity* invites our response to two questions: "Why should I give?" and "Why should I give to this church?"
- *Pathways to Generosity* focuses on movement along the Giving Path as an appropriate faith response for which God's grace empowers us. We are invited to find where we are on the Giving Path and where we believe God wants us to be.
- People will complete their Giving Goal cards (online or in-person) during worship on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13** modeling that giving is part of our worship of God rather than

a fundraising transaction. People not in attendance will have Giving Goal cards mailed and emailed to them the following day.

- Everyone is invited to pray, “God, where do You want me to be in my giving?”
- **Encourage a short discussion by facilitating the “Write, Pair, Share” conversation modeled in the Affinity Group Messenger training.** Here are instructions on facilitating this exercise.
 - Distribute to participants a 3 X 5 card and a pen/pencil – one per person
 - (“WRITE”) Invite people to take three minutes to write on the 3 X 5 cards their responses to the following three questions. IF POSSIBLE, WRITE THESE QUESTIONS ON A WHITE BOARD OR FLIP CHART **BEFORE** THE PRESENTATION.
 - 1) Why do you give, and why do give to the work of God through CCPC?
 - 2) In what ways has the collective generosity of the people of Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church had an impact on your life?
 - 3) Why do you think that a decision to discern where we are on the Giving Path and where God is calling us to be is so difficult for many of us?
 - (“PAIR”) Invite people to turn to another person and share the responses written on their respective 3 X 5 cards.
 - (“SHARE”) Call the group back together, invite people to spontaneously share with the whole group several (two or three) of the responses to each of the three questions. If a white board or flip chart is available, write down the responses shared out loud as people are sharing them.
- **Encourage the reading of the daily devotionals:** Encourage everyone to participate in reading the daily devotionals that are being emailed from the church for four weeks – from Sunday, October 16 through Saturday, November 12 (Andy provides these details in his video).
- **Close with the following prayer** – “God, where do You want us to be in our giving? As we experience together this *Pathways to Generosity* emphasis in our church, help us discover your will and your way for our lives and for our church. Thank you for your generous love for us. Help us be for others what you have been for us. We ask this in the name of Jesus. AMEN.”