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**Option 1 – 40 Days of Generosity + Bless Your Pastor Flyer and Offering**

Dear Church Family:

Greetings. We want to let you know about an exciting national initiative our church has been invited to participate in to bless our church and Pastor [name] and [his] family. *[Some churches might say pastor and our pastoral staff, or pastor and our church staff. For any female pastors, use feminine pronouns.]*

Through the work of the National Association of Evangelicals and our Free Methodist Church denomination, our leadership has been given six months of free, online Financial Health training. During this time, we have gone through the “40 Days of Generosity Devotional” and have found it a valuable resource to grow in God’s Word, ignite our faith and inspire greater generosity to the Lord.

We would now like to invite you and all the families in our church to daily read through the enclosed “40 Day Generous Life Devotional” *[or a different devotional]* from *[Date TBD to Date TBD]*. For 40 days, please take several minutes at the start of the day, at a meal time or at the end of the day to read the daily Scriptures. If you have children, we encourage you to do this together as a family, and if desired, have different family members read the day’s devotional out loud for the family. For those who would like the digital devotional for their phone or tablet, go to your app store and search, “givewithjoy” (one word, no spaces), or for a daily email, subscribe at [GiveWithJoy.org](http://www.givewithjoy.org). The digital versions offer a daily teaching podcast, story and cartoon.

Our church will also be participating in the national Bless Your Pastor effort. This initiative includes inviting everyone in our church to read through the enclosed flyer and prayerfully consider ways God can use each of us to bless our Pastor *[Name]* in the future. During our 40 Days of Generosity, we would like to invite you to make a tax-deductible donation for a special offering for Pastor *[Name]* on Sunday, *[Date].* The salary we provide Pastor *[Name]* does not cover all of his family’s needs, so this special offering and the ideas in the flyer will allow all of us to let our Pastor *[Name]* and his familyknow how much they are loved and appreciated. With this letter, we have enclosed a Bless Your Pastor envelope that you can mail or place in the offering by *[Date], or you can donate online at [website URL] by [Date].*

*[Optional paragraph for grantees – feel free to change details]* Because our leaders have gone through the free Financial Health training, and our congregation is going to give a Bless Your Pastor appreciation offering, we are excited to share that Pastor *[Name]* will now be entitled to receive a special one-time $2,000 grant from the National Association of Evangelicals and our denomination *to help with family medical expenses*.

We love you and are grateful that you are part of our church family. We look forward to learning how God is going to work in all of our lives over the next 40 days, and beyond, as we grow in our generosity and joy in giving.

Yours in Christ from your lay leaders at *[name of church],*

*Lay leader Signature 1 Lay leader Signature 3*

*Name, position Name, position*

*Lay leader Signature 2 Lay leader Signature 4*

*Name, position Name, position*

*[Add more signatures if needed]*

**Option 2 – 40 Days of Generosity**

Dear Church Family:

Greetings. We want to let you know about an exciting national initiative our church has been invited to participate in to bless our church.

Through the work of the National Association of Evangelicals and our Free Methodist Church denomination, our leadership has been given six months of free online FinancialHealth training. During this time, we have gone through the “40 Days of Generosity Devotional” and have found it a valuable resource to grow in God’s Word, ignite our faith and to inspire greater generosity to the Lord.

We would now like to invite you and all the families in our church to daily read through the enclosed “40 Day Generous Life Devotional” *[or a different devotional]* from *[Date TBD to Date TBD]*. For 40 days, please take several minutes at the start of the day, at a meal time or at the end of the day to read the daily Scriptures. If you have children, we encourage you to do this together as a family, and if desired, have different family members read the day’s devotional out loud for the family. For those who would like the digital devotional for their phone or tablet, go to your app store and search, “givewithjoy” (one word, no spaces); or for a daily email, subscribe at [GiveWithJoy.org](http://www.givewithjoy.org). The digital versions offer a daily teaching podcast, story and cartoon.

We love you and are grateful that you are part of our church family. We look forward to learning how God is going to work in all of our lives over the next 40 days, and beyond, as we grow in our generosity and joy in giving.

Yours in Christ from your lay leaders at *[name of church],*

*Lay leaders’ signatures and positions*

**Option 3 – Bless Your Pastor Flyer and Offering**

Dear Church Family:

Greetings. We want to let you know about an exciting national initiative our church has been invited to participate in to bless our church and Pastor [name] and [his] family. *[Some churches might say pastor and our pastoral staff or pastor and our church staff. For any female pastors, use feminine pronouns.]*

Through the work of the National Association of Evangelicals and our Free Methodist Church denomination, our leadership has been given six months of free online Financial Health training.

Our church will also be participating in the national Bless Your Pastor effort that includes inviting everyone in our church to read through the enclosed flyer and prayerfully consider ways God can use each of us to bless our Pastor *[Name]* in the future. Over the next *[# of days or # of weeks],* we would like to invite you to make a tax-deductible donation for a special offering for Pastor *[Name]* on Sunday, *[Date].* The salary we provide Pastor *[Name]* does not cover all of his family’s needs, so this special offering and the ideas in the flyer, will allow all of us to let our Pastor *[Name]* and his family know how much they are loved and appreciated. With this letter, we have enclosed a *Bless Your Pastor* envelope that you can mail or place in the offering by *[Date].*

We love you and are grateful that you are part of our church family. We look forward to learning how God is going to work in all of our lives over the next 40 days, and beyond, as we grow in our generosity and joy in giving.

Yours in Christ from your lay leaders at *[name of church], Lay leaders’ signatures and positions*

**Tips and Ideas for the Bless Your Pastor Appreciation Offering Return Envelope**

1. Design your envelope so it can be mailed to the church or placed in the offering.
2. If you are a small church, you can make a custom label and put it on small #6 size envelopes:

**Please mail or place in offering by [TBD Date]**

**or give online at www.churchwebsite.org**

Name of Your Church

**Bless Your Pastor Appreciation Offering**

Address

City, State, Zip

1. If your church offers digital giving, include “Bless Your Pastor Offering” as a temporary giving category.
2. If you decide to create custom envelopes, consider choosing a colored envelope with a Bible verse printed on the bottom left corner. Consider choosing from one of the following verses:
* Galatians 6:6: “One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches.”
* 1 Corinthians 9:14: “Those who preach the Good News should be supported by those who benefit from it.”
* Proverbs 3:9: “Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce.”
1. On the last Sunday, you will be receiving Bless Your Pastor appreciation offerings. You will need to include envelopes in the bulletin or place in the back of the pews/seats.
2. Do **not** have the pastor talk about the Bless Your Pastor appreciation offering during worship service announcements. Instead, have a key church leader speak about the 40 Days of Generosity and/or the Bless Your Pastor appreciation offering.