



Church Ambassador Program

Hi Friend,

We are so excited you are exploring the possibility of pursuing a deeper relationship with CPC through our Church Ambassador program. Following the lead of our umbrella organization, Care Net, we recognize the importance of not only being pro-life, but being **pro-abundant life**. What does this mean? As supporters of the pro-life stance, we understand the deep need for a holistic message; one that not only enables a mother and father to choose life for their child, but also to choose Abundant Life in Christ for themselves and their family. It is not enough to simply minister to women and men during the decision-making process. As Care Net President & CEO, Roland Warren, puts it: "life decisions *need* the life support that the church is uniquely positioned and called to provide." That is the support, encouragement, and discipleship they need to make it through the challenges of pregnancy and parenting, and to grow personally as they discover Abundant Life in Jesus Christ.

Strengthening the pregnancy center and church relationship enables us as a community to provide long-term discipleship to the women and men we serve. Our hope is to break down the fear of judgement that many worry they will receive from churches in the light of unplanned pregnancy and instead serve as long-term supports that will walk alongside them in both their faith and parenting journeys. This is where you as Church Ambassadors are vital in helping develop a culture of Abundant Life. Church Ambassadors:

- **Link their churches with ministry resources and materials**
- **Initiate connections between churches and the women and men that CPC serves**
- **Find friends and church members to support or volunteer at CPC**
- **Encourage event participation and distribute information on CPC news & activities**

The Church Ambassador program has two different focus areas: awareness & discipleship. *If a church chooses to engage in the Church Ambassador program they are not required to participate in both areas. Rather, we encourage you- with the support of your church leadership- to pray and think about which area(s) your church is called to and able to support at this time.*

Attached in the included information we explain the different aspects of the Church Ambassador program, the steps you will need to complete to officially get your church connected with CPC, and information on how to proceed and equip your church to engage in being **pro-abundant life**.

In His Love,

The Team at the Community Pregnancy Center

Church Ambassador Program

Church Leader(s)

Preferably one male and one female, church leader(s) are the main point of contact between the church and CPC. They are responsible for recruiting and coordinating ambassadors within their church & mobilizing the church community to engage with CPC's ministry. We ask that church leaders attend church ambassador gatherings 1-2 times per year to stay connected & current on info/opportunities.

Awareness

- Invite/encourage participation in CPC events
- Talk with church members who may have questions about CPC events, services, and volunteering; and refer them to CPC for further information.
- When able, help arrange opportunities for CPC to speak and/or have an information table at your church.
- Pick up promotional materials from CPC and deliver them to appropriate person at church for approval and promotion/distribution.

Discipleship

- Act as a point of contact for women & men that are connected with your church through CPC, welcoming them and getting them acquainted with your church, its programs, etc.
- Act as a long-term support system for women, men, & couples referred to your church by CPC:
 - Get them linked to moms, women's, & men's ministries, small groups, etc.
- If there are individuals within your church facing pregnancy decisions, help connect them to CPC.



Church Ambassador Program Agreement

Church Name

I am interested in acting as the leader of CPC's Church Ambassador program at my church. I understand that I am not expected to engage in this program alone, but will seek to build and coordinate ambassadors at my church.

CPC recognizes that each church retains the right to decide their level of involvement in the Church Ambassador program, as well as how to best promote CPC events within their congregation.

At this time, my church agrees to engage in CPC's Church Ambassador program in the following area(s):

- Awareness
- Discipleship

Date: _____

Name

Signature

Address

Email

Phone

Please review this information with your Pastor to let them know that you are interested in this volunteer position as a Church Ambassador for CPC.

Pastor's Acknowledgement: This person has spoken to me about being a CPC Church Ambassador and I have reviewed the Church Ambassador welcome packet, including CPC's Statement of Faith. I look forward to them helping strengthen our connection with the ministry of CPC!

Pastor's Signature

Date



STATEMENT OF FAITH

WE BELIEVE...

1. The Bible, inerrant in the original writings, to be the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God.
2. There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. In both the humanity and deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His present life there for us as our High Priest and advocate, and in His personal return to earth in power and glory.
4. In the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life and to perform good works.
5. Man is created in the image of God, and each child in the womb is personally formed by God. Human life begins at conception and is a treasure from God to be nurtured and protected.
6. That for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential, and that this salvation is received by grace through faith and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and not as a result of works.
7. In the bodily resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto everlasting life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of everlasting damnation.

Adapted from the National Association of Evangelical's statement of faith.

I HAVE READ THE STATEMENT OF FAITH AND AGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY WITH THESE TRUTHS.

Signature

Date

This Is My Church

Please fill out as much of this form as you can. The information you provide about your church is helpful the men and women we refer to churches as it gives them an idea of what they can expect and helps them to determine which churches may be a good fit for themselves and their families.

Church Name: _____

Church Address: _____

Denomination: _____

Size: _____

Average Age Range/Demographics: _____

Music Type: _____

Small Groups/Bible Studies: _____

Programs/Resources: _____

I decided to start a Church Ambassador program at my church! How do I proceed?

We appreciate your dedication to building up women and men in Christ! We want to make it as easy as possible for you to get started. Your "Next Steps" will vary depending on the type of church ambassador (awareness and/or discipleship).

For both Awareness and Discipleship areas, we ask that everyone on the Church Ambassador team attend in person, or view online, a CPC Foundations session which will introduce them to the ministry of CPC, helping them to understand the history of abortion in America and how we approach the abortion issue- with compassion, hope, and help.

In addition to the Foundations session, we ask that those who will be involved in the Discipleship portion go through a study called *Making Life Disciples*. This study gives excellent insight as to what occurs at the pregnancy center as well as helpful tips for refining interpersonal skills in a ministry setting. We know our clients will be met with the love of Christ through you and we want to do everything we can to equip you with the confidence you need to minister to them. Participating in *Making Life Disciples* and reviewing Church Ambassador Discipleship Guidelines should give you a frame of reference for where the women and men we refer to you are coming from, provide insight as to what their biggest needs may be, and ensure that you understand how to respect their privacy leaving them with the autonomy of deciding how and when to share with others about their pregnancy or connection to getting involved at the church (i.e. they were referred by the pregnancy center).

In order to get started, in early 2019, CPC will be offering a Foundations session and a *Making Life Disciples* study for Church Leaders to attend. We encourage all church leaders to attend both the Foundations session and the study so that they can take it back to their church and lead it with the group of Ambassadors who will serve within their church.

- **The Foundations session will be held at CPC on Thursday, January 10th at 6:30pm.**
- **The *Making Life Disciples* study is a five week series that will occur at CPC on Wednesday evenings beginning Wednesday, February 6th at 6:30pm.**

If you cannot make it to one or both of these, arrangements can be made with CPC so that you may obtain the needed materials to go through these on your own. Please note that it is still expected that you lead the study with your group of Ambassadors if you initially go through the trainings on your own.

Action Steps:

*Indicates that it only applies to Discipleship Church Ambassadors

- Review and sign (and have your Pastor sign) the *Church Ambassador Program Agreement* form and turn it in CPC. We would love if you stopped by the center to drop it off and took a quick tour! Or a copy can be emailed to Executive Director, Greg Monrad, at greg@cpcanchorage.com. You will then be contacted by CPC to touch base and get things going!
- Complete the *This is My Church* info sheet and submit it to CPC with your Church Ambassador Program Agreement form.
- Sign up for your Church Leader spot in the CPC Foundations session (Jan 10 @ 6:30pm) OR sign up to view this session online if you cannot make it that night.
- *Sign up for your Church Leader spot in the February *Making Life Disciples* study (beginning Feb 6th)
- Recruit Church Ambassadors within your congregation! As people join the Church Ambassador program, your job as a Church Leader is to determine if they will be working with the Awareness area, Discipleship area, or both. Any new Church Ambassador must watch the CPC Foundations Presentation (which will be available online), and any new Discipleship Church Ambassador must go through the *Making Life Disciples* study and agree to the Guidelines and Confidentiality Policy.
- *Schedule a time to lead your Discipleship Ambassadors group in the *Making Life Disciples* study (in this time ensure that Discipleship Ambassadors are equipped with the training and information they need- i.e. understand confidentiality policy, are comfortable with the welcoming process, and know how to connect men, women, and families who come from CPC into existing church ministries). Discipleship Ambassadors must complete this study (whether they do it with the group or on their own) and sign the Guidelines and Confidentiality Pledge form before engaging in the Discipleship program.
- Look for periodic communications from CPC pertaining to client care, event promotion, etc. and communicate them to your team of Church Ambassadors.
- Watch the amazing effects of God at work as we serve Him and others through this ministry!



Church Ambassador Discipleship Guidelines

Community Pregnancy Center is committed to holding in strict confidence all information provided by a client, except for circumstances where reporting is legally necessary. As such, we require that volunteer Church Ambassadors who may be given information in a client church referral agree to and sign our Confidentiality Pledge.

Confidentiality Pledge: I hereby pledge that all client information will remain confidential. I will not discuss any information with anyone except when information is necessary to be shared for the purposes of inviting a client to church. I will consistently uphold this, even after I am no longer a Church Ambassador team member.

Our ultimate goal of the Church Ambassador Program is to foster natural relationships between the women and men we serve and the church. We understand that long-term discipleship is imperative for spiritual growth. Our community *needs* the church to be engaged in creating friendships and support systems that encourage lasting change in people's lives as they encounter an authentic relationship with Jesus Christ. Thank you for being willing to walk alongside us as a Church Ambassador as we point those we serve toward Christ.

In order to best serve our clients through this program, please understand and agree to the following guidelines:

- As a discipleship ambassador, your responsibility is to contact those who are interested in connecting with your church and invite them to a service, be a friendly face for them to arrive to, and connect them to ministries/groups within the church.
- **You are not to share details about the client with other congregants. It is up to the client to decide whether or not they want others to know about their pregnancy (if they are pregnant), how they were referred to church, or if they want to give anyone other than the church ambassador their contact information.**
- It is not expected that you become the primary support person for each CPC client that you invite to church. While it is acceptable for you to act as a friend to the person, our ultimate goal is to connect them to an entire church support system- and the Church Ambassador who welcomes them acts as the bridge to do so.
- Do not think of the women and men we refer to churches as "CPC Clients." CPC was the avenue through which they were referred to church, but we don't want it to become their identity. Initiate relationship with them as you would any other visitor who enters your church. Do not discuss the fact that they were at CPC unless they choose to do so.
- Keep in mind that we serve a diverse set of people. Women, men, teens, adults, single women, dating or married couples, etc. Not every person we work with ends up being pregnant- but we still use our interaction with them as an opportunity to share Christ.

As a Discipleship Ambassador I agree to uphold the Confidentiality Pledge and abide by these guidelines.

Name

Phone Number

Signature

Date

If your church is passionate about specifically working with single pregnant women, check out this excellent resource. It is a program designed for churches to create support groups for women, while introducing them to relationship with Christ. We encourage you to go to their website <https://embracegrace.com/> for more information about the program. Below is a brief overview:



ABOUT US

VISION: *for every girl with an unplanned pregnancy to have a church to go to for spiritual, emotional and physical support*

MISSION: *to inspire and equip the church to love on single and pregnant young women and their families*

WHAT WE DO:

Embrace Grace, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed for the purpose of providing emotional, practical and spiritual support for single, young women and their families who find themselves in an unintended pregnancy. The primary goal of Embrace Grace is to empower churches across the nation to be a safe and non-judging place for the girls to run to when they find out they are pregnant, instead of the last place they are welcomed because of shame and guilt.

We provide curriculum and resources for the church to implement our programs and become a *Pro-Love* church. If the church, the Body of Christ, will join together to support these girls who choose life, young moms will be more open to not aborting their babies. Whether they keep their baby or choose adoption, Embrace Grace is a support system for them as they begin their journey of being a young mother or blessing another family with their baby. Emotionally and spiritually healthy mommies parent emotionally and spiritually healthy babies. Through the Embrace Grace programs, lives are saved and generations are being changed. God loves these babies and their mommies, and we do too.

WHY WE EXIST:

Most churches advocate life and discourage women from getting abortions, but once a brave and courageous girl chooses life, a lot of times the church then steps away and has nothing to offer her for support at that point. She is then left with nine months of being scared, worried and feeling alone. She journeys into a season of being a single mom without direction and guidance from a spiritual family. This is where the Body of Christ can minister to women who are desperately searching for a Savior. This is where we can speak into their lives and hearts that will have an impact for generations to come!