

Faith Alive!

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Registration For A Faith Alive Weekend

Attached is a statement about the current spiritual life of the church

This is our ____ 1st ____ 2nd ____ 3rd ____ 4th Weekend

Previous Faith Alive Weekends were held in the following years:

_____ Diocese (if applies) _____

Name of Church _____

Street Address _____
For UPS Delivery PO Box City, State, Zip

Church Phone: _____

Church email address: _____

Sr. Clergy _____ Title: _____

Sr. Clergy email address: _____

Sr. Clergy Home Address & Phone: _____
_____ (____) _____

How did you learn about Faith Alive? _____

Church General Chair or Co-Chairs

Name _____ Name _____

Address _____ Address _____

Home Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Email address _____ Email address _____

Follow-Up Chair (Extremely important to assure long-term benefits)

Name _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____ Email address _____

1. List 3 Weekend Dates (Friday evening through Sunday) which will fit into your church calendar. Allow six months or more for prayer and planning. After the Weekend Coordinator is appointed, you will be contacted to confirm the date. Do not make a date official until then.

1st Preference _____ 2nd Preference _____ 3rd Preference _____

2. Number of church members (as listed in Church Directory or for internal mailings) _____

3. About how many people would you expect to attend the Friday Evening Faith Alive Dinner & Program?

Adults _____ Teenagers _____ Children (6-12) _____

4. Congregational Age Percentage: Over 60 ____% 40-59 ____% 20-39 ____% 13-19 ____% 6-12 ____%

5. Congregational Ethnic Makeup: Caucasian ____% Black ____% Other ____% Hispanic ____%

6. Congregational Employment: Professional ____% White Collar ____% Blue Collar ____%

7. Average Adult Attendance of Sunday Worship Services – List Times and Numbers

8. Christian Education Classes (Adults) _____ Church School (Ages 6-18) _____

9. List other regular activities, such as prayer groups, healing services and meetings with a spiritual purpose.

Note the number attending. _____

10. Congregation’s Attitudes (Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor):

To New Things _____ To Verbalizing Personal Faith _____ To Evangelism _____

To Bible Study _____ To Church Newcomers _____ To Lay Ministry _____

To Community Action _____ To One Another _____

Comments _____

11. My hopes for the church family as a result of this Faith Alive Weekend: _____

12. My special concerns for this church community (Problems, Needs ... Attach separate sheet if needed.)

NOTE

Because follow-up is so necessary, we do not recommend that a Faith Alive Weekend be held if the church is in transition, or immediately following the call of a new rector or pastor or senior minister.

REGISTRATION FEE

For churches with an average Sunday attendance of 75 or less, Faith Alive has created a Small Church Grant, reducing the registration fee to only \$50.00 Write "\$50.00" on the "Total Registration Fee" line if your church qualifies.

Total number of church members (as listed in church Directory or for internal mailing): _____

Base Fee..... \$ 100.00

Plus \$1.00 per member as reported above \$ _____

Total Registration Fee: \$ _____

Please enclose at least 50% when sending Registration to Faith Alive \$ _____

Balance to be sent within 30 days following Faith Alive Weekend \$ _____

Less than 20 percent of our annual budget is provided by Registration fees, with most income received in contributions, including loose-plate offerings. Please advise the National Office if the Registration fee is cost-prohibitive. Perhaps another church, in thanksgiving for its Weekend, will make a contribution to help sponsor your congregation’s Faith Alive.

Clergy Signature

Date

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A MESSAGE TO THE CLERGY

We rejoice with you in the decision to have a Faith Alive Weekend. It can be one of the most exciting events in the life of the church!

Through experience, a number of guidelines have been established to help assure the success of your Weekend. Faith Alive is a prayer-driven ministry. The importance of lifting the Weekend to the Lord in prayer cannot be over emphasized. When the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the grace of the Lord is present, the Weekend will be one in which Jesus will reveal Himself in new and exciting ways.

It is vital that you and your leading laypersons be enthusiastically supportive of the Weekend. Sermons can be used to inform, enlighten and encourage. The openness, attitude, and expectancy of the clergy is crucial to the preparation and participation of the congregation.

The Church General Chair or Co-Chairs should be selected prior to submitting the Registration, as well as the Follow-Up Chair. Considerable work has been done by Faith Alive leadership to assure long-lasting benefits of your Weekend, and much of this is dependent upon the naming of a Follow-Up Chair, and that committee's work prior to the event.

After your registration has been received by the National Office, preparation materials will be sent to the church. These will include a CD to help direct committees and copies of the Weekend Planning Guide for distribution to your committee chairs. The Planning Guide has been praised many times as being excellent. Everything has been found to be of help to guide you through a successful Weekend. Follow it closely!

Because the Prayer, Attendance, and Publicity Committees should function as soon as possible, begin praying with your General Chair about these appointments now.

The Coordinator for your Weekend will be selected by our Representative for your region. You will be contacted when this appointment is made. A definite date for the Weekend will then be mutually agreed upon by you, your General Chair, and the Coordinator.

The Registration Fee covers only a small fraction of the operating costs of the ministry. We have always been dependent upon the contributions of those who support Faith Alive. It is our hope you will join other churches in designating the loose plate offering on the Sunday of the Weekend to the on-going work of this ministry.

Aside from the Registration Fee, your costs should be minimal--babysitting, unless a neighboring church offers to provide this service; a light meal for the Team and Committees on Saturday, and a light lunch for the Team on Sunday, in addition to beverages, etc., for other events. As the Planning Guide notes, elaborate meals are unnecessary. A small budget for promotion may be helpful, perhaps distributing the booklet, "*Faith Alive! It's For You!*" and a mailer to those of your congregation.

Our continued successful national effort is aided by your comprehensive feedback. After the Weekend, we will request your evaluation on a form provided by the National Office.

Know that you and your congregation will be in the prayers of thousands across the country!

Faithfully,



Thomas G. Riley
President