



Compassion in Action October 2 & 3, 2010

Church Starter Packet

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Unite! & Compassion in Action Overview

Who is Unite!?

Unite! is a network of churches across Metro-Atlanta (over 150 churches, to date) from a wide variety of denominations, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds, working together to serve the community through Word & Deed ministry. Unite! is not an organization and does not have paid staff. Leadership is provided by senior pastors, missions pastors, and church staff. Currently, there are over 25 churches providing leadership to the Unite! effort. Two separate leadership teams have formed in northeast and northwest Atlanta, with additional leadership teams forming in other parts of the city.

What is Unite!?

The heart of Unite! is for churches to join together to serve our communities in such a way that God would transform our city for His glory. Unite! might best be thought of as a relational network among churches to better enable “The Church” of Atlanta to combine efforts of prayer, serving, and celebration for maximum influence and impact throughout our city.

What is Compassion in Action Weekend?

Compassion in Action Weekend occurs on the 1st weekend in October each year where churches throughout metro-Atlanta plan service projects and partner together to serve the community in a spirit of unity, sharing the love of Jesus Christ to those in need.

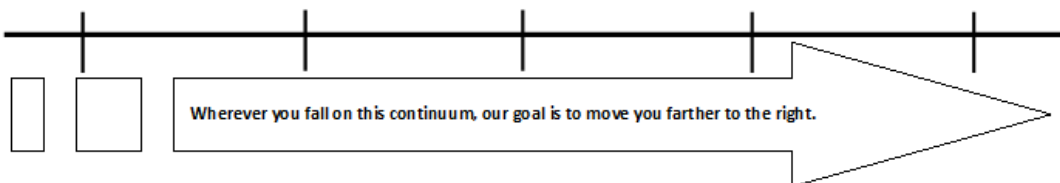
Vision for Community Transformation

The vision of Unite! Compassion in Action Weekend is to mobilize churches to serve the community together on October 2 & 3, with a vision for ongoing community service throughout the year.

How involved is your congregation in the local community in terms of money, staff, programs, pulpit time, etc.?

Only focused on the discipleship of your members

Spend most of your time engaging & serving people outside your congregation



Why are we doing it? Our hope is that this weekend will be a catalyst for long term, relational, intentional service - a way of life - for congregations and individual Christians; that the community will see that The Church cares about them; and that seeing congregations work together will send a great message to the world around us who might believe we are divided by doctrinal or other differences and in competition for members and resources.

Your church can participate in *Compassion in Action Weekend* by:

1. Coordinating your own *Compassion in Action* service projects.
2. Partnering with another church in coordinating service projects.
3. Participating in other church's service projects, as are posted at www.UniteUs.org.

Resources

Unite! and Compassion in Action t-shirts, bulletin inserts, yard signs, and banners will be available to order. To place your order, contact Heidi in the Unite! office at 678-405-2164 or heidih@perimeter.org. Yard signs and banners can also be purchased directly from our supplier, Encore Exhibits, Inc. (678-421-9002 / www.encorex.com) located at 5870-B Oakbrook Pkwy., Norcross, GA 30093.

Coaching

If you would like to be coached through the planning process of mobilizing your congregation to serve during *Compassion in Action Weekend*, we'll be glad to assist you! For coaching or questions, contact Unite! at 678-405-2164.

Compassion in Action

Getting Started

The following steps are suggestions to help your church in the process of coordinating service projects and mobilizing volunteers for *Compassion in Action Weekend*.

1. Develop a plan for your congregation's involvement.
2. Consider partnering with another church in your service projects.
3. Recruit a *Compassion in Action* Coordinator for your congregation.
4. Choose service projects for your congregation.
5. Cast vision of *Compassion in Action* and projects to your congregation.
6. Recruit service project leaders to oversee service projects.
7. Post service projects online at www.UniteUs.org by August 20.
8. Invite volunteers to sign up for service projects.
9. Cast vision for volunteers to continue serving throughout the year.

PLANNING CALENDAR

August 20	CIA Projects Submitted (go to www.UniteUs.org)
August 20	CIA Promo Materials Ordering Deadline Bulletin inserts, brochures, t-shirts, banners, yard signs, etc. More info at www.UniteUs.org .
September 7	Volunteer Registration Starts (at www.UniteUs.org)
September 12	Week 1 - Church Promotion & CIA Registration CIA communications to congregation (i.e. bulletin insert, video promo, etc.)
September 19	Week 2 - Church Promotion & CIA Registration CIA communications to congregation (i.e. bulletin insert, video promo, etc.)
September 26	Week 3 - Church Promotion & CIA Registration CIA communications to congregation (i.e. bulletin insert, video promo, etc.)
October 2 & 3	Compassion in Action Weekend!

Compassion in Action

Choosing Ministry Partners and Projects

If you already have an organization you work with to serve the needy in the community, we would encourage you to try to serve alongside them for Compassion in Action. Just remember: it might be best for your partner in the long-run for you to leave room for other congregations to serve alongside you so perhaps they can get involved there on an on-going basis.

If you are starting fresh or looking to expand your list of ministry partners:

- Choose ministry partners that are close to your church location. This will also allow you to build a more robust long-term relationship with these ministry partners and the people they serve. If you are working in an area that's not close to your church, find out about a few churches in that area that you would feel comfortable referring your contacts to. Encourage those churches to serve with you. Or, even better, ask those churches if there's any way you can help them serve their community.
- Keep the passions of your congregation in mind when choosing ministry partners. Much like each person was created with individual abilities, passions, and experiences, God created each congregation uniquely as well. If you think through the SHAPE components (see SHAPE Survey in the Appendix) in terms of your congregation, you will likely have a much easier time generating excitement and participation - especially for on-going work.

Look at page 15 for a great tool to help you evaluate existing and potential ministry partners.

When thinking about specific projects:

- Focus on projects that (1) allow the people needing help to be involved in the work and (2) that will build on their skills, intelligence, physical ability, and creativity. By including them in the planning and implementation, they will feel more valued.
- Take into account the gifts and passions of your members (see SHAPE Survey on page 14).
- See sample listing of project summaries on page 18 for ideas for your church.

Compassion in Action Registration Options

We strongly recommend using the Unite! website to post projects and the CIA2010 website for volunteer registrations, regardless of the size of your church. By having all of the CIA projects listed in one central access point, potential volunteers can see the many varied projects being offered that weekend and choose one which suits their passions, schedule and group configuration/family. It is a unique and glorifying experience for people of multiple churches to come together to serve side by side in a group together, building relationships. All churches welcome volunteers from any other churches. This is also a great way for a church which may not be organizing their own projects to have their congregation involved in serving that weekend through other church projects.

The following guidelines are proposed for those churches not planning on using the central website for project posting and volunteer registration.

Small Congregations and Congregations with 1-5 Projects:

We advise you to keep “registration” as simple as possible. Your best bet is to develop a form you can then print out, send in an email, and/or put on your church website. When the forms are returned, you should make a copy of each form and file the originals for safe-keeping. Then you can either just work from the paper copies or enter the data into an Excel Spreadsheet or Word Document for sharing with church leadership and project leaders.

Large Congregations and Congregations with 6 or More Projects:

We again advise you to keep registration as simple as you can, but the more projects and people you are organizing, the more complicated it will be. Here are some options:

1. Create a database (or make a copy of another church’s) and put it on your church website.
2. Let your small groups find the projects and be responsible for staffing them.
3. Don’t have people register in advance. Just put them on buses when they show up (e.g. families with children go on one bus; people not able to do strenuous work go on another bus; etc.).

Partnering Together to Serve Atlanta



Unite!, Hands on Atlanta, and Gwinnett Great Days of Service

In 2007, Unite! Churches started a partnership with Hands on Atlanta and Gwinnett Great Days of Service. Since then, we've mobilized a combined 30,000 volunteers in more than 500 service projects throughout metro Atlanta!

This year, we look to do more of the same. On September 7, 2010, Compassion in Action service projects will be accessible for volunteer sign up at www.cia2010.org

Compassion in Action Important Philosophy Priority Needs

“The kingdom of which Christ spoke was one in which the poor, the sick, the grieving, cripples, slaves, women, children, widows, orphans, lepers, and aliens - the “least of these” (Matt. 25:40) - were to be lifted up and embraced by God. It was a world order in which justice was to become a reality, first in the hearts and minds of Jesus’ followers, and then through the wider society through their influence. Jesus’ disciples were to be “salt” and “light” to the world (see Matthew 5:13-14). They were to be the “yeast” that leavens the whole loaf of bread (see Matthew 13:33). His was not intended to be a far-off and distant kingdom to be experienced only in the afterlife; no, Christ’s proclamation of the “kingdom of heaven” was a call for a redeemed world order populated by redeemed people - now.” *The Hole in Our Gospel by Richard Stearns*

Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe him...? Isaiah 58:6-7

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. Matthew 25:35-26

The Spirit of the Lord is on me because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. Luke 4:18-19

Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you. James 1:27

We encourage you to use an exhaustive Bible concordance or an online concordance like www.biblegateway.com to look up all of the verses containing injustice, oppressed, prisoner, poor, naked, hungry, thirsty, sick, weak, widow, orphan, etc. You will be AMAZED to see God’s heart for the “needy” among us.

Give Them a Fish, Teach Them to Fish, and Tear Down the Fence Around the Pond

From *When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor and Yourself*
by Steve Corbett & Brian Fikkert

Addressing material poverty is complicated. It is made up of three basic parts:

1. **Relief:** urgent and temporary provision of emergency aid to reduce immediate suffering from a natural or man-made crisis - provided only while a person is unable to help himself. Too often, this is what the church's outreach efforts are because the results appear to be immediate. However, only a small percentage of the poor in your community or around the world require relief. These would include the severely disabled; some of the elderly; very young, orphaned children; the mentally ill homeless population; and victims of a natural disaster.
2. **Rehabilitation** seeks to restore people and their communities to the positive elements of their pre-crisis conditions. This process should begin as soon as the critical situation is stabilized. The important feature of rehabilitation is that we should make sure we're working *with* the people we're helping. They must participate in their own recovery.
3. **Development:** an on-going process that ultimately allows the materially poor to support themselves and their families.

Guiding Principles:

- Do not do things for people they can do themselves including providing:
 - resources which might otherwise be provided by local businesses;
 - knowledge and ideas which might not even translate into their context anyway;
 - free labor which undermines their calling to be stewards of their own time and talents and might also be taking jobs away from local people; and
 - planning & managing initiatives that if planned on their own might lead to more buy-in and sustainability.
- Ensure participation of the affected population in the assessment, design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the program.
- Only respond when the needs of an affected population are unmet by local people or organization due to their inability or unwillingness to help. Whenever possible, the first responders to a crisis should be the victims' family members, whether or not those family members are local (1 Tim. 5:3-4).
- Target assistance based on vulnerability and need, and provide it equitably and impartially. Flinging resources around undermines the development of individual and communal stewardship, responsibility, and capacity.
- Focus on the ASSETS of the community as opposed to the needs. Asking, "What gifts do you have?" affirms people's dignity.
- Broken systems need to be addressed in many cases.

The Spiritual Aspect

“The social gospel divorced from personal salvation is like a body without a soul; the message of personal salvation without a social dimension is like a soul without a body. The former is a corpse, the latter is a ghost.” *E. Stanley Jones, missionary to India*

“Community transformation is not about “Christendom”—placing Christianity or the Church at the center of society or trying to reestablish the church as the center of the community, but it is more like the kingdom leaven (Matthew 13:33) that is sown into all parts of society and lived out in such a way so that people in every sector...every domain know someone who knows and truly follows Jesus. Conversion is our ultimate motive but not our ulterior motive in loving and serving others. “Ultimate motive” means that we absolutely want every person on earth to be in a right relationship with God through Jesus. But “ulterior motive” means that we do acts of love and service towards others so that they become Christians (which could signify that if they don’t become Christians we stop loving and serving). It is important to remember that we don’t engage in the needs, dreams and pains of our communities so that they will become Christians rather we engage the community because we are Christians”. *To Transform a City by Eric Swanson*

The government can and does provide services to the poor and oppressed - often with kindness and love. Just meeting the need isn’t what sets us apart. Here are a few things to consider:

1. Prayer should permeate everything we do - before, during, and after.
2. Make sure everyone knows you represent THE CHURCH - - then make sure you represent her well.
3. Look for ways to interject God into the conversation.
4. A person’s worldview - the lens through which they see the world - can cause and/or worsen their material poverty. It shapes the way they relate to God, themselves, others, and creation. Faulty worldviews can be a major cause of material poverty. For example, violence and crime are a result of the way a person views life and material possessions, teen sex is often a result of the way a young person sees him or herself, etc. (*When Helping Hurts*)
5. The goal of our work should be to help people “understand their identity as image bearers, to love their neighbors as themselves, to be stewards over God’s creation, and to bring glory to God in all things.” (*When Helping Hurts*)
6. Part of our job might be introducing the community to God and helping them see what He has been doing for them since the beginning of time (*When Helping Hurts*). Find out what good things have happened in the community and what gifts they have. Help them see that those are from God. And, help them understand that the whole Bible is about God’s love for humanity and His relentless pursuit of a relationship with us.

Preparing YOUR Spirits

1. Come to serve, not to judge. Remember, you don't know the whole story, so you should never leap to conclusions about what people appear to have or not have.
2. Listen twice as much as you talk.
3. Remember that materially rich people often have "god-complexes" - a subtle and unconscious sense of superiority in which they believe that they have achieved their wealth through their own efforts and that they have been anointed to decide what is best for low-income people, whom they view as inferior to themselves. Remember that most of us also suffer from materialism. Pray against these things. Our relationship to the materially poor should be one in which we recognize that both of us are broken and that both of us need the blessing of reconciliation. Our perspective should be less about how we are going to fix the materially poor and more about how we can walk tighter, asking God to fix both of us. (*When Helping Hurts*)

Why Collaborate?

1. God designed us to work in partnership.
He called the twelve disciples together and sent them out two by two. Matthew 6:6b
We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. Romans 12:5
2. It glorifies God by showing the world around us that we can work together despite our doctrinal differences. This is not a competition. We can overcome territorialism.
Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples. John 13:35
I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. John 17:20-23
Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father, who is over all and in all and living through all. Ephesians 4:3-6
3. We can do more together than we can each do on our own.
See www.StreetGrace.org for an example of a group of churches in the Atlanta area have been able to do - - something NONE of them could have done on their own.
4. It minimizes duplication of efforts.
5. We can discover gaps in ministry.

6. We gain credibility.
7. Complement each others' strengths and minimize each others' weaknesses.
Under his control all the different parts of the body fit together, so the whole body grows and builds itself up through love. Ephesians 4:16
...we are partners working together for God, and you are God's field. You are also God's building. Using the gift that God gave me, I did the work of an expert builder and laid the foundation and another man is building on it. 1 Corinthians 3:9-10
8. Each member of the partnership can do what they do best rather than spreading themselves too thin.
9. We can learn from each other by sharing best practices.
10. It provides accountability. We can ask each other, "Are we really doing anything that is truly transformational?"
11. We receive refreshment and encouragement.
A rope made of three cords is hard to break. Ecclesiastes 4:12

Recommended Resources on Community Transformation & Collaboration

Book Resources

Church of Irresistible Influence (The) by Robert Lewis

Hole in Our Gospel (The) by Richard Stearns

Well Connected: Releasing Power, Restoring Hope Through Kingdom Partnerships by Phill Butler

When Helping Hurts by Steve Corbett & Brian Fikkert

Websites

www.citytransformation.org

www.ericjswanson.com

www.externallyfocusednetwork.com

www.leadnet.org

www.sharefest.com

www.theholeinourgospel.com

www.uniteus.org

www.wellconnectedbook.net

www.whenhelpinghurts.org

Compassion in Action Forms and Templates

Sample SHAPE Survey

This can be used to determine what ministry partners and projects will fit your congregation best.

See "Choosing Ministry Partners and Projects on page 4 for more information.

What's Your SHAPE?

Spiritual Gifts

Based on what I know about spiritual gifts & about myself, I believe I have the following main gifts:

- Administration (I'm good with details, spreadsheets & documents)
- Discernment (I can tell what's really going on when others can't)
- Evangelism (I like to talk about my faith and really want everyone to believe)
- Encouragement (I like to encourage others)
- Faith (Even in hard situations, I know/God is real and will work things out)
- Giving (I'd much rather give than receive. People say I'm very generous)
- Hospitality (I like to have people over and want everything to be perfect)
- Leadership (I love to lead a group)
- Mercy (I have a lot of compassion for people who are hurting or are in need)
- Serving (I'd rather be helping wherever needed than sitting around)
- Shepherding (I like to listen to people, pray for them & make sure they're taken care of)
- Teaching (I can explain something in a way that help people understand it)
- Other: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Abilities

I have the following abilities and/or professional experience:

<input type="checkbox"/> Audio/Visual	<input type="checkbox"/> Graphics Design	<input type="checkbox"/> Recruiting
<input type="checkbox"/> Cars	<input type="checkbox"/> Home Repair	<input type="checkbox"/> Researching
<input type="checkbox"/> Computer	<input type="checkbox"/> Implementing	<input type="checkbox"/> Sewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooking	<input type="checkbox"/> Interviewing	<input type="checkbox"/> Shopping
<input type="checkbox"/> Dance	<input type="checkbox"/> Making Friends	<input type="checkbox"/> Sign Lang.
<input type="checkbox"/> Debate	<input type="checkbox"/> Managing People	<input type="checkbox"/> Singing
<input type="checkbox"/> Decorating	<input type="checkbox"/> Marketing	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports
<input type="checkbox"/> Drama	<input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring	<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching
<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing/Painting	<input type="checkbox"/> Musical Instrument	<input type="checkbox"/> Tutoring
<input type="checkbox"/> Editing	<input type="checkbox"/> Organization	<input type="checkbox"/> Video
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertaining	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography	<input type="checkbox"/> Web Design
<input type="checkbox"/> Evaluating	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming
<input type="checkbox"/> Events	<input type="checkbox"/> Promoting	<input type="checkbox"/> Writing
<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Lang.	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

Hearth's Passion

I'm passionate about the following: [put a mark in the box under "Passion"]

These people groups:

Passion Experience	Passion Experience	Passion Experience
<input type="checkbox"/> Children	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth	<input type="checkbox"/> Young Adults
<input type="checkbox"/> Elderly	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

These causes:

Passion Experience	Passion Experience	Passion Experience
<input type="checkbox"/> Abortion	<input type="checkbox"/> Eating Disorders	<input type="checkbox"/> Political Issues
<input type="checkbox"/> Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Poverty/Homless
<input type="checkbox"/> Addiction	<input type="checkbox"/> Environment	<input type="checkbox"/> Prison
<input type="checkbox"/> Adoption	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Mgmt	<input type="checkbox"/> Promiscuity
<input type="checkbox"/> Animals	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Relationships	<input type="checkbox"/> Shut-ins
<input type="checkbox"/> Bereavement	<input type="checkbox"/> Health/Fitness	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Needs
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Issues	<input type="checkbox"/> Illness/Hospitalization	<input type="checkbox"/> Single Parents
<input type="checkbox"/> Dating Relationships	<input type="checkbox"/> Lost People	
<input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Relief	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Divorce		

These activities:

Passion Experience	Passion Experience	Passion Experience
<input type="checkbox"/> Counseling	<input type="checkbox"/> Mobilizing People	<input type="checkbox"/> Starting Things
<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism	<input type="checkbox"/> Outreach	<input type="checkbox"/> Worship
<input type="checkbox"/> Getting Things Done	<input type="checkbox"/> Prayer	
<input type="checkbox"/> Maintaining Things	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Missions		

Personality

From these pairs, I think these words describe my personality best:

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Extroverted	or	<input type="checkbox"/> Introverted
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Controlled	or	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-Expressive
3. <input type="checkbox"/> Decisive	or	<input type="checkbox"/> Indecisive
4. <input type="checkbox"/> Intuitive	or	<input type="checkbox"/> Feeler
5. <input type="checkbox"/> Like Routine	or	<input type="checkbox"/> Like Variety

Experiences

[Go through the list of people groups, causes, and activities under "Heart's Passion" and put a mark in the box under "Experience" for those items with which you have experience.]

I would like to get more information about and/or help discovering my:

<input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Gifts
<input type="checkbox"/> Heart's Passion
<input type="checkbox"/> Abilities
<input type="checkbox"/> Personality
<input type="checkbox"/> Experiences

Sample Ministry Partner Evaluation Form

See “Choosing Ministry Partners and Projects on page 4 for more information.

Ministry Partner Evaluation Form

The purpose of this tool is to help church leadership and staff objectively assess current and potential ministry partners. By understanding the strength of the partnership (or potential partnership), we are better able to make decisions about resource allocations of finances, staff time, lay resources, communications, etc.

Objective: _____

Ministry Partner: _____

Evaluation Date: _____

Evaluator(s): _____

To the best of your ability, use the scale provided (1-3) to rate the partner in each of the criteria area. If you do not know, leave blank. It is recommended that multiple people participate in the rating/evaluation if multiple people know the partner (or potential partner).

Criteria	Description	Scale	Rating	Contact Info	Service Opps
Service Opportunities	Does the organization accommodate significant service opportunities for our body (e.g., individuals, community groups, and large groups)?	1 - Limited service opportunities for large groups and large range of skills; 2 - Can accommodate mix of groups and individuals with specific skills; 3 - Can accommodate many opportunities for range of group sizes and skills			
Skills Alignment	Does the organization's needs align with the resource capabilities within our body?	1 - Limited service opportunities that overlap with our body's gifts, talents, and experience; 2 - Reasonable level of service opportunities that overlap with our body's gifts, talents, and experience; 3 - Strong alignment between the organization's needs and our body's gifts talents, and experience			
Organizational Leadership	Do we know and trust the organization's leadership?	1 - We do not know the organization's leadership team; 2 - We have met and interacted with the organization's leadership team and perceive that they are Christ-followers, competent, and committed to biblically based leadership and ministry; 3 - We have met and interacted with the organization's leadership team and we perceive that they are Christ-followers, competent, and committed leadership working with this Christ-following, competent, and committed leadership team.			
Lay Leadership	Is there a member from our congregation willing to lead our efforts with this ministry partner?	1 - There is limited/no member involvement in this ministry; 2 - There is member involvement in this ministry but no one willing to take the leadership role for relationship and opportunity management; 3 - There is a member who is willing, able, and competent to function as the leader/point person for this relationship and help coordinate resources, service opportunities, etc.			
Alignment of Vision, Mission, Philosophies	Does the published and practical mission, vision, and purpose of this ministry align with our vision, mission, and purpose? Is their philosophy of ministry consistent with ours?	1 - There is limited overlap between their core vision/mission/philosophy and our vision/mission/philosophy; 2 - There is commensal overlap between their core vision/mission/philosophy and our vision/mission/philosophy; 3 - There is close alignment between their vision/mission/philosophy and our vision/mission/philosophy.			
Impact Potential	Do we perceive or know of a high level of impact for our people and God's Kingdom? Will this ministry help us accomplish our externally focused goals of mobilizing the body and maximizing kingdom impact in our community?	1 - Low level of impact potential; 2 - Moderate level of impact potential; 3 - High level of impact potential.			
Evangelism Opportunities	Are there opportunities for the Gospel to be presented? Are our good needs accompanied by the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ?	1 - No opportunity for Gospel presentation; 2 - Opportunity for Gospel presentation; 3 - Explicit plan/purpose to present Gospel			
Follow Up	Does the ministry have a means to follow up with people impacted/moved in the service opportunity? Is there lasting impact of our investment through follow up opportunities with people ministered to?	1 - No follow up opportunities; 2 - Some follow-up available; 3 - Intentional plan/process for follow-up			
Geography	Is it accessible to our people?	1 - It is accessible to a small % of our body; 2 - It is accessible/feasible for a large percentage of our body; 3 - It is accessible/feasible for all of our body.			

Score 0

18 to 27	→	Level 1 Partner	→
9 to 17	→	Level 2 Partner	→
0 to 8	→	Level 3 Partner	→

financial support, leadership involvement (elder/director), staff support, facility usage, all publications (enews, announcements, bulletin, etc.), prayer support, recruiting for lay support, prayer support potential finance support, recruiting for lay support, limited staff support, some publication, prayer support publish information (website, service opportunities brochure), prayer support

Sample Project Information Form

CIA Project Application (October 2-3, 2010)

Our annual event, Compassion in Action, was created to give the people of _____ (church name) the opportunity to get their feet wet, to roll up their sleeves on one weekend in an effort to experience what it means to love on the community. Last year we engaged over 6,000 people in this day of serving in projects anywhere from neighborhood food drives, to home renovation, to assisted living/nursing home resident visits. We anticipate even larger numbers this year, and could not pull this off without you!

Project Leader:		
Leader email:	Leader daytime phone:	
Proposed Project:		
Organization:		
Proposed Project/Description:		
Site address:		
Number of Volunteers Needed:	Minimum:	Maximum:
Indoor or Outdoors (circle one)	Child Friendly? (or minimum age requirement)	
Media friendly? Yes or No		
Are any supplies/tools provided by the project site? Yes or No (circle one)		
Will this project require supplies? If so, how will it be funded? All supplies procurement is the responsibility of the project leader.		
Additional Comments:		

At Perimeter Church, we partner within a 12 mile radius and around the world to transform to those most in need. We are changing lives by giving ourselves away, and in the process, we find we are changed and experience the full life Jesus promised. All project leaders will be expected to attend an orientation session in mid-September, to be announced. Thank you for your willingness to lead a project for CIA 2010!

Sample Registration Form

Compassion in Action 2010

Children Kindergarten and up

Adult
Name(s)*: _____ Name: _____ Age: _____

Phone*: (_____) _____ - _____ Name: _____ Age: _____

Email 1*: _____ Name: _____ Age: _____

Email 2: _____ Name: _____ Age: _____

Please indicate your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices from the list of projects. We will make every effort to accommodate your first choice. You will be notified via email by the leader of the project to which you are assigned.

#1: _____ #2: _____ #3: _____

** required fields*

- I would like to pledge \$ _____ toward Compassion in Action projects
- I would like to donate blood at _____ (pick a 15 minute time slot)

Special Note to Coordinator _____

Donations Needed

Books, Current magazines, Puzzle books, Children's books, Craft supplies, Wash clothes, Cotton fabric 1 yard, Pillow stuffing, Ziploc bags, Gently used clothing, Small appliances, Cleaning supplies including broom and dust pan, mops, irons, ironing boards, paper towels, toilet paper (package of 4), toilet brush, sponges (1 with scrub side 2 regular), 13 gallon trash bags, window cleaner, all purpose cleaner, oven cleaner, furniture polish, soft scrub cleaner without bleach, dishwasher soap, dishwashing liquid soap, laundry soap and laundry basket.

Sample CIA Projects and Descriptions

Avonlea on the River Fall Festival

Duluth

Saturday, October 3

12:00 pm-3:00 pm

15 volunteer slots



Avonlea on the River Apartment ministry works with seniors, children and families. Our purpose is to show Christ through serving others. **Volunteers** will help with the music, food and drinks, pumpkin decorating contest, crafts, moonwalk and face painting. This is a family friendly project. The project is located at 6015 State Bridge Rd Duluth, GA 30097.

Berkeley Lake Elementary School--Bless a Teacher Bags

Berkeley Lake

Saturday, October 3

10:00 am-12:00 pm

20 volunteer slots



10 and up

Berkeley Lake Elementary is a Gwinnett County Elementary School. Volunteers will meet in the school cafeteria to assemble bags, write thank you notes and then distribute them to the classrooms. This is a family friendly project, and children need to be 10 years or older. The school is located at 4300 South Berkeley Lake Rd. Berkeley Lake, GA 30096.

Chattahoochee Elementary School-Landscaping

Duluth

Saturday, October 3

9:00 am-12:00 pm

30 volunteer slots



5 and up

Chattahoochee Elementary School is a Gwinnett County Public School in the Duluth High cluster. **Volunteers** will perform general landscaping/clearing of the area around the school, cleaning of plastic playground equipment, and painting on the blacktop (please adults only for painting). This is a family friendly project and children need to be at least 5 years of age. Please bring buckets, gardening tools, rakes, hose, etc. This project is located at 2930 Albion Farm Rd. Duluth, GA 30097.

Grocery Store Food Drive-Center Stage Kroger

Norcross

Saturday, October 3

10:00am-12:00pm, 12:00pm-2:00pm, 2:00pm-4:00pm, 4:00pm-5:00pm

6 volunteer slots per time period, (4 with vans for last shift)



5 and up

This food drive will benefit the Norcross Co-op, a ministry dedicated to provide emergency assistance to families in the city of Norcross and the Gwinnett County. **Volunteers** will hand out lists of needed items to shoppers entering the store and ask them to purchase one or two items on the list to donate. Each of the first three shifts has 6 volunteer slots, and the last shift require 2 vans to load the donated food to take to the Norcross co-op. This is a family friendly project and children 5 years of age or older are welcome to participate. This project is located at 6050 Peachtree Parkway Norcross, GA 30092. It is 6 miles south of Perimeter Church.

Gwinnett Youth Detention Center – Paint a Mural

Lawrenceville

Sunday, October 4

12:30pm-5:30pm

Perimeter has a thriving 20 year ministry to the youth that are incarcerated in Gwinnett County. **Volunteers** will help paint a mural in the recreation room at the Gwinnett County Youth Detention Center located at 650 Hi Hope Lane, Lawrenceville, GA 30043. Some artistic ability is a plus, but not necessary. Neatness and attention to detail is strongly desired. All participants must be 21 years of age or older in compliance with the detention center's regulations. All supplies will be provided. Wear clothing that is suitable for painting.

Home Repair Projects

Various

Saturday, October 3

50 volunteer slots



Home Repairs Ministries (HRM) seeks to meet the needs of widows, single moms, elderly and disabled homeowners by assisting with maintenance and repair projects. HRM also serves other local non-profits. Teams serve without regard to people's religious background, in order to pass along the love of Christ in word and deed. HRM works to help churches organize home repair teams. Projects are sponsored by several churches and volunteers are encouraged to sign up to work on another church's project. Both skilled and unskilled people are needed but must be over 10 years old. Project leaders will provide information about tools needed, where/when to report, expected duration, etc. Contact Harvey Anderson

Neighborhood Food Drives

Various Locations and Dates (Up Pick the Date and Time)



OUR BIGGEST NEED THIS CIA WEEKEND IS FOR FOOD DRIVES – PLEASE CONSIDER THIS PROJECT FOR YOUR FAMILY OR SMALL GROUP. “As Christ followers, we believe that reaching out to our community, friends and neighbors is a way of life. Loving people the way Jesus loves people means serving them and pointing them to the One who can meet all their needs. **Volunteers** will plan a food drive in your neighborhood. Help our local co-ops stock their empty shelves with food for the families they are assisting. Serve the community and meet your neighbors at the same time. We will provide you with flyers to distribute in your neighborhood and yard signs to put up in your entrances. Invite your family and neighborhoods to join you in passing out the flyers and collecting the donations. For a starter packet on how to organize a Neighborhood Food Drive contact

Norcross Cooperative Ministry—Serving Sack Lunches to Gwinnett County Homeless

Starts in Johns Creek and ends in Norcross

Saturday, October 3

10:00 am-1:00 pm

12 volunteer slots

4 and up



The mission of Norcross Cooperative Ministry is to provide emergency assistance to families in crisis utilizing the resources of the community. **Volunteers** will meet at Perimeter Church located at 9500 Medlock Bridge Road, Duluth, GA 30097 where we will make sack lunches for children who are homeless and living in the Norcross Extended Stay Hotel. After the lunches are made, the group will travel to the facility and deliver a lunch and a children's activity to every child in the hotel. The extended stay hotel is located near Jimmy Carter in Norcross, GA. This is a family friendly project and children 4 years or older may participate.

Plantation South – “Islands Experience”

Duluth

Saturday, October 3

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

10 Volunteer slots

Plantation South provides care for the elderly who can no longer live by themselves. With over 10 years of service to the seniors of the Duluth area, Plantation South Duluth is "Assisted Living with a Difference." A Not-for-Profit community, Plantation South Duluth combines the intimacy and flexibility of a small community with a level of professionalism that creates the best of both worlds. **Volunteers** will serve residents of Plantation South by having a luau for them. This is a relational project building on friendships already established there by our widows. It includes music, light luau refreshments, Hawaiian leis, and a gift bag for them. Plantation South is at 3450 Duluth Park Lane in Duluth.

Salvation Army – Scavenger Hunt

Lawrenceville

Saturday, October 3

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Unlimited volunteers

The Salvation Army's Home Sweet Home Gwinnett program seeks to reach out to newly homeless families or those at risk of imminent homelessness from the Gwinnett county area and lead them not only to stable housing and self-sufficiency but also lead them to Christ. On Saturday we will challenge **volunteer** families to shop garage sales, clean out their closets for gently used or even new household items and take their finds (treasures to those moving from homelessness to an apartment) and drop them off at the Salvation Army Gwinnett located at 3455 Sugarloaf Parkway Lawrenceville, GA 30044 between 9:00am-3:00pm. You will then be able to participate in some of the other activities going on at the Salvation Army that day or just drop off your items to help families get started again. If your group or family would like to participate in this event, Community Outreach will give each group who signs up \$25.00 to purchase as many items as they can for this project. Most needed items are kitchen items, small appliances, dishes, silverware, linens, household cleaning supplies, laundry items, and small household items.

Sleep Well Tonight--Knotted Blankets for the Homeless

Duluth

Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4

Saturday 10:00 am-12:00pm and Sunday 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

75 volunteer slots each time period



Sleep Well Tonight is a Christian based non-profit ministry whose mission is to provide sleeping bags, blankets, pillows and quilts to the homeless to help them ‘sleep well tonight’. We work with churches and organizations to hold donation drives to collect these items. All items are distributed to homeless shelters in metro Atlanta. **Volunteers** will be making knotted blankets and packing them together with a Bible and a hand written card for distribution into our community. This is a family friendly project and children of all ages are welcome to participate. Volunteers are asked to each bring two 2 yard pieces of fleece or one 4 yard piece of fleece. All volunteers are encouraged to bring in donations of sleeping bags, blankets, and quilts. The project is located at Perimeter Church 9500 Medlock Bridge Rd. Duluth, GA 30097.

Unite! Church Contacts

Planning Service Projects Together

Churches are encouraged to plan service projects together. For contact information on Unite! churches that will be participating in Compassion in Action Weekend, go to www.UniteUs.org or

contact Heidi Hooper at heidih@perimeter.org

Participating Churches include:

12Stone Church, All Saints Catholic Church, Atlanta Vineyard, Big Creek Church, Chapel of Christian Love, Chattahoochee Christian, Church of the Hills Presbyterian, CrossBridge Church (Marietta), Destiny Church (Buford), Destiny Metropolitan Church (Marietta), Dogwood Church, Dunwoody Baptist Church, Dunwoody Community Church, Duluth First Baptist, East Cobb Presbyterian, Elizabeth Baptist Church, Ellenwood Church,

Epic Faith, Full Circle Ministries, Grace Church of Gwinnett, Grace Community Presbyterian, Harmony Grove UMC, Hopewell Missionary Baptist, International House of Prayer, Johnson Ferry Baptist, Kingswood United Methodist, La Iglesia Comunidad Cristiana (Roswell), Liberty Baptist Church, Lilburn Alliance Church, Living Faith Church, McKendree United Methodist, Midway Macedonia Baptist, Mount Paran North Church of God, Mount Pisgah United Methodist, New Beginnings Fellowship, New Birth Missionary Baptist, New Church of Atlanta (Korean), Northeast Community Church, North Avenue Presbyterian, North River Community Church, Northside Family Worship, Norcross United Methodist, Old Peachtree Presbyterian, Open Door Church, Open Table Community Church, Peachtree Corners Christian Church, Peachtree Presbyterian, Perimeter Church, Providence Missionary Baptist, Raise His Praise, ReGen Fellowship, Roswell UMC, Shadowbrook Church (Suwanee), Simonton Baptist Church (Snellville), Snellville United Methodist, St. James Lutheran, St. Luke's Presbyterian, Sugar Hill First Baptist, Trinity Life Church, Victory World Church, and World Fellowship Church International

For a complete listing of Unite! Churches and a link to their websites,

go to www.UniteUs.org.