AFRICAN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
ACF-USA



ACF CHAPTER GROWTH

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BASED ON FEED BACK FROM…

- ACF LEADERS
- INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS
- THE SURVEY INSTRUMENT

TO REMAIN RELEVANT

It Has Become Imperative, That We Re-Evaluate The Nature And Quality Of Our Programs. The Survival And Future Viability Of Our Organization Might Depend On This

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- THE STATEMENT OF PROGRAM QUALITY
- COMPENDIUM OF SUGGESTED ACF PROGRAMS
- PROGRAM METHODOLOGY
- SAMPLE SIX MONTHS PROGRAM SCHEDULE
- SAMPLE PROGRAMMING TEMPLATE
- STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO PROGRAM EXECUTION.

STATEMENT ON QUALITY OF ACF PROGRAMS

- CHOICE OF SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS
- VENUE
- PUBLICITY
- TIMELINESS
- PROGRAM LEADERS
- PROGRAMS DOCUMENTATION
- FERVENT PRAYER

COMPENDIUM OF SUGGESTED ACF PROG.

FAMILY LIFE

- Family & Communication
- Family & Forgiveness
- What I Wish I Knew Before Marriage
- Healing the Family
- Time Management/attending extracurricular activities (sports, soccer, music)
- Women's Forum/ Men's Forum
- Conflict Management
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SUGGESTED ACF PROGRAMS CONT.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

- Communication in the Workplace
  - Corporate Politics
  - Basics of Networking
- Leadership development
- Career Choices & Cultural Influences (i.e. priorities in career development, intergenerational, family responsibilities)
- Retirement/Retirement Issues



SUGGESTED ACF PROGRAMS CONT.

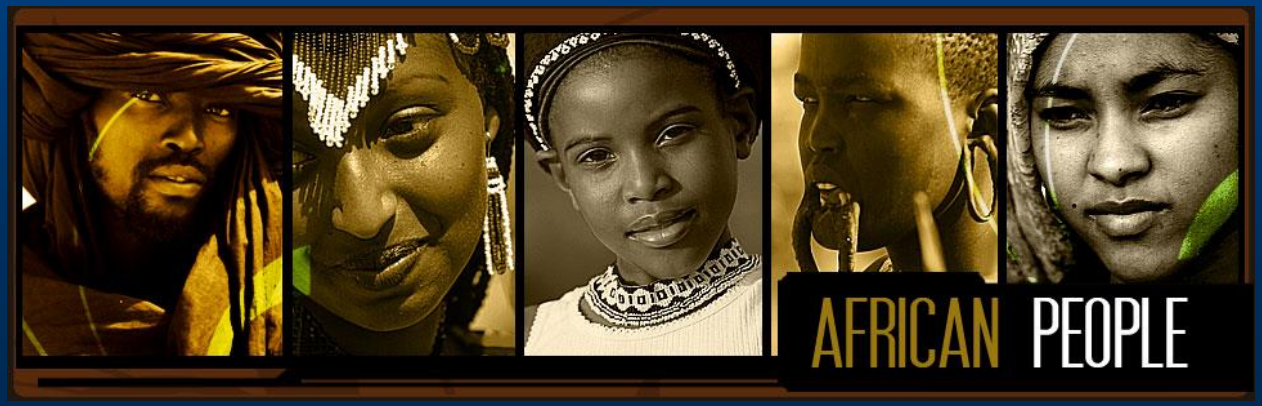
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- Creating Family Budget/Agreeing On Family Finances
- Investments Here & Homeland (prioritizing, saving for college)
- Western Union/Money Gram Etc
- Managing Your Debt: Credit Cards, Mortgage etc
- Retirement
- Building An Inheritance
- Fund Raising

SUGGESTED ACF PROGRAMS CONT.

DIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT

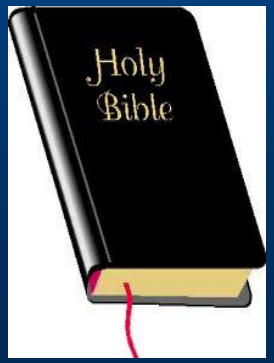
- Growing Membership Diversity
- Diversity Sensitivity Workshops
- Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner For PASTORS On Diversity .



SUGGESTED ACF PROGRAMS CONT.

HEALTH

- The Bible, Nutrition & Health
- Health Awareness
- Dental Health
- Childhood Diabetes: The New Phenomenon
- The Truth About Exercise







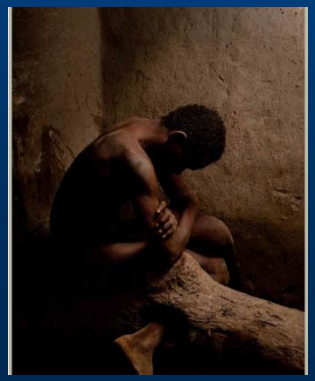




SUGGESTED ACF PROGRAMS CONT.

HEALTH CONT.

- Emotional Influences On Health
- Obesity In America
- Men's Health / Women's Health / Children's Health
- Mental Health: Dealing With Stress
- Aging & Health
- Common Diseases Of People Of African Ancestry.





SUGGESTED ACF PROGRAMS CONT.

EDUCATION

- Practical Knowledge Of African Traditions
- Cross Cultural Communications
- The College Years: Experienced Parents Speak
- What Your Local Community Offers / Becoming A Part of Your Community.









SUGGESTED ACF PROGRAMS CONT.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- The Economy of Africa
- How Does Micro Credit Work?
- The Church & Economic Development
- Building A Cooperative
- The Biblical Basis For Economic Development In The Church
- Who Is Doing What In Africa?



SUGGESTED ACF PROGRAMS CONT.

ADVOCACY FOR AFRICAN ISSUES

- The Trafficking Of Women/Children
- How Big Is The AIDS/HIV Crisis?
- The Leadership Crisis
- Child Abductions In Africa
- Street Children & Africa's Future
- The State Of Education In Africa



SUGGESTED ACF PROGRAMS CONT.

SPIRITUAL ISSUE

- Church History: Where Did We Come From?
- Africans In The Bible: The Case For Christianity
- Bible Study
- Talk/Speech

SUGGESTED ACF PROGRAMS CONT.

YOUTH

- The American Youth Culture
- The Youth & ACF: Is There A Future?
- The Identity Crisis
- Intentional Teaching Of Culture
- What Are They Talking About?



PROGRAM METHODOLOGY

- PANEL
- BIBLE STUDIES
- SPEECHES/TALK
- CASE STUDY METHODS
- MUSICAL FESTIVAL
- DRAMA
- ROLE PLAYING
- ROLE REVERSAL
- OPEN FORUM (Q & A) / TOWN HALL
- FILM/MOVIE
- SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS
- WEBCASTS
- BANQUET (Dinner/Luncheon/Breakfast Meeting)
- CELEBRATION (AFRICAN OR COUNTRY DAY)
- LOVE FEAST
- PICNIC
- CONFERENCE

AFRICAN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP USA
Sample six Months Schedule

AFRICAN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Sample Six Months Schedule

MONTH 1	MONTH 2	MONTH 3	MONTH 4	MONTH 5	MONTH 6
Monthly Theme: **Family Life** Core Value: **Building the ACF Family**	Monthly Theme: **Finances** Core Value: **Building the ACF Family**	Monthly Theme: **ACF's Youth** Core Value: **Passing the Legacy**	Monthly Theme: **African Advocacy** Core Value: **Reconnecting w/ the Continent**	Monthly Theme: **Career Dev.** Core Value: **Building the ACF Family**	Monthly Theme: **Becoming Diverse** Core Value: **Building Bridges**
WEEK 1 "Communication in the Family"	**WEEK 1** "Creating A Family Budget"	**WEEK 1** Bible Study:	**WEEK 1** Pray for Mission & Missionaries	**WEEK 1** "Career Choices & Cultural Influences"	**WEEK 1** Pray for ACF Diversity & Sensitivity
WEEK 2 "Conflict Management"	**WEEK 2** Pray for African Country:	**WEEK 2** "The Identity Crisis"	**WEEK 2** "HIV/AIDS in Africa"	**WEEK 2** "Communication in the Workplace"	**WEEK 2** "Diversity Sensitivity Workshop"
WEEK 3 Bible Study:	**WEEK 3** "Investing Here & Homeland"	**WEEK 3** "The Youth & ACF: Is there a Future	**WEEK 3** "Street Children & Africa's Future"	**WEEK 3** "Leadership Development"	**WEEK 3** "Practical Ways to Grow Membership & Diversity"
WEEK 4 "What I Wish I Knew Before Marriage"	**WEEK 4** "Retirement & Finances/ Building An Inheritance"	**WEEK 4** "The American Youth Culture"	**WEEK 4** "Those Making A Change in Africa"	**WEEK 4** Bible Study:	**WEEK 4** Dinner: Pastors & Dignitaries from different churches and countries

Sample Programming Template

Topic: "Communication in the Family"

Program Materials: May need handout or outlined notes

Expertise:

- Christian Counselor, Experienced Christian Family Psychologist
- Well known speaker who specializes in the area of communication
  - What will it take to bring that person?
  - What church or organization is bringing that speaker? (and piggy back off of them)

Presentation Methods:

- Case Study
- Role Playing
- Town Hall

Content Development:

- Immediate Family
  Appropriate and effective communication between couples
  Modeling communication to children
  Effective communication between siblings
  Gender differences in communication
  Communication about others
- ACF Extended Family
  Communication sensitivity to diversity (ethnicity, professionally, intergenerational etc.)
  Communication styles
  Conflict Resolution

Expected Outcome:

- Impact on Marriage
- Impact on Fellowshipping
- Impact on Parenting

Measures of Success:
Light Conflict Survey - that produces feedback on what skills they have learned to communicate better or resolve conflict internally in the family and externally in the ACF fellowship

"Step By Step" Program Planning Guide

Step 1 Assess the needs of the fellowship
Needs: _____

Step 2 Select Topic, Date and Appropriate Venue
Topic: _____
Date: _____
Venue: _____

Step 3 Prepare and Distribute Publicity Materials
___ Externally
___ Internally

Step 4 Decide Presentation Format and Discuss with Speaker
Presentation Format(s): _____

Step 5 Research Speakers
Resource I: _____
Resource II: _____
Resource III: _____

"Step By Step" Program Planning Guide

Step 6 Decide on Speaker

Speaker's Name: _____

Step 7 Extend invitation (no less than 4 weeks prior to program)

Speakers Contact Information:

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Step 8 Select Moderator

Moderator's Name: _____

Step 9 Arrange for Necessary Recording Equipment

Equipment Needed:

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Step 10 Choose Evaluation Tool

Tool: _____

WHAT IS IT THAT ATTRACTED YOU TO ACF?

- Discussions: How Can We Improve On Those Things?
- African Praise and Worship?