

How to Create Your own: **Christian Citizenship Team in Your Local Church**

I. Educate Yourself!

- a. Understand importance of Christian Citizenship
- b. Understand legal guidelines for what a Church can and can't do
- c. Catch a vision for what your group could look like
- d. Pray!!

II. How to Establish a Committee

- a. Seek permission and blessing from the Pastor
- b. Identify a team of people ready to take action
 - i. Make sure everyone starting on same page: Who, What, When, Where & Why; also make sure they understand Biblical reasoning for Citizenship Engagement and why and how this team can impact their church and community
 - ii. Who are the leaders? Who is responsible for what?
 1. For example: Someone to monitor public policy and cultural happenings/issues church members might be interested in
 2. Event coordinator
 3. Communications: Manage email list/newsletter information
- c. Pick a name
- d. Develop a Mission Statement
- e. Set up goals: long term & short term
- f. Set a regular time for meetings
- g. Who are the leaders? Who is responsible for what?
- h. Address how you will recruit "members"
- i. Make sure everyone on message and talking from same 'glossary': it's about servant hood; it's not about partisan politics or issues, but about responsible Christian citizenship; operate from Biblical worldview perspective

III. Subjects for Committee to Monitor

- a. Life issues: abortion, embryonic stem cell research, elderly care
- b. Marriage: one man, one woman marriage
- c. Decency/Pornography
- d. Taking care of poor and homeless

IV. Pieces to distribute to your church family

- a. Flyers "advertising" your group and why they should be involved
- b. CTV or other non-profit organizational brochures
- c. Prayer flyer: leaders, issues to pray for

V. Programs/Events you can host or present

- a. *Greatest Story Never Told* presentation (CTV offers)
- b. American Heritage weekly seminar (6 week time period)
- c. Biblical Worldview Training Seminar
- d. Focus on the Family's *The Truth Project*
- e. *Citizens in Action* Grassroots Training
- f. Adult Ambassador League - day long conference
- g. Bring in a special speaker
- h. Choose a special issue and create an event around the issue
- i. Meet the Candidate night