

CORPS/CENTER BANQUET

PURPOSE

It is suggested that every corps/center hold a banquet. This banquet should be a time of great celebration, the culmination of your World Services 2016 emphasis.

You will have concluded your Ingathering and four weeks of Scripture lessons, leading the way to celebrate Jesus's teaching on God's Kingdom Banquet. This event can serve as a memorable illustration for your people of God's Kingdom Banquet.

This should not be a closed "members only" event. The idea is to encourage soldiers, friends and beneficiaries to actively invite "others" (new people and families who can enjoy a meal with them). You see the newcomers will no longer be outsiders. They have been invited to the banquet! If your corps/center does community feeding, you may want to invite the participation of these persons.

PLAN AND PROMOTE

This banquet should be advertised on your corps/center schedule so your people are anticipating the occasion. Corps/center dinners are not unusual, but this one provides a teaching opportunity and concludes the World Services effort.

Promote this event as an international banquet to create interest.

Make it extra special. Involve a team to plan the meal, make specialty items and decorate in such a way that everyone notices the distinctive touches.

The World Services packet includes a template for creating an invitation that you and your people can use to invite newcomers. Make up your invitations and put them in the hands of your people well in advance of the banquet. Remember, it is all right if the first time new people come is for the banquet!

RECIPES

Recipes from our Partner in Mission territories are provided in the World Services packet. Ask people to prepare these unique menu items. Be sure to identify the countries they represent when they are served.

Perhaps some in your group have recipes of dishes that are popular in other countries. They may want to prepare them and in that way you can expand the international offerings at the meal. Make it an international banquet, and again, identify the countries.

PROGRAM IDEAS

- Share the "Let's Celebrate Today" devotional that is included in your packet, concluding the 2016 World Services effort.
- Invite a speaker who has served in other countries or someone who has been on a mission trip who can tell about the country they visited.
- Tell the story of "Others – Trade for Hope" and show their YouTube videos describing the unique program.
- Use talent from your Corps/Center to share musical items from other countries.
- Announce the results of the World Service Ingathering and effort.

MAKE IT MEMORABLE

- Plan for a group photo at the event. This will tie into the lessons from the Week 4 sermon, which focused on, "The Kingdom Celebration."
- Take pictures of your banquet event in progress.
- Take pictures of the person who brought the most new people along with all the people they invited.
- Post pictures on the territorial God's Kingdom Banquet Facebook page.