

## Appendix B

# *Ten Suggested Steps for Total Church Involvement*

This material was created by one Steering Committee of a large city-wide prayer rally. Although it doesn't parallel exactly the flow of suggestions in the Manual, your Network Leaders may find it helpful as they make contacts with pastors and Key Leaders in local congregations.

**1. Reserve the Date.** Make sure that the date for the Concert of Prayer, \_\_\_\_\_, is marked on the church calendar. Try to protect this date in order to insure total church involvement.

**2. Name Your Key Contact.** Name one key person to head up the involvement of your church in the city-wide Concert of Prayer. This can be a staff person or a lay person.

**3. Outline Pastoral Involvement.** Determine how your pastoral staff can help make your church's participation a success.

**4. Secure Board Involvement.** Another way to increase the importance of this prayer event is to secure Board action, making it an official program of the church.

**5. Name Section Leaders.** Naming Section Leaders will spread the recruiting responsibilities throughout the whole church. Use recruiting materials available from the Concert of Prayer Network Leader or Steering Committee.

**6. Put Up Posters.** Posters are a continual reminder of the importance of this call to prayer. They will also encourage people to pray for this event over the coming months.

**7. Distribute Flyers.** Flyers can be inserted into bulletins or mailed to church members. Use them soon and again closer to the actual event. Flyers are available at no charge from the Concerts of Prayer Steering Committee.

**8. Recruit Prayer Groups.** Recruiting prayer groups is at the heart of the entire recruitment program. Section leaders are responsible for finding four groups of six people. We call these groups of six “huddles”. Four huddles or 24 people make up a section.

**9. Involve Groups in Pre-Event Prayer.** As groups or huddles are formed, they should be encouraged to meet together to pray for the event beforehand, asking God to pour out a special blessing on the Church in this area.

**10. Assist in Transportation.** Buses, vans, and car-pools will help get people to the Concert of Prayer event.

Additional Suggestions for Involving Your Church in the City-Wide Concert of Prayer Rally:

**1.** Select a prayer leader for every group in your church—including youth, children, music, men’s ministry, women’s ministry, etc. Ask each leader to find others within the congregation to pray for these specific ministries and who will also attend the Concert of Prayer to join thousands of others in prayer.

**2.** Set a high attendance goal for your church, at least a third of the active congregation. Post a chart on the church bulletin board, with a thermometer. As people are recruited, register the rising numbers on the thermometer.

**3.** Make this a year of prayer for your congregation. Begin this new prayer emphasis with the city-wide Concert of Prayer event.

**4.** Begin a family prayer emphasis in your church. Encourage each family to set aside time to pray together. Use the family as one of the basic groups for recruiting prayer huddles and sections. Encourage families to sit together and pray together.

**5.** Hold a church-wide prayer rally prior to the city-wide Concert of Prayer. Perhaps you can join with two or three other churches in your area for a joint prayer meeting on a Sunday evening.

**6.** Introduce a morning worship service with a “mini” Concert of Prayer, 15-20 minutes long. Choose three or four people to lead prayer from the front. Have people pray in groups of two or three, and in huddles of five or six. Mix all of this with appropriate music. Remember, the focus of our prayers should be personal and corporate spiritual renewal, and local and global witness.

**7.** The Concert of Prayer Steering Committee has a video training tape, along with a videotape of an actual Concert of Prayer event. Borrow these tapes to encourage and inform the Section Leaders from your congregation.

**8.** Set up a book table in the church foyer with materials on prayer. Have some for sale or loan and make sure they are mentioned from the pulpit.

**9.** Your congregation would benefit from some solid teaching on prayer. Perhaps several sermons could be built around this topic just before the Concert of Prayer rally.

**10.** Many excellent materials on prayer are available at local Christian bookstores. *The Hope at Hand*, written by David Bryant, the president of *Concerts of Prayer International* fully explains the current united prayer movement and how God is using it to prepare the Church for global awakening. If you can't find a copy at your bookstore, you can order it by calling the *Concerts of Prayer International* office at: 908.771.0146.