

Proposed Script for Making Church Contacts

Introduce yourself.

My name is _____, a member* of the POINT network of _____ Presbytery. (*Change this intro and subsequent pronouns if someone else is making these calls for you.)

State the purpose of your call.

I am calling today to offer my assistance as your POINT representative. POINT team members are volunteers who are trained and willing to help your congregation with its educational ministry. May I obtain some information that will help me assist you? If you cannot answer these questions, is there someone else that I can speak to or contact?

Ask the following questions and record the information for each church.

Who is the person in your congregation responsible for planning the Christian education ministry? The pastor? A Christian education director? An elder? Volunteers? A youth director? May I have the names, phone numbers, or e-mails to contact them to offer support for their educational ministry? If not, will you pass along my name and contact information for their information and convenience? I am excited to learn more about your church's vision for Christian education?

When you are speaking to the person who is most knowledgeable about the educational ministry of the church, ask these or other questions?

How does your church define Christian education and set goals for educational ministry?

What educational opportunities does your congregation offer for children, youth, and adults? When are classes offered and how are the groups/studies organized? What is the average attendance for each group or program?

How are materials for study selected? What curriculum do you currently use?

Can you tell me one outstanding thing that happened in education in your church this past year? If so, may I have permission to share your success in my POINT newsletter?

Conclude the conversation with the following:

Introduce odtd.net/openingdoorstodiscipleship.com free online training courses, giving the denominational login number.

Give denominational Web site addresses, such as pcusa.org/curriculum, pcusastore.com, pcusa.org/education, and pcusa.org/point. E-mail these addresses and more information to them.

Ask for suggestions of educational events, their questions or feedback on resources, or educational ministry ideas that worked well at their church.

Leave your name/contact information and the names of other representatives in the area. Ask them to contact you in the future with their educational questions or ideas.

Thank the person for their time and encourage them to call or email you anytime.