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**It's Not Too Late!**

Dear Pastor,

This current legislative session is winding down. By the end of this month, legislators will be spending more time back home “in district” than at the Capitol. The good news is, it’s not too late—you can still connect with them.

While we definitely DO want and need pastors at the Capitol on a regular basis to meet with and pray for legislators, we have always envisioned that you would also invest in getting to know them when they are at home. Remember, the goal here is to develop authentic redemptive relationships. That doesn’t happen in a once-a-year meeting at the Capitol. That is just one good step along the way.

Here are a few ideas for connecting with your state representative and/or state senator when (s)he is “in district.”

- Call your legislator’s office and ask to have your legislator contact you. When your legislator calls you, ask if you can meet somewhere for coffee or lunch. (If the legislator is a female, we encourage you to take your wife). Pray with him/her before you leave. Give him/her your contact information.
- Here is an even more radical idea (but please clear it with your wife first!): When the legislator calls you back, invite them to your home for a meal. You could invite the person’s spouse and children as well. You could have your assistant or some other leader in your church join you. Pray with the legislator and whoever comes with him/her before they leave. Do NOT bring politics or issues into this visit. Provide it as a retreat to the legislator and his/her family, as a way of thanking them for their service.
- If your legislator does townhall meetings, show up to one of those. If you plan to attend a townhall, get in touch with your legislator’s office and offer to give a public prayer for the meeting before it starts. Meet with the legislator for a few minutes after the meeting to pray with and for him/her.
- If you have direct contact with the legislator, invite him/her to attend your church. If they come, you can introduce them, and publicly encourage your church family to be praying for them, and do so yourself, in appropriate ways, right then, from the pulpit. Follow up with a letter thanking them for being with you in your service. Prepare your people ahead of time by reminding them that church is not the time to accost the legislator about his/her political positions. It is a time to demonstrate the love of Jesus.
- Choose one of your statewide officials, reach out to his/her office, and ask for a call back. When they call back, let them know that you have been and are praying for them. Ask if they have any concerns they would like you to pray for. Pray with him/her on the phone. Ask if you can have their direct number so that you could call them once a month and pray for them. Give them your direct number and invite them to call you anytime they want prayer. Be careful to follow through.



Our elected officials are not more important than our next-door neighbors, nor are they less important. In reality, I believe they are a neglected mission field. Those who are believers need our encouragement. Those who are not believers need our engagement in their lives.

Yours for I Timothy 2:1-4,

Dave Lingle  
WFC Church Ambassador

PS: We are excited to announce that Wisconsin Family Council in partnership with Day Spring Church in Pewaukee is hosting a Supreme Court Candidate Forum as an effort to inform Christians in particular about the state supreme court candidates who are on the April 7th ballot. The Forum is Monday evening, March 16 at DaySpring Church in Pewaukee, from 7-8:30 p.m. More details can be found [HERE](#), along with a flyer you can download or share with your church family.



PSS: If you are in the Plover/Stevens Point area, please join us for our “2020 Vision” Community Event on Thursday, March 12th. Online registration and further details can be found [HERE](#).

PPS: For those who receive our monthly “Church Connection,” you will soon be receiving copies of Wisconsin Family Council’s **Supreme Court Voter Information Publication (VIP)** which has been revised and updated for the April 7 Spring General Election. We are sending you the same number of copies of the VIP as we send you for the “Church Connection.” If you do not receive our monthly publication, we will be sending you 20 copies of the revised/updated VIP. **In either case, if you need more, please let us know; we will get those out immediately.** Contact us by email at [dwestphall@wifamilycouncil.org](mailto:dwestphall@wifamilycouncil.org) or call 888-378-7395.