



TO SEE CHILDREN THRIVING IN  
SAFE AND LOVING FAMILIES

## In-Person Pledge Signing Event

### Preparation

- Make a guest list
- Determine a time, date, and location for your gathering
- Manage event logistics (e.g. microphone, technology, food and beverage, etc.)
- Decide if your event will utilize special speakers
- Invite your guests and special speakers to join you

### Sample Email for Meeting Invitation

[Church/Organization/Individual name] invites you to join us for an important event celebrating the importance of a family for every child! Please join us on [date] at [time] to learn about the *Global Church Pledge* to see children thriving in safe, loving families ([www.globalchurchpledge.com](http://www.globalchurchpledge.com)).

We'll share with you about why this topic is so important to [us/me] and invite you to join [us/me] in supporting the movement to see vulnerable children care for in safe, loving families.

Please RSVP to/at [insert information] by [insert date]  
[Signed],

### Logistics to Prepare

- Secure dates/location
- Send event invite to guests
- Ensure your organization is represented on the [Global Church Pledge](http://www.globalchurchpledge.com) website
- Choose your subject matter expert/invite, and calendar their time
- Prepare a document(s) for participants to sign (see sample signing sheet)
- Prepare your event logistics (audio-visual, tables/chairs, etc., guest arrival, signing experience)
- Ensure you have the Global Church Pledge promo video from website

- Prepare your speaker
- Prepare to share why family-based care matters to you/your organization

## Meeting Agenda

1. Record your meeting, if you're able, so you can share it with the Global Church Pledge facilitation team and others unable to join you
2. Welcome, introduce guests, and share why they were invited to join the meeting
3. Start by introducing the importance of family care
  - a. Take the opportunity to talk about why [you/your organization/your church] advocates for family care
  - b. Share a story that represents the importance of family care.
  - c. Have a family care expert or someone who has transitioned to family-based care share their insight and experience. Need help identifying someone? Email us at [info@globalchurchpledge.org](mailto:info@globalchurchpledge.org)
  - d. If applicable, share about progress that has been made in your church or organization in regard to care for children in families
4. Share how the Pledge was created:
 

*A group of Christian organizations gathered during the 2019 United Nations general assembly to discuss how we can accelerate our efforts to see Christians supporting children in safe, loving families around the world.*

*The [Global Church Pledge](#) was created as a result of the meeting.*
5. Read the Pledge:
 

*We believe God designed families as the best environment for children and young people to receive the love, belonging, and protection they need in order to flourish. Therefore, on behalf of vulnerable children around the world, we commit to support efforts which strengthen families, invest in family-based solutions, and combat the root causes of their vulnerability.*
6. Draw attention to the organizations who have already signed the Pledge
7. Share the promotional video from website: [globalchurchpledge.org](http://globalchurchpledge.org)
8. Invite guests to join you in committing to see children thriving in safe, loving families
9. Pass around signing sheet for guests to sign
10. Take photos while people are signing to email to [info@faithtoaction.org](mailto:info@faithtoaction.org)
11. Thank your guests and close in prayer
12. Post about the event on social media or in your newsletter using the Global Church Pledge Media Guide to assist you.
13. If guests signed on paper, send logos and/or names of signers to [info@globalchurchpledge.org](mailto:info@globalchurchpledge.org). Also send any photos or videos of the pledge signing event!