

## **Virtual Pledge Signing Event**

# Preparation

- Make guest list
- Determine a date and time for your virtual meeting
- Determine your platform for digital connection (Zoom, etc.)
- Invite your guests 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 virtually on [date] at [time] to learn about the *Global Church Pledge* to see children thriving in safe, loving families (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.

Meeting invite will be emailed to your inbox! [Signed]

### **Logistics to Prepare**

- Select and prepare virtual platform
- Ensure your church or organization is represented on the <u>Global Church Pledge</u> website (if applicable)
- Choose and invite a family care expert to present
- Prepare to share why you support family care
- Ensure you have The Global Church Pledge promotional video prepared from website
- Ability to share your screen with your virtual meeting tool

#### **Sample Meeting Agenda**

- 1. Record your meeting 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 <a href="info@globalchurchpledge.org">info@globalchurchpledge.org</a>
  - 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 <u>Global Church Pledge</u> was created as a result of the meeting.

- 5. Share your screen to show the Pledge website www.globalchurchpledge.com
- 6. 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.

- 7. Draw attention to the organizations who have already signed the Pledge.
- 8. Share the promotional video from website: globalchurchpledge.org
- 9. Invite guests to join you in committing to see children thriving in safe, loving families
- 10. Ask people to sign together through the website: www.globalchurchpledge.com
- 11. Take screenshots while people are signing to email to info@globalchurchpledge.org
- 12. Invite those signing to consider a few ways they can live out this commitment.
- 13. Thank your guests and close in prayer
- 14. Post about the event on social media or share in a newsletter using the Global Church Pledge Media Guide to assist you.
- 15. Send a screenshot and/or video of the pledge signing event to info@globalchurchpledge.org