

Things To Remember When Meeting/Talking With Owners/Managers

- Pray before, during, and after meetings.
- Remember building relationships takes time.
- Create a sense of community. It is one—if not the top—priority.
- Making short quality visits are more beneficial than long overdrawn meetings.
- Represent Christ but don't use church talk, your speech should let them know you respect their industry.
- Be up front about who you are and the church(es), association, et cetera you represent.
- Respect their time schedule. Seek a time between the tenth and twenty-sixth of the month.
- Learn about and keep in mind the unique stress and pressures of the multihousing industry.
- Don't criticize the multihousing industry, the specific community, or residents.
- Don't make assumptions about owners/managers being or not being a Christian.
- Don't make promises you can't keep.
- Let them know you will be praying for them and when feasible pray for them in their presence.
- *Communicate...Communicate...Communicate...

Frequently Asked Questions and Areas of Conversation that May Arise

Why do you want to start a church in my property?

Churches have always been a part of the fabric of local communities. As multihousing communities increasingly impact North America, we share the goal of having authentic communities. As such, we are committed to the values that bring about community. Our research has indicated that generally less than 10 percent of all multihousing residents go outside their place of living to attend faith-based churches. "The church" in reaching out to people and meeting needs should be wherever people are. When authentic community exists, there is an indigenous expression of church.

If one type of church is started, other religious groups must be allowed to start religious activities.

Owners/managers are not obligated to have anyone on their property. To share what one prominent manager said. "When we hire a painting company or pest control company; we only hire one company and it is not always the cheapest company. Relationship and tract record are of the up most importance. It is important to enjoin owners' and managers' goal to create community and be seen as part of their team. We must recognize and respect that we are guests and subject to the authority of owners/management.

Working with other groups.

We will work with another group as long as they are willing to work with us. Obviously, we could not work with people who are actively opposed to our beliefs. We are not about being competitive or combative with other religious groups that may wish to relate to residents and

should the results of our presence not be positive we will peacefully withdraw from the community.