

IDEAS FOR SHARING YOUR NARRATIVE BUDGET

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Spread your good news! Plan the strategy for sharing your congregation's narrative budget over the year. Consider any of the following ways of telling or sharing your good news:

1. Use posters and bulletin inserts that proclaim the ministry.
2. Highlight one ministry area a month, or feature a ministry area in weekly bulletins.
3. Have first-hand testimonials from the congregation to speak about the special ministry in which they are active. Be sure to include all groups and ages: children, youth, seniors, adults, etc.
4. Use the narrative budget in new member classes.
5. Make a video or a slide presentation based on your congregation's Mission Statement and/or narrative budget.
6. Request a half hour time slot on your local cable television station to show/share your congregation's budget and mission.
7. Ask every group that convenes in your congregation to spend 15 minutes in study and prayer, based on the narrative budget.
8. Plan a Presentation Breakfast/Luncheon/Dinner to present the narrative budget to the congregation.
9. Incorporate your narrative budget into your Annual Visitation.
10. Plan a special mission weekend to interpret your ministry areas.
11. As new committee members and officers are installed for the year, present the budget as part of the dedication.
12. Take time in worship to celebrate your participation in these areas of ministry.

The possibilities are many. Be innovative, and remember to include the children and youth in your plans.