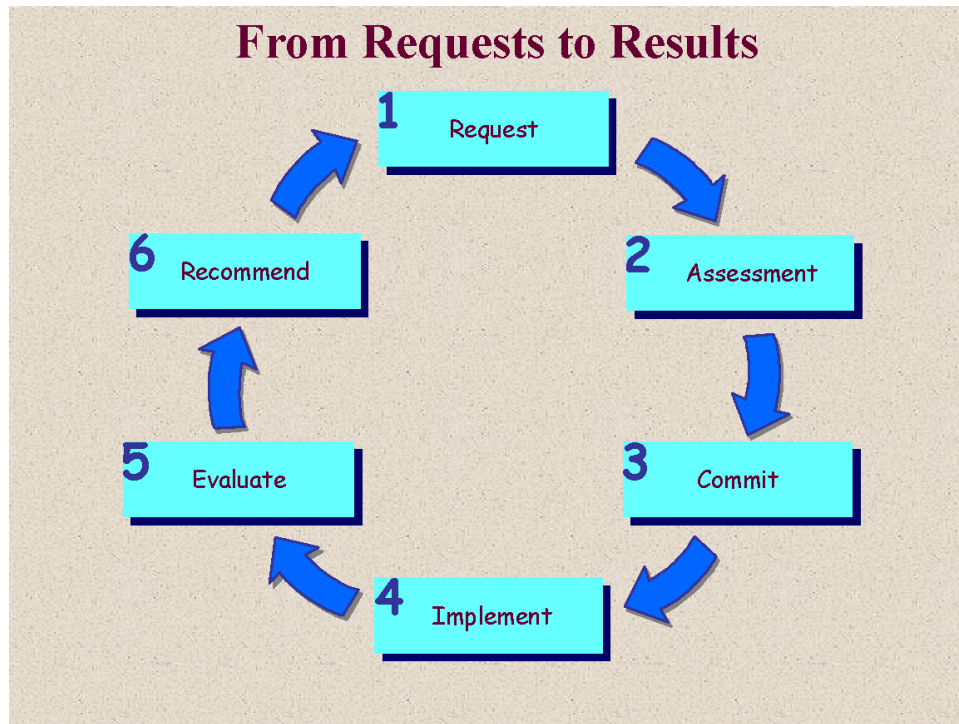


From Requests to Results: Resourcing Congregations for Evangelism
Evangelism Team, Baptist Convention of New York

The Evangelism Team helps churches to reach people for Christ through intentional evangelism. We developed **Requests to Results** to collaborate with churches and associations and to maximize our resources for evangelistic impact. The **Requests to Results** process is outlined below. Please read this before filling out the **Requests to Results** application form.



1 Request

The first step of the process is submitting a Request to Results application to the Evangelism Team. The requests must include the following:

- ❖ A rationale for the request (why).
- ❖ An explanation of the event (what).
- ❖ A description of the assistance needed.
- ❖ An outline of current support for the event (congregational, associational, etc).

Requests must be received by the Evangelism Team early enough to respond to these requests and manage resources effectively. We recommend the following lead times:

For a request that involves:

- ❖ the direct involvement of the team: 1-2 months
- ❖ securing material resources: 3 months
- ❖ financial support: 3 months – 1 year
- ❖ personnel: 6 months – 1 year

As you prepare this request, please note the following guidelines:

- ❖ Churches submitting a request must be in good standing with the network and support the cooperative program.
- ❖ Churches are encouraged to inform their association of their request and to enlist support as well. The goal of the Evangelism Team is to cooperate together.
- ❖ The Evangelism Team will consider each request on its own merits. It may limit financial support based on the size of the church, the number of churches involved, the availability of funds and so forth.
- ❖ Honorariums are the responsibility of the local church(es) or association.
- ❖ Requests for personnel are limited to assistance in enlisting preachers, evangelists, workshop leaders, teams and so on. The Baptist Convention of New York does not supply funds for church or association staff persons.

2 Assessment

Upon receiving the request, the Evangelism Team will determine what participation and support is possible. It will look at the overall strategy, personnel involved, finances and plans for follow-up. The Team will consult with the association, other network staff, and/or other Executive Board Members for additional consultation, clarification, and counsel as needed.

3 Commit

The Evangelism Team will respond to each request in writing as soon as possible. The response will include the following:

- ❖ A detailed description of the network's commitment to the request;
- ❖ An understanding of the time frame and goals of the request,
- ❖ A form on which the church/association is to report the outcome.

4 Implement

The local church/association will implement its evangelism plan. The Evangelism Team will remain available for prayer, counsel, and support.

5 Evaluate

Upon completion of the event, the church/association will submit a report of the results. The Evangelism Team will assist the church/association in evaluating its effectiveness. When the request includes financial assistance, the church/association must include an accounting of how the funds were spent.

The goal of the evaluation is to celebrate what the Lord did! The evaluation will also seek to determine short-term and long-term implications for the future.

6 Recommend

The Evangelism Team will share with the local church/association its recommendations. The intention is to increase effectiveness in:

- Partnership between churches, associations and network.
- Evaluation of quantifiable goals and objectives.
- Integration into the life of the church/association.
- Impact of the evangelism strategy.
- Celebration of the work of God in reaching people with the gospel.