



Discernment Process Suggestions

The following ideas are provided as suggestions only.

For a Large Group:

- Number each table.
- Have each table choose someone to act as reporter.
- Have at least two scribes record information on newsprint pads.
- Allow time for table groups to discuss and make choices from the menu.
- Have the first table give its report. If that group chose a food drive as an appetizer, the emcee asks every reporter whose table chooses a food drive as the appetizer to stand up and be counted; the number of tables choosing a food drive as an appetizer is recorded.
- Ask a table that did not choose the food drive as an appetizer to report its choice. Ask every reporter whose table made that choice to stand and so on until all tables' appetizer selections have been counted.
- Go on to the a la carte items and desserts and follow the same procedure.
- You might want to provide a sign-in sheet at every table. Ask everyone to sign in at the beginning of the meal. At the end of the process, you can use the sign-in sheets as a ready-made list of potential volunteers. With table votes recorded by scribes, you have an easy way to know which people might be interested in volunteering for which projects.

For a Medium-Sized Group

- Have each table choose someone to act as the reporter.
- Have at least two scribes at newsprint pads to take the information down.
- Allow time for tables to discuss and make choices from the menu.
- Have all tables report back.
- Allow time for discussion and debate.
- Make selections.
- Ask for volunteers and have the scribes record them.

For a Small Group

- Go through the menu together and allow people to make proposals and debate the merits of each item.
- Ask for volunteers and have the scribes record them.
- You may even have time to set target dates for project launch.



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