

What would be my financial needs?

- a. An evangelist needs to maintain a residence with expenses from the mortgage to the lawn, and from taxes to utilities. The pastor should ask himself, "What does it cost me or my church to own and maintain the residence in which I live?" Total the cost and maintenance of a home and estimate how much it would take to support a home like yours for a week or two.
- b. Evangelists need to maintain a car. Because of the long distances evangelists travel, they need a large, late-model automobile. It would be a blessing to the evangelist if the church would pay mileage and gas at least one way. If the evangelist comes to you via air, it would be helpful if the church could send a travel expense check in advance.
- c. An evangelist needs to eat nourishing meals and have decent accommodations between meetings. If the evangelist you are hosting needs 2 or 3 days on either side of his meeting with you for travel, that can be a large expense.
- d. An evangelist has insurance policies to maintain-medical, car, and house insurance.
- e. An evangelist must take forced vacations because of difficult weeks on church calendars for crusades. Many churches do not schedule evangelists from Thanksgiving to New Year's, on holiday weekends, and in the summer. Many pastors only schedule brief meetings.
- f. Evangelists do not receive Christmas offerings, paid expenses to district or general councils, a paycheck while on vacation, or other such benefits.

How would I want to be treated by a Pastor?

To assist pastors, this checklist will help:

_____ Have I communicated clearly and recently with the evangelist regarding calendar dates, public relations material, and any special ministry I want from the evangelist?

_____ Have I prepared my people for revival in prayer and promotion? Have I built excitement and interest in the congregation?

_____ Have I secured the best possible accommodations we can afford for our evangelist?

_____ If the evangelist's wife accompanies her husband, is my wife or another pastor's wife in communication with her to sit with her during the services and to be a hostess?

_____ Is there time arranged for the evangelist to meet with me and others for prayer?

_____ Do I give the evangelist the service at the earliest possible moment? Have I postponed baby dedications, Communion, cut special music to one number, and put aside time-consuming activities?

_____ Do I back the evangelist when he is preaching and stay with him at the altar?

_____ Have I communicated to the evangelist what I want to do for him financially? Do I have his check to hand him before he leaves town? Has he received every penny designated for him?

_____ If I have to cancel within three months of the meeting, have I called the evangelist personally and expressed my willingness to assist him financially?

_____ Have I written the evangelist following the meeting to express my appreciation for his ministry?