

FPBN Gathering Activities: FPBN Welcome Center

This activity is designed to introduce the Proclamation Station as a grand central time and place to engage people of all ages in a multi-faceted approach to understanding and appreciating the age-old privilege of proclaiming God's story. It will help children, youth and adults find their place in God's story and nurture their understanding and desire to share the Good News as members of the FPBN -The Faith Public Broadcasting Network.

Participants will receive FPBN I.D. cards and mark their own involvement in a timeline that recognizes faith proclaimers throughout history.

The Leader's Notes for this activity, along with any needed preparations and supplies are listed below. [Program Planning Grid](#) (PDF file) is available to assist you in coordinating the details and tasks involved. You may also wish to use the FPBN Sign design to identify the location for this activity.

Approximate time: 5 –10 minutes

Equipment and Supplies:

- [FPBN sign design](#) (PDF file)
- [FPBN I.D. cards](#) (PDF file)
- [Guidelines for FPBN timeline](#) (PDF file)
- A roll of colored contact paper
- A roll of white contact paper
- Permanent markers
- Scissors
- A paper punch
- Optional: String and paperclips

Leader's Notes:

Scan through the activity outline and adapt your plans to honor the time you have scheduled for your overall event. You may wish to recruit a few people to assist you in creating the time line.

Assemble the time line prior to your event. See [Guidelines for FPBN timeline](#) for instructions and needed supplies.

Create a FPBN table tent to identify the location of this activity. Print out a copy of the FPBN sign design and use a variety of colored markers to highlight the letters F-P-B-N. Then, cut along the solid line to display the letters above the rest of the table tent. Fold the sheet lengthwise to make a table tent and identify the activity in the space provided.

Download and print out Proclamations Station signs A and B on cardstock. Display them on easels or hang them on a wall for easy reference.

Reproduce copies of the FPBN ID cards and lay them out along with markers. You might consider placing them in nametag holders or punching a hole and using year to hang around your necks.

Activity:

Greet participants as they gather. Introduce the Proclamation Station as a multi-media training center for learning to broadcast or share God's story. Assure them that everyone is welcome at the Proclamation Station. In fact, everyone, regardless of their age or stage of life, is invited to become an active member of the **FPBN** – the **F**aith **P**ublic **B**roadcasting **N**etwork. Invite them to print their name on a FPBN I.D. card as you point out that the only qualification necessary is a willingness to live and share God's story.

Refer to the FPBN timeline as an outline of people who have proclaimed their faith throughout history. Site some specific examples of ordinary people who were called by God to be a voice of comfort, warning and love to those around them. Point out that some people were called to share words of hope and promises of God's love and presence and some were challenged to relay words of warning and rebuke for disobedience. God has always invited people of all ages to be God's voice. In fact, God still calls people of all ages to share God's story – including your participants.

Refer to the star-shape you have displayed at the most recent end of the timeline. Identify it as a place for them to include their name among the many faith proclaimers throughout history. Distribute permanent markers and invite them to print their names in the space provided.