



Guest Holiday Letter

Part of Write Before Christmas Emphasis
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Here is a sample letter and content for a return card that goes with the *Write Before Christmas Emphasis*. Feel free to customize this for your congregational situation. This material is intended for people who have visited as guests in your congregation at least twice during the past 120 days.

Letter:

Coming home holds such warmth as we turn toward the Holidays!

Here at Zionsville Christian, turning our hearts towards home means enjoying the Advent season as we honor God's gift for us in Christ and welcome each other for worship and special events during December.

I realize you have been visiting the congregation during the last 6 months and trust you are finding a gracious welcome and feeling comfortable as you get acquainted. Perhaps you have even found a spiritual home here.

My hope is that you will receive this letter as a warm invitation to 'come home for the holidays' and consider uniting with the congregation. This is simply a way to more formally recognize what you have known for some time now:

"At Zionsville Christian, I am home!"

I would be delighted to visit with you over the phone or over coffee around any concerns or questions you might have regarding membership, getting involved in activities, learning opportunities, and community service through the congregation. I am enclosing a card for your convenience in responding. Or, you may call me at xxx.xxx.xxxx, or send me an e-mail at xxxxxxxx@xxxxxxx.xxx.

Can't think of a better time than the Holidays for a home-coming. I hope you get the message that we would be delighted to welcome you 'Home for the Holidays.'

Enclosed Card:

___ I realize Zionsville Christian is already my church home and plan to make the connection 'official' during December: __4th __11th __18th __25th

___ I've never made my Confession of Faith or been baptized, and want to arrange for this important step in my spiritual journey.

___ I am thinking seriously about this invitation and would like Gary to call me.

___ I have been visiting Zionsville Christian for so long that I would prefer to be quietly added to the church roll without a lot of fanfare. Please!

___ Thanks, but remove my name from the mailing list, I've found a church home.

___ I appreciate this nudge as a friendly encouragement and if you will do the paper work, I will be transferring from _____ church.

Name _____; Telephone _____; E-mail _____

Important Things to Know



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