

# ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CAMPUS MINISTRIES

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## Evangelism Idea Bank

*'And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.'" (Mark 16:15)*

The love of Christ should be shared with everyone, but it can be difficult to start that conversation with people. Below is a list of simple evangelism ideas that can be done on campus.

1. Teach about Evangelism (internal to OCCM members)

Many of our chapter members have no clue how to go about evangelism. Educating chapter members on the importance of evangelism and how to go about it is crucial. This can be done by handing out informative pamphlets, dedicating a bible study session to it, or by providing resources to watch or read. We have developed a 'beginner' video to train our OCCM members. Please consult with your Evangelism Committee member or your Chapter President for access.

2. Visiting an Oriental Orthodox Church

Many of our chapters have Oriental Orthodox Churches nearby or in the same city. Attending the services at a sister OO Church will both be an educational experience for OCCM members and a way to introduce yourself to members of our sister churches. Their youth may be students at your own chapter!

3. Sport Game with Lesson at Halftime

A sporting event (basketball, volleyball, kickball, etc.) hosted by the chapter. Members can invite friends (lost sheep, non-believers, interested in the faith, etc.) and play in the game or tournament with an OCCM lesson given at halftime.

4. Awko Taco

A social event where members invite students to discuss controversial topics surrounding Christian values while having a meal. Different foods can be used, so change the name if done so.

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## 5. Palm Craft Night

During Lent, chapters can partake in fellowship by inviting others by weaving palm leaves together. A tutorial can be given by a member or perhaps members throughout the chapter can meet visitors and assist them.

## 6. Tabling: Set up a table on-campus

Most campuses have organization fairs or allow for organizations to set up a table on campus. People walking by can look at a poster about Orthodoxy, pick up a pamphlet, and stop to ask questions. (Banners and brochures are pre-designed by OCCM and are available on the website under 'Chapter Resources'. Please do not create your own materials.)

## 7. Goodie Bag Giveaway: Pass out goods with an attached Bible verse

Cut out bible verses and attach them to a bag of snacks, goodie bag, or nick nack. Have a group of members seek out a location with many people, such as outside the school library, and pass them out for free!

## 8. Invite People to Bible Study or Community Service Events

Simply inviting friends to OCCM social, volunteer, or spiritual events can spark someone's interest in the faith. Encourage members to invite their friends and be extremely welcoming and friendly to any new members who join.

## 9. Outdoor Bible Studies

Host a bible study or prayer service outdoors on campus allowing anyone to join. This can be your usual weekly bible study. This is intended to draw people's attention and maybe someone passing by will ask to join or will hear a verse or message that touches them.

## 10. Putting up Posters or Banners

Many chapters allow organizations to hang up posters, banners, or flyers on bulletin boards around campus. Premade materials are provided and are available on the OCCM website. If you

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would like to create your own material specific to your chapter, it must be approved. Please avoid creating your own unapproved materials. Hanging up information about Orthodoxy or OCCM with bible verses written on it is a great way to reach students.

## 11. Worship Night with Other Organizations

Create and advertise worship events hosted by the ministry itself. Choose a location on or near campus with enough space for the worship. Designate who will be able to provide the instrumentation and lead the worship. A list of Orthodox appropriate worship songs is provided. This requires tremendous participation, commitment, communication, and organization.

If you have other ideas outside of this list, please be sure to run them by your Regional Student Leader of the Evangelism Committee.