

Guide for PEI Host Churches:

Planning a Tidal Impact Celebration Service

Tidal Impact is a life-changing experience for students and churches alike. Hosting a

Celebration Service allows your congregation to hear how God has moved through the week, while also encouraging and blessing the visiting **Tidal Impact Teams**.

This guide will help you **incorporate Tidal Impact Teams into your service on Sunday July 13th**, providing time for **testimonies, worship, a recap video, and a fellowship lunch**.

1. Preparing for the Celebration Service

Key Elements to Include:

- ✓ **Student & Leader Testimonies** – Share how God moved during the week.
- ✓ **Recap Video** – A highlight reel to visually capture the week's impact.
- ✓ **Churchwide Encouragement & Challenge** – How can the church continue to engage in mission?
- ✓ **Fellowship Lunch** – A meal for students and the congregation to celebrate together.

Planning Ahead

- Assign a **point person** from your church to coordinate with the Tidal Impact Team leaders to identify key students and leaders that would be willing to share highlights from the week.
 - Ensure **audio/video needs** are ready for the recap video and live testimonies.
 - Announce the **lunch plan** to your congregation and arrange volunteers.
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2. Suggested Order of Service

Welcome & Opening Prayer (5 min)

- The pastor or host leader welcomes the congregation and the **Tidal Impact Team**.
- Open with a prayer of thanksgiving for what God has done.

Worship (15-20 min)

- Invite the visiting team to lead **two or three songs** that were significant during the week.
- Possible worship songs:
 - *Build My Life* – Pat Barrett
 - *Way Maker* – Leeland
 - *Gratitude* – Brandon Lake

Tidal Impact Recap Video (5 min)

- Show the Tidal Impact **Recap Video** featuring moments of service, worship, and transformation. Recap video will be made available to host churches by **Saturday July 12**.

Leader Testimonies (10 min)

- Invite **one or two leaders** from the Tidal Impact Team to share:
 - What kind of neighbouring opportunities they engaged in
 - What did they see God do in the students?
 - How was their own faith challenged or strengthened?
 - What impact did serving in the community have?

 ***Student Testimonies (10 min)***

- Ask **two or three students** to share:
 - A defining moment from the week.
 - How God stretched their faith.
 - How they plan to live out what they've learned.

 ***Message or Devotional (15-20 min)***

- The pastor or a guest speaker shares a short message, tying in **missions, service, and community impact**.
- Suggested scriptures:
 - **Matthew 5:14-16** – “You are the light of the world...”
 - **James 2:14-17** – Faith in action.
 - **Isaiah 6:8** – “Here I am, send me.”

 ***Closing Worship & Prayer (10 min)***

- A final worship song, led by either the **Tidal Impact Team** or the church's worship team.
 - A commissioning prayer for both the students and the congregation.
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3. Fellowship Lunch for Tidal Impact Teams

Why It's Important:

- **Bless the students** after a long week of ministry.
- **Encourage connections** between the team and the congregation.
- **Continue the celebration** in a relaxed setting.

Planning the Meal:

- ✓ **Easy-to-serve food** – Sandwiches, soups, chili, pasta, or BBQ.
- ✓ **Dietary options** – Include vegetarian, gluten-free, and allergy-friendly choices.
- ✓ **Volunteers** – Assign a team for setup, serving, and cleanup.
- ✓ **Casual seating** – Tables where church members and students can mix.

Lunch Discussion Prompts:

- “What was your favorite part of the week?”
 - “How did you see God move in someone else?”
 - “What’s one lesson you’ll take home with you?”
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