



GCI CHURCH HACKS

HOW TO HOST A WATCH PARTY



How does the Denominational Celebration apply to everyone?



REGISTER & PARTICIPATE

The Denominational Celebration is the perfect time for your local congregation to be encouraged, inspired, and challenged, and to reflect and discern the vision to which God has called your unique congregation. If you are able to spend time together over meals, in worship, and in prayer together, it is the perfect time to take your next step toward Healthy Church. There is also intentional time set aside for your church to reflect and process.

IF YOU ARE MEETING TOGETHER IN PERSON

Please follow safety guidelines outlined by your local community leaders. If you are able to meet safely in person as an entire church:

- » Gather a retreat planning team of 4-5 people to host your church's watch party. Calculate the schedule for your time zone.
- » Have a space to watch the Main Sessions as a large group.
- » Create spaces for Hope Avenue, Children's Ministry, and Worship Ministry Teams to watch the individual workshops and debrief together.
- » This is an opportunity to engage with emerging leaders in your congregation. Invite new members, young adults, or others who are not yet participating on a ministry team to be a part of these group discussions.
- » You may want to charge a fee for your retreat to cover food, t-shirts, decor, etc. Decide if there is a set fee for everyone or if people can choose meals/t-shirt/etc. Establish what those costs will be and how you will have people sign up and pay your church.



IF YOU ARE NOT MEETING TOGETHER AS AN ENTIRE CHURCH

- » Consider meeting as elders/leaders in a smaller group.
- » Consider gathering pastors and elders from your region to participate together.
- » Set aside the time to participate on your own!
- » Here are a few ideas for you to engage those from your church who are watching on their own:
 - Provide a Zoom link and time for your members and leaders to debrief and socialize together.
 - Perhaps have an in-person or Zoom follow-up to the Denominational Celebration where people can share what they got out of their time participating in it.
 - Have people send in video reflections or quotes you could compile and share with your congregation.



WATCH PARTY IDEAS

- » Have your own **relational building activities** like happy hours, game night, etc.
- » Will you be giving away anything? **Giveaways** are fun and engaging for your congregation! Get some prizes donated, or order some Denominational Celebration Swag, or create your own event merch.
- » Create time to **debrief as teams and a congregation** to discern your next steps toward Healthy Church.
- » **Choose an emcee** that can keep the flow going from up front (pastor or someone else).
- » **Worship:** Will worship be live or will you watch what we provide? Or maybe a combination of both?
- » Do you want to participate but can't do it that weekend or your time zone is not aligning with the schedule? **Schedule a timeframe that works for you!** Register for the conference as if you were attending "live" so that you will automatically receive the link to the recorded sessions and may watch at your convenience.
- » Create sub-teams for your event:
 - **Food:** Assign leaders of your planning team to plan food/meals. Will meals be catered or prepared? What snacks and paper goods are necessary?
 - **Tech:** Who will be responsible for streaming the feed into your church building? Will the picture and audio be clear for your viewing audience?
 - **Registration:** Who will welcome participants to the event? Will someone need to process payment?

