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A Guide to 'Making Church Home' Parties

This is a snapshot of our 'A Guide to 'Making Church Home' Parties' resource.

We are committed to beckoning 'Welcome Home' to every person who walks through our doors. One of the key ways we do this is through regular 'Making Hillsong Home' parties held after our weekend services.

1. EVENT OVERVIEW:

The purpose of these parties is to assist new people and new Christians in making Hillsong home via a one-on-one personal introduction into the life of Hillsong. The goal is both to give each new person a unique and personal experience that they will remember and to help them to take their next step in connection with God and church.

2. INVITATIONS:

New people are invited either in-person on the day itself or at the previous weekend, or through a midweek follow up call/message.

3. PREPARATIONS:

VENUE - 'THE WELCOME LOUNGE': Often adjacent to the auditorium and foyer, the welcome lounge creates a welcoming atmosphere for connecting with new people and new Christians.

WELCOME LOUNGE PREPARATION: Complimentary hot drinks, water and snacks ready. Tables reserved in a secluded area. Signage for party clearly visible upon approaching the welcome lounge. Next step and community promotional material and sign up cards on tables with pens.

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4. HOSTING:

WELCOME AND CONNECTIONS: After the service, team members who have met and invited new people and new Christians bring the individual to the party area, introduce them to the team, and whenever at all possible, stay with them and connect with them at the party.

SERVICE PASTOR: The service pastor welcomes all those attending the party and covers (often accompanied by highly visual slides displayed on a nearby screen) the vision of our senior pastors, a history of our church, what we believe as a church, the key team at that campus/location, and present various next steps available that individuals could choose to take.

KEY PEOPLE ON TEAM: It is important to have key people from across age-groups, cultural communities and next steps areas (e.g. Alpha, volunteering, connect groups) on team, hosting and ready to help attendees to connect into church community and to take their next step.

5. CONTINUED MIDWEEK FOLLOW UP

Our team will personally contact and build relationship with each new person and new Christian across their first twelve weeks in church life, helping them to get connected into community and take their next step.

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- Follow Up Guide - guide for following up new people, new Christians or people looking to take their next step via midweek personal communication from team
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