



## Welcome & Announcements at Crossway Multinational Church

Thank you so much for your interest in serving Crossway through the Welcome & Announcements portion of our worship service! Here are some thoughts that should be helpful as you prepare.

### What is the goal?

"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord." Romans 12:11

The goal is to set a tone of enthusiastic welcome for people and expectation for God's presence and work in our gathering and in the things we announce. Whether people are with us for the first time or they have been a part of the church from the beginning, and whether they are physically present or online, we want to communicate our love and care for every one.

And in terms of announcements, the details will probably be forgotten (or ignored) if there is not enthusiasm for God's presence and work in these things.

### What is the general flow?

The welcome & announcement time can occur at various places during the service. Whenever it happens, your task is...

**To welcome people** to Crossway. Introduce yourself briefly so people know who you are, and then genuinely welcome people, recognizing important things about our day and our world, whether it is finals week, or it is snowing, or the start of summer, or something else to show your awareness of what our situation is and that we have come together as people. (maybe 30 seconds)

**To state briefly our vision statement.** This is not meant to be explained or take much time, but rather to emphasize our commitment to joining together from many backgrounds, and to look to God together.

**To give brief announcements.** We'll try to limit the announcements, and your main goal is to **build excitement for the things highlighted**. If people sense enthusiasm for the things announced, they can find the details in the bulletin. If they don't sense enthusiasm, they will almost certainly forget any details that are shared. If you are announcing something that you aren't personally excited about, people will likely

sense that, so it might be helpful to invite someone who is excited to say a brief word.

**To introduce a time for personal greetings.** Especially encourage people to make connections with people they don't know as well or see as often.

**To give time for regular attenders to introduce newcomers** they have met or brought with them. We don't want newcomers to feel pressure to say anything, so perhaps you can say: "If you are new today, we'd love to have someone who is part of our community introduce you so we can welcome you."

**To read the theme verse,** and then transition to the next part of the service.

### How should I prepare?

It is very important for you to read through the slides and clarify any uncertainties. Pray for God's work among us, from the very beginning of the service through the final words.

### How should I dress?

In short, we want to communicate enthusiasm for being together and for being in the presence of God. The person doing welcome & announcements will generally be a little "better dressed" than the average, yet not in a way that makes that person stand out. See the "About Leadership Roles in Worship at CMC" for some helpful guidelines.

### Are you interested?

Be in touch with [admin@crosswaymchurch.org](mailto:admin@crosswaymchurch.org) for next steps.

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