

Tips for Talking to Your Pastor About Compassion Sunday

- **Pray before meeting with your pastor.**

We believe that prayer is a powerful part of Compassion's work—it can soften hearts to hear about and respond to God's restorative work for those in poverty.

- **If possible, arrange to have a conversation with your pastor in-person.**

If not, writing a thoughtful email to your pastor is a great way to ask permission to host a Compassion Sunday event. Share about your experience with Compassion, the impact you've seen through Compassion or why Compassion would fit into your church's mission.

- **Your experience is powerful!**

Bring a photo of the child(ren) you sponsor and a few of his/her/their letters. Explain how the sponsor-child relationship has impacted you and your family.

- **This is a way your church can directly engage with the global Church!**

Compassion partners exclusively with local churches around the globe; every Compassion centre is a local church that knows and loves the communities, families and children they serve.

- **Follow up with your pastor afterwards:**

Thank them for their time and offer to answer any questions. If your pastor agrees to host a Compassion Sunday event, be sure to keep them informed (or even involved) throughout the planning process.

- **Does your pastor have questions about Compassion?**

If your pastor is unfamiliar with Compassion, you can help them learn more by directing them to our website: <https://www.compassion.ca/about/>