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The National Faith in Action date has been set for October 11, 2009!

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"Faith in Action can bring vibrant change to your congregation and transformation in your community." J. Ortberg

Check out the redesigned Faith in Action [website](#).

If you participated or plan to participate in a Faith in Action Campaign - **Add your church** to the [National Roster](#).

Success Story: "The Church That Never Sleeps" Meets Seattle's Needs

"Our church has always been very community service-focused," explained John O'Neal, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Des Moines, Washington. "In fact, we're known as "the church that never sleeps."

"But we've never undertaken anything as huge - or hugely successful - as Faith in Action Day," he added. Out of a church with an average attendance of 700 any given Sunday, more than 600 participants showed up to help with the long list of projects, including a soccer clinic organized and run by the church's youth.

"Our people are still talking about how terrific it was and what an impact it made on them. Local ministry is part of our DNA - it's where our heart is. In fact, we're talking about holding a Faith in Action day every year," Pastor O'Neal concluded.



Service Project Idea: Conduct a computer drive

Collect used computers and donate them to a nonprofit organization, such as Goodwill Industries, that refurbishes them and donates or resells them. Advertise for and host a computer drop-off event to collect used computers from members of your community. Contact electronics stores, local businesses, and schools for donations as well.



Click [here](#) and [here](#) for more information on donating computers.

Organization Spotlight: First Book

Search for [Volunteer Opportunities in Your Community!](#)

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FREE Lent Resources

[Click here](#) to learn more about and download a free Lenten Bible study and Youth Activity.

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress." -James 1:27a

[First Book](#) provides new books to children in need, addressing one of the most important factors affecting literacy - access to books. First Book has distributed more than 60 million books to disadvantaged children and the programs that serve them.



Volunteers can aid in lifting, carrying, sorting, and labeling boxes filled with books at local advisory boards, as well as greeting groups of recipients.

Visit [First Book](#) and click on the "In Your Community" and "Find an Advisory Board" tabs to get involved.

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Resource Spotlight: The Faith in Action Website

Join the discussion on how to encourage people to be more outwardly focused and missionally minded. Visit the redesigned website www.putyourfaithinaction.org to find resources, share ideas, and view video and pictures on how to put your Faith in Action. New features include free downloadable resources, discussion boards and social networking. Come share how you put your Faith in Action. [More Information](#)



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