

## Convening: Annual & Fundraising Gathering Agendas

### Annual Gathering

An annual gathering is similar to a special gathering but focuses on reviewing the prior year and looking forward to the coming year. The main objectives include celebrating accomplishments, casting vision and goals, and inviting commitment to participate. The annual gathering can serve as a fundraiser as well.

#### Possible Agenda Items:

**Opening Prayer:** *Asking for God's blessing and guidance*

**Meal:** *Likely a more formal served meal*

**Leadership Team/Annual Report:** *Presentation of an annual report, "state of the coalition," introduction of leadership team members*

**Stories:** *Testimonies of church leaders, volunteers, and families served*

**Speaker/Program:** *Substantially addressing one or more of the reasons why supporting the collaboration of churches for crisis response is critical to the community*

**Annual Goals:** *Vision, goals, financial needs for the upcoming year*

**Invitation to Participate:** *Opportunity to commit to participating in the coalition*

**Invitation to Give:** *Opportunity to make a financial commitment to support the coalition and/or coalition projects*

**Closing Prayer**

### Fundraising Gathering

Fundraising may be part of an annual gathering or independent of it, depending on the needs, scope, and annual rhythm of the coalition. A fundraising gathering will likely have a similar agenda to an annual gathering but be more focused on the fundraising objective. The Church Responds provides consultation on coalition fundraising campaigns for local coalitions.