



## DISCIPLING MARKETPLACE LEADERS

Church-based Business as Mission

# DML ANNUAL CALENDAR FOR WORKPLACE DISCIPLESHIP IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

Designed for local churches and denominations to continually reinforce the message of “work as worship” through their workplace discipleship ministry.

### **JANUARY OR FEBRUARY - One Sunday:**

#### **Commanding the Year/Workplace Rededication**

Take one Sunday to recommission those who have already been commissioned as Marketplace Ministers and pray over the quadruple bottom lines for each workplace: Economic and Environmental (fulfilling the Great Commitment of Genesis 1 and 2); Social (fulfilling the Great Commandment of Matthew 25); and Missional (fulfilling the Great Commission of Matthew 28). This is a great way to start off the year! Go [here](#)\* for more details.

### **FEBRUARY - Every Sunday: Business Month**

Take the four Sundays in February to teach about the God of Business in the Old and New Testament. Include short activities that highlight people's work, as indicated in this [document](#)\*. Pastors, visit your members at their workplaces to ask, “What is God doing in your workplace and how are you joining Him?” This month can be concluded with the Workplace Rededication if that was not done in January. Make this a regular part of your annual calendar.

### **MARCH - 3rd Wednesday: Subject Matter Expert**

Invite all Marketplace Ministers to join us on zoom for exciting topics on growing your business, covering a variety of topics. Go [here](#) for the calendar of [upcoming events](#)\*.

### **APRIL 22: Earth Day**

Earth Day is an annual event to demonstrate support for the environment. Earth Day emphasizes a wide range of big-picture environmental concerns, including climate change, pollution, deforestation, biodiversity loss, and resource conservation. It aims to mobilize people to take action and make positive changes for the planet. We believe creation care is a gospel issue – that if we love God, we also love His creation! Every member in every workplace can design an

earth day event according to the ideas that can be found [here](#)\*. Every workplace ministry in every local church can also participate in some way to help members see the importance of keeping the earth holy for God and the flourishing of all!

### **MAY 1 - International Labor Day/Work as Worship Retreats**

What better time to celebrate the gift of work by gathering together to thank God for our work, and to learn how to do our work as an act of worship? Use this time in every local church to host a work as worship retreat, with every member inviting colleagues and co-workers. This is a time to hear people share about how they do their work as an act of worship, to pray through the quadruple bottom line for each person in their workplace, and to thank God for the blessing of work, done to the glory of Him and the flourishing of humanity. For ideas on how to do a work as worship retreat, please go [here](#)\*.

### **JUNE 5: World Environment Day**

World Environment Day focuses on a specific environmental theme each year and the application can be more individual and personal for how we can make a difference in our environment. There is a theme chosen by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and serves as a call to action for individuals, governments, and organizations to address pressing environmental issues, but churches can also identify their own theme for how members can take action in their own environmental challenges and opportunities. Click [here](#)\* for more details.

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## **JULY: Mid-Year Reflections**

It's July already and time to reflect on our prayer requests from the beginning of the year in our rededication. How are we doing? How have prayers been answered? What invitations from God have we received to be part of the solution to the prayers of others through our work?

## **AUGUST: Prayer Walk**

Pick a date and time in August, where you can walk the streets of your community and pray for the marketplace – businesses, schools, and government, recommitting these places back to the Lord. This can be an amazing opportunity for the Lord to open your eyes to what He is doing in your community. For ideas on how to host a prayer walk, click [here](#).\*

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## **OCTOBER: Business Trip/Business Visits/Trade Fair**

Plan a trip to a local business for your members where there can be learning about new ways to do business. Or spend a day visiting each other's businesses to learn what each person is doing. Alternatively, travel outside of your geographic area to gain inspiration by visiting businesses in other areas. Or plan a trade fair where people can show the work that they are doing. This is a month where we focus on what we are doing (with our hands) and how we can do it with even more excellence!

\*Indicates link. Please go to : [disciplingmarketplaceleaders.org/links/](https://disciplingmarketplaceleaders.org/links/) to find these resources.

## **NOVEMBER: Thanksgiving**

We look back and reflect on our rededication time from January/February and celebrate what God has done in and through our workplaces. What has God been doing in our workplace? How have we been able to join Him? Where have we seen flourishing? Use November as a time of reflection and thanksgiving for the ability to join God in the work that He is doing, bringing the Kingdom of Heaven on earth through the flourishing of those around us through the work that we do with excellence to the glory of God.

## **DECEMBER: Greatest Gift Ever**

We serve a working, creative God, who has made us in His image. The gift of Jesus is not in the past, nor is it only in the future for our salvation. Christ is in us, and we are to be His hands and feet. How can we be the gift of Jesus – ambassadors of Jesus – in and through our workplace? What gift can we give (time, talent, treasure) through our work to love our neighbors and be the representative of the greatest gift ever?

### **PRAY THROUGH THE THREE GREAT DIRECTIVES AND THE QUADRUPLE BOTTOM LINES**



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