



## WHAT IDENTIFIES YOUR EVENT AS A MARCH OF REMEMBRANCE

### WHAT A MARCH MUST INCLUDE:

#### SERVICES PROVIDED BY HOST CHURCH OR PARA-CHURCH MINISTRY

1. **Remembering\*:**
  - a. **Provide a platform for a testimony by a Holocaust survivor or a survivor's descendant** (\$250 speaker honorarium is recommended; the survivor's testimony is the focal point of the service, which receives the greatest time allotment, perhaps as long as 25 minutes and no less than 15; please mention to the speaker that he or she may opt to donate the fee to the March of Remembrance USA or to the local March); invite at least one pastor and one rabbi to share briefly and to pray during an opening or closing service.
  - b. **Educate the public** either by inviting a local educator to speak briefly (five minutes or less) about the death marches, the camps, or the liberation of the camps; and/or by posting educational placards with pertinent historical information about rescuers or liberators or maps of camp locations; and/or by showing a high-impact video addressing aspects of the Holocaust.
2. **Reconciling\*\*:** provide a time during the service (prior to or after the prayer walk) for survivors and their descendants to connect with other speakers and/or people in the service to speak with one another (descendants of perpetrators, liberators, and victims all benefit from this connection time); provide a time of fellowship with refreshments for Christians and Jews to connect with one another at the conclusion of the day's events.
3. **Taking a stand\*\*\*:** do a **march/prayer walk with at least 10 people** in remembrance of Holocaust victims and rescuers, preferably in conjunction with one of the following: Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day, the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av, Kristallnacht, Int'l Holocaust Remembrance Day, or anytime in April, which is Genocide & Holocaust Remembrance Month; arrange with MOR leadership team to access multi-media materials online and/or to purchase MOR resources, such as T-shirts, backpacks, and banners to enhance March experience;

**EXPENSES TO HOST CHURCH AND/OR PARA-CHURCH MINISTRY:** speaker & musician honoraria, T-shirts, backpacks, walking banners, refreshments, bottled water &/or granola bars for marchers, audio services, security, transportation, insurance (many items may be solicited as donations from local businesses)

#### SERVICES AVAILABLE THROUGH THE MARCH OF REMEMBRANCE USA:

1. **Remembering:**
  - a. Assist in locating speakers from the Jewish community (survivors and/or their descendants, rabbis, consular staff, etc.)
  - b. Provide online educational resources regarding details of hosting a March (weblinks, online and downloadable instructional documents and Holocaust education posters); be available to answer any questions regarding March logistics; provide informational video materials from past events
2. **Reconciling:** access descendants of perpetrators and bystanders to speak
3. **Taking a Stand:** publicize the event using various media, such as social media, national press releases, TV, and/or radio, as appropriate



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**Proselytizing:** While the March was started and is led by Christians, partnership and attendance from the Jewish community is essential. The March is not a time of proselytizing to the Jewish people. It is an opportunity for Christians to demonstrate solidarity with the Jewish community in this time of rising anti-Semitism. **Tracts and altar calls for salvation are NOT part of a March of Remembrance event.**

**Political action:** The march is not a political statement or rally. Although there are divergent views within the respective communities of faith regarding politics, we come in agreement that the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is faithful and keeps His promises (Psalm 136). We stand in support of the Jewish people and stand against anti-Semitism. Signs or clothing that are aggressive toward any group of people are not in the spirit of this march and will not be allowed.

**Publicity Stunt:** The purpose of the March is to honor the survivors of the Holocaust. It is not a platform for publicity to promote an agenda by any person or organization. This is God's event, and it is for His honor and glory. The coopting of that by other parties will not be allowed.

### EXPLANATION OF MARCH OF REMEMBRANCE CORE ASSIGNMENT

**\*Remembering:** We honor the Holocaust survivors and let their voices be heard and their story told. It is important in this time when, even in the face of the overwhelming documentation by the Nazis themselves of the reality of the Holocaust, there are so many who deny that the Holocaust even happened or claim that the reports were exaggerated. This is occurring not only in countries where there is a political agenda to do so, but in the U.S. as well. The purpose of the march is to educate a generation that is many times unaware of the reality of the horrors of the Holocaust -- not only of the facts of what happened during that time, but also of the attitudes and incendiary propaganda that preceded it, which conditioned a nation of people to stand by and be silent while the atrocities were being committed. We remember -- not only those who were lost in the Holocaust, but also those who fought for freedom: the upstanders who risked their lives for the victims; the soldiers who fought and sacrificed in World War II; and the leaders who spoke out.

**\*\*Reconciling:** We provide opportunity for participants to acknowledge the atrocities of the Holocaust and process the consequences of remaining silent in the face of persecution, prejudice, and indifference. Descendants of perpetrators, as well as bystanders, have a chance to express their remorse to survivors, their descendants, and the Jewish community. Survivors and their families have the opportunity to tell their stories and sensitize Christians to the issues of the Holocaust.

**\*\*\*Taking a Stand:** The March is a time of active learning. Participants hear the first-hand experiences of those who lived through the horrors. It is not just reading a story in a book, but rather understanding the reality of what happened. The march **engages** people and invites them to take action by walking with a purpose. In the ongoing dynamic between a person's thoughts, attitudes, and actions, participating in a March against modern-day anti-Semitism makes a strong statement.

**Furthermore, a March of Remembrance event must be governed by the following principles:**

- No Jewish or Christian groups should be excluded from participation in the March of Remembrance; however, leadership must be Christian, as the March of Remembrance is a Christian response to the Holocaust, a Judeo-Christian tragedy.
- Local March groups should retain autonomy; however, each March is accountable to the standards of the March of Remembrance USA.