



the ride for churches

Want to use the powers of your local church to activate and improve your community? Step up and get involved in the **Ride for Refuge**, a family-friendly fundraising bike + walk in support of local charities serving people seeking hope, safety, and freedom. Here's what you can do...



1 pick a leader

You'll need a leader, commander, captain: someone who can steer the RIDE ship and has a natural talent for bringing people together. This can be a pastor, bible study leader, active member, or staff - anyone with a big heart who can get members **excited** about the RIDE.

2 connect with your local charity

Reach out to a local charity in your community that is already participating in the Ride for Refuge. You can find an official RIDE charity close to you by visiting rideforrefuge.org/locations.

Talk to them about supporting their work through your own church RIDE - they'll be overjoyed! The charity is your main RIDE contact point; they'll supply you with resources to help make your walk fun.

3 pick a route, date, and time

Create a route for your church walk that is easy for your parishioners to access - in most cases, this should be on **your church's property**. Outdoors is best (around your parking lot for example), but in a pinch you can even walk the halls of your church.

Then, select a date and time that fits in well with your church's schedule. We highly recommend walking **between September 28 and October 2** - this is the week preceding the RIDE's official event date. Closer to the event is better.

use the tools!

The RIDE has dozens of printable materials, videos, and goodies you can use to spice up your church event - visit rideforrefuge.org/tools



4 sign up online

You're going to need a **team page** to collect online donations! The leader you've selected should be the captain of this team and the 'face' of this church event.

- **Register** online at rideforrefuge.org/register.
- Choose your location + charity, accept the waiver, and select **Start a Team** - your team name can be the name of your church, or something more fun.
- **Pick a goal!** Something that your members can get excited about and isn't too daunting.
- Set your walk to **Offsite** since you'll be walking on your own church campus.
- Presto - you've got your own **team page link!**

5 tell people about it

Get the word out! You're walking and fundraising for the RIDE, say it loud and proud. Promote widely - share your team page link with parishioners and encourage them to join, fundraise, and collect pledges. Hype it up, incentivize, and recognize hard workers. A few ideas to get the ball rolling:

- **Extra, Extra!** Got a newsletter? Include a story about how awesome the RIDE will be at your church!
- **Everyone Get5!** Encourage everyone to get out there and ask 5 people to donate.
- **Friendly Rivalry.** Set up competitions between families, or even challenge another church to see who can raise more for your local charity!

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What about RIDE shirts?

Sorry, shirts are for participants in the **main event only!** Church events will *not* be shipped boxes of shirts for event day. If members have their hearts set on earning a shirt, they are welcome to sign up online to attend a RIDE main event - they must raise \$150 to earn their shirt (\$75 if they are under 18).

What about insurance?

Our liability coverage **does not** extend to your church, nor any activity you or your participants decide to pursue. The RIDE's insurance only applies to participants attending the main event during event day, not to offsite events.

What about waivers?

RIDE Waivers are **not** required for any church-based event, since neither the local charity nor the national RIDE headquarters are extending insurance for your event. However, churches may collect their own waivers from participants if they choose to do so.

Where can we walk?

We prefer you walk **offsite** (preferably on your church's grounds), *not* at your charity's main event. Most RIDE events simply do not have the capacity to accommodate the volume of participants that churches would entail.

How do we enter pledges?

Login to your team page **Fundhub**, visit 'Enter \$\$ and Cheques', and follow the instructions to pay off the pledges by credit card. Eligible donors will automatically receive tax receipts.



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we have answers!**

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