

Introduction

If you have five minutes of your service to dedicate to Bethel University, consider highlighting the following:

In 1947, a group of Missionary Church leaders prayerfully and courageously started a Christian Liberal Arts College in Mishawaka, Indiana. At the suggestion of one of the founders, the Hebrew word for “house of God,” Bethel, was agreed upon as the name. From its inception, Bethel has faithfully served our community and remained committed to the mission of equipping students for lifelong service. Today, Bethel is a thriving institution offering associate, bachelor’s and master’s degrees through onsite, online and extension study opportunities. We want to take a moment this morning to recognize and celebrate our partnership with Bethel University.

Let’s watch this video together.

[[Video: Show a provided Bethel Day video]]

Follow-Up and Prayer:

Say something like . . . *We live in a challenging time for faith-based institutions like Bethel. We are so grateful for Bethel’s priority to operate, as its motto says, “With Christ at the Helm,” and we recognize the significant opportunity to impact people at such a pivotal time in their lives. Can we take a moment to pray for our university?*

Prayer Prompts:

- For the faculty, staff, and their families
- For current students and their endeavors
- For future students discerning if Bethel is right for them
- For spiritual protection over the institution

IDEA: *If you have any, consider inviting a Bethel alumnus to lead this prayer time. If you have any faculty, staff, students or parents of students, invite them to stand or come to the front and lay hands on them as you pray.*