# **New Ministry Proposal**

# Adopt a Grad

### WHAT IS IT?

The Adopt-a-Grad kit is a start-to-finish resource for matching up each of your graduating High School Seniors with a person or family who will walk alongside them through their first year post-High School with prayer, encouragement and the occasional care package.

It's formatted for the "adopter" to send letters, texts, care packages, etc. to the "adoptee"; the adoptee is not obligated to respond but may choose to. It's to support them through their post-high school transition and provide love and prayers from their home church during a time that can feel very isolating.

### WHO WOULD RUN IT?

TBD by Council—Welcoming and Caring? Mission and Outreach?

# WHAT WOULD IT REQUIRE FROM OUR COMMITTEE?

I have all of the materials, explanations, templates, etc. The Committee would be responsible for the keeping of the schedule, gathering information from the adopters and adoptees, making those connections after they have been paired, etc.

\*\*I am very willing to help make graphics, advertise, send emails, etc. as needed

### WHEN WOULD THIS START?

We could start with this graduating class if we wanted! We have 6 graduates (3-4 who regularly attend and were confirmed), so it's a small class for a trial run if this is a ministry opportunity we want to try.



### Thanks for downloading the kit!

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#### WHAT IS INCLUDED?

There's so much stuff in this download, we're not going to list every single thing, but it includes: All needed editable graphics, sign-ups and communications to the *Adopter* (adults in your church) and *Adoptees* (graduating Seniors) to gather the correct information, enlist the needed people and communicate through the entire year.

### HOW DO I USE IT?

**STEP 1 – ENLIST THE GRADS.** (prior to graduation)

Send out a letter with info sheet asking graduating Seniors to take part in the program.

### **STEP 2 - BUILD THE PROFILES.** (prior to graduation)

Collect info sheets and pictures from the Senior. Build out an excel sheet with all the needed info for each grad, then build the profile cards. You have the option between an editable Photoshop .psd or Word .doc template with ready-to-enter boxes.

Your finished product will be a half-sheet profile card that looks like this:



\*Disclaimer: Information on Sample adoption card may not be accurate.

(files: Adoptee\_InfoCollection.xls, ProfileBuilder\_Photoshop.psd, ProfileBuilder\_Word.doc)

**STEP 3: ENLIST THE ADOPTERS!** (graduation season through Summer)