

Book of Faith “Getting Started” Checklist

Just as there is *no one way* to implement the Book of Faith Initiative in all settings, there is *no one way* to use this checklist. As you work your way through this list, take the time to collect ideas from others and take note of what approaches you think would be the most helpful for people in your setting.

- **Sign On to the Initiative.** [Sign on](#) and create a sense of ownership from the very beginning--read and adapt the **Model Resolution** with the members of your community!
- **Sign up for [eUpdates](#).**
- **Become a member of the [Book of Faith Social Network](#).** Encourage other individuals from your setting to do this as well! There are conversations about BFI and a wealth of ideas on this site! We're all learning as we go: we rely on this good stewardship of your best ideas!
- **Contact your [Synod Advocate](#).** This year, the advocates are focusing on planning teaching training events — ask about plans for these events in your synod.
- **Check out the Book of Faith Resources.** We have some [great resources from Augsburg Fortress](#). There are [other resources](#) on the main Book of Faith site.
- **Plan and promote a few flagship events** around the Book of Faith Initiative in your setting. Don't forget to consider worship, children's ministry, youth ministry and young adult ministry in these plans!
- **Encourage lay leaders** in your congregation to plan and facilitate events they feel other congregation members would be excited to attend. Many congregations are doing cottage meetings, or small group dinner parties for their Book of Faith Bible studies with great success! The [Book of Faith Social Network](#) is also a great place to look for ideas!
- **Open all meetings with a Bible study** or [Dwelling in the Word](#) moment.
- **Let your youth teach you!** Much of the activity around BFI is happening online, which can be intimidating to the older generations—but it's second nature to the youth in your congregation. Have them show you how to use the Forum (upload videos, songs, pictures, etc)!