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Ready to Launch Your Schoolhouse?

Your simple path from approval to opening day

You have church approval. You have a heart for families. You're ready to serve as Director. *Now what?*

If you're feeling that mix of excitement and "where do I even start?"—you're in precisely the right place. Every successful Director has stood where you are right now, and here's the encouraging truth: you already have everything you need to launch this fall.

Step 1: Lock in Your Church Partnership

Your church said yes, but let's make it official and practical.

Schedule one more conversation with your leadership to confirm:

- Facility use 1–2 days per week during the school year
- Which 2–3 classrooms you'll use, plus your gathering space
- Their level of involvement (most pastors love participating in Assembly!)

Why this matters: You're not asking for permission anymore—you're coordinating details. This is their ministry now, and they want it to succeed.

Helpful resource: Share our *Step-by-Step Schoolhouse Setup for Churches* guide with your pastor. It shows exactly how other churches have made this work seamlessly.

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Step 2: Find Your Founding Families

Here's the part that makes most new Directors nervous: "But what if there aren't any homeschool families around here?"

Start your search:

- Homeschool families already in your church (even if just one!)
- Local friends and neighbors who homeschool
- **JoinSchoolhouse.com**: Families actively looking for a co-op in your area fill out that form and send it in. We connect you with those families in close proximity to you.
- Local homeschool Facebook groups
- Your state's homeschool organiztion

The moment you'll know: When you find families who light up at the idea of Christ-centered community education, you'll know you've found your people!

Step 3: Host Your First Informational Meeting

Picture this: 4–5 parents gathered around your kitchen table, a local coffee shop, or in your church fellowship hall. You're about to show them something that will change their homeschool experience forever.

Your simple agenda (keep it to one hour):

- Show them **SchoolhouseTeachers.com**—400+ courses, Pre-K through Grade 12 (refer to the *Before You Launch: Exploring SchoolhouseTeachers.com* guide).
- Explain the cost: $189/year per family, which is a discount provided by a Schoolhouse Director (a $389/year value), covering unlimited kids in one family, unlimited classes at ANY Schoolhouse in your area—and full access at home. Families can keep learning throughout the week, complete electives, or go deeper into subjects outside the Schoolhouse schedule.
- Ask the question that builds community: "What would you love to teach?"

What you'll discover: *Parents actually want to contribute!* The former teacher wants to lead literature circles. The engineer is excited about teaching science. The mom of littles would love to help with preschool activities.

Follow up afterward: Send families our *Understanding the Schoolhouse Network and Its Unique Co-op Model* guide so they can read more about how this approach differs from traditional co-ops.

You're Almost There

After these three steps, you'll have:

- ✓ Confirmed church support and facility details
- ✓ 3–5 or more excited families ready to participate
- ✓ Clear idea of who wants to teach what
- ✓ Real momentum toward your fall or spring semester launch

What comes next: Choosing your Schoolhouse name, creating your schedule, and helping families enroll. But first, celebrate this milestone—you've built the foundation for something beautiful.

You're not just starting a homeschool co-op. You're building a place where families will form lifelong friendships, children will discover their gifts, and parents will find the support they need for this homeschool journey. You're raising a Schoolhouse.

Remember: Every thriving Schoolhouse in our network started exactly like this. One Director, one church, a handful of families, and a shared vision for Christ-centered, community-based education.

Next up: "Building Your Community"—where we'll walk through naming your Schoolhouse, creating your schedule, and preparing for launch day.

Questions along the way? Email Directors@SchoolhouseTeachers.com—we're here to support you every step of this journey.