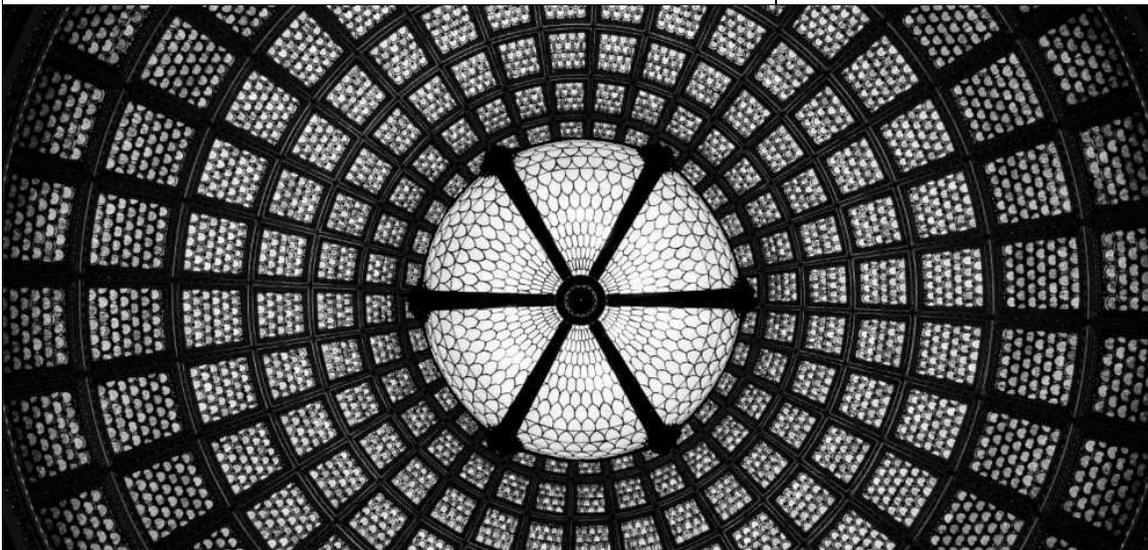




Supporting Your Journey



New 1K Churches Guide for Making Loans Available Now!

Congregations in the 1K Churches process can now access a step by step guide to help them in making a loan to a small business in their community. This guide is a gift from Criterion Institute, the people who brought you the 1K Churches Bible Study and the Getting Started Guide. You can download a copy [here](#).

If your congregation is thinking about taking the 1K Churches plunge, reading through this guide will give you a better sense of what's up ahead when you are ready to make a loan. It will also give you the assurance that this is something you can do and that you are not in this alone. The guide provides advice and examples at every step along the way: from forming an implementation committee, to finding the right loan recipient, to creating a loan agreement, to setting up a repayment schedule, to supporting the business in ways that go beyond the money. While getting the nuts and bolts right at each step, you are also encouraged to make connections to your faith and the lessons you learned in the Bible study.

If your congregation already did the Bible study and wants to get going with making a loan, this guide is just-in-time support for you. If you took a pause after completing the Bible study and are feeling a bit stuck at this point, this guide is just what you need to get back on track.

We congratulate the hundreds of congregations that have already implemented loans using their own wisdom and resources. Many of you have asked for a guide to support you in the process. Some of

1K Churches Monthly Calls

The Criterion team hosts monthly calls to support the 1k journey. Led by Rev. Phyllis Anderson, these informal calls are a time for participants to share insights, ask questions, and support each other. There is no need to RSVP, you are very welcome to just join us at the appropriate time and date by dialling 641.715.0875 using participant code 324443.

Call schedule

May 25, Thursday,
7:00-8:00 PM ET
June 20, Tuesday,
4:00-5:00 PM ET
July 20, Thursday,
11:00-12:00 AM ET
August 23, Wednesday,
11:00-12:00 AM ET

you have also shared your experiences – both good and bad. We have incorporated in this implementation guide the helpful tips, sample documents, and deep wisdom that came from these early adapters.

This implementation guide is designed specifically for those who are making a loan following the Angel Investor pathway, that is a straight-forward, direct loan from the congregation to a local business.

This is the first of five separate guides that are being prepared for the five loan pathways described in the Bible study. The guide for the Public Witness pathway, using the Kiva crowd funding platform, will be available by June. The remaining three guides are under development and will be available by the end of the year.

Download the Angel Investment Implementation Guide

Inspiration: Lord, I Take a Deep Breath

Lord, I take a deep breath
Releasing tension
Making room for You to move
Pry open my hands, my fingers
Hands that cling tightly to coins
That cling out of fear, of greed, of security
Relax my spine, my posture that I hold erect,
out of pride, out of defense

Let me lean on others, for support, for inspiration

Shimmy through my feet, my legs
Energize me to get out into your creation
To move, to explore, to no longer stay put

Release my chest
Lift of my guilt, pain, shame
Add lightness and joy that breed gratitude
Open my ears

Help me hear your Spirit
In the laughter of children
In honest words
In the silence that you fill with Your presence

Unclutter my mind
From the daily tasks and to-do lists
From the stresses and ruts where I'm stuck
To make room for imagination

Thank you for meeting us where we are right now
In mind, in spirit,
and in body

To transform us and this world into Your Kingdom here on earth

Prayer written by a 1K Churches Participant

About 1K Churches

1K Churches Bible study and loan program provides a new way for local congregations to advance one of their mission priorities through finance. Based on their study and reflection on God's economy through a five-week Bible study, the congregation makes a small loan to a small business in their community related to their mission concern. In the process, they form a new relationship with a local business owner, participate in the benefits the business offers the community and experience the power of using finance for good.

1k Churches is a program of **Criterion Institute**, the leading think tank focused on finance as a tool for social change. For more information go to www.criterioninstitute.org.

All the materials and staff support are offered at no cost to congregations.

You can [download all 1K Churches materials here](#) or by visiting the Criterion Institute website.