

Event planning guide

1. Local Coordinators gather to agree on dates and themes for the year
2. Book a speaker for 1 hour to 1.5 hrs input
3. Book a venue to gather, perhaps a nearby club that can cater for a meal/drink afterwards
4. Put together some simple slides.
5. Local Coordinators take it in turns to organise the event
6. Create a simple flyer for the event,
7. Send an online form for RSVPs in the flyer
8. Take a group photo with the speaker.
9. Write a short 3-4 paragraph article summary of the event with photos [click here](#) for guidelines and send article and images to Tracey Doublet for Christlife
10. Post to the Marist Association Facebook page

Here is a sample of a **Regional Gathering** and the **purpose** of Regional Gatherings.

Guest speakers and themes

This is not an exhaustive list of speakers, but offers some suggestions of those who have delivered sessions over the past few years to groups. Your MLF team member can help Regional Groups book and plan a guest speaker.

- **Br Doug Walsh** – Solidarity – the Exodus Community
- **Br Tony Leon** – Marist Dreaming, Spirituality and contemporary reflections on life
- **Br Michael Green** – Growing Marist Life
- **Br Darren Burge** – Accompaniment
- **Br Graham Neist** – Spirituality
- **Br Bill Sullivan** – Nourishing the Soul
- **Br Neville Solomon** – Mary at the Foot of the Cross
- **Br Mark O'Connor** – Pope Francis
- **Br Robert O'Connor** – Miriam
- **Br Michael Callinan** - Created+Called
- **Lavalla200** Community in action
- **Br Chris Wills** – Global Marists
- **Br Michael Flanagan** – The Australian Marist Project

Watch **Br Michael Green** at the Macarthur Regional Gathering 2022: [click here](#)

Watch **Br Doug Walsh** at the Gippsland Regional Gathering 2022: [click here](#)

Sample Regional Gatherings [click here](#)

