

Dinner With The Doctor Program Estimated Cost



The Dinner With The Doctor Program can also be a low budget program to conduct. It is recommended to find a Doctor or Nurse either within your Church or organization or even in the local community to come and speak. Never pay the speaker. We have found that by not paying a speaker, there can never be any question as to if they are being paid to speak on your agenda. It just seems to keep things more transparent. With that being said, the Dinner With The Doctor should be treated much like a cooking class when looking at expenses.

It is safe to use the **\$5.00-\$8.00** per person as a budgetary cost for a Dinner With The Doctor. This is assuming the program is being conducted at your facility and there is no cost for use. This cost of course can range greatly based on what type of a meal is served as well as food prices in your area. As has been stated before, the more your members help, the more financial support from the church, organization or members, the smaller the financial impact will be. We normally recommend not charging participants for the DWD program, but always have a donations jar and we promote it! The speakers and the helpers always receive a meal as well.

If you choose to partner with a local Vegan/Plant Based restaurant or Cafe, the dynamics of course will change. What we have found thus far to be the best working plan is that we would work with the Restaurant and come up with a special 3 option entree menu that

participants could choose from. The cost per meal would all be the same no matter which meal was chosen. We then would subsidize \$5.00 per person that the Church/ Host Organization would pay, then the participant would pay the balance.



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So it might typically look something like this:

Restaurant charges: \$16.00. (estimate)

Church Subsidy: \$ 5.00

Meal cost: \$11.00

This concept can also be modified to subsidize the full amount of the meal if it fell within the normal budget of conducting the program at your facility. If you determine and budget \$14.00 per participant meal at your facility, and you negotiate a \$14.00 cost at the restaurant, you can pay the entire amount and offer the DWD program for free.