#### Instructions for the church secretary:

Rotate the following 5 NALC announcements weekly and then repeat them again.

Use the GENERAL announcement when space is very tight.

Use the "A" announcement form when space is somewhat tight.

Use the "B" announcement form when there is a lot of space.

#### **GENERAL**:

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Christ Centered Mission Driven Traditionally Grounded Congregationally Focused

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## CORE VALUE #1-A:

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## CORE VALUE #4-A:

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