PAR Advertisement Skits

The following skits are intended to promote the United Church’s Pre-Authorized Remittance program (PAR). They work well during the announcements prior to worship but are not limited to that timeframe. Be creative!

They are simple to perform and meant to be humorous. The lines do not have to be memorized but should be well rehearsed in order to get the best presentation and impact.

There are places in the scripts for you to insert your own information. Please customize these as needed. Only YOU know what will work best in your context.

In addition to these skits you will need to provide a supply of PAR sign up and information pamphlets. You can get these at [united-church.ca/community-and-faith/get-involved/ways-give/giving-monthly-through-par](https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/get-involved/ways-give/giving-monthly-through-par) or from [par@united-church.ca](mailto:par@united-church.ca) or 1-800-268-3781, ext. 3152.

Enjoy!

Rev. Dave Jagger

# PAR Advertisement Skit: Week 1

Enter person looking tentative. Goes to microphone and tentatively begins as if afraid to reveal a big secret. As they speak they become more confident.

Voice 1: Uh, hello? I just wanted to let you know that I haven’t always been regular. It’s true. There was a time when I was really irregular. It was uncomfortable and I really didn’t feel good. I knew things weren’t right so I talked to my pharmacist and my doctor. They didn’t really help.

It wasn’t until I enrolled for the church’s Pre-Authorized Remittance program, PAR, that I could relax. Now I know that I’m regular in my givings because my offering comes straight out of my bank account and goes to the church on a regular schedule. With the busyness of life these days, even if I’m not regular in my attendance I can be regular with my offering and guarantee that the church has the funds it needs to carry out its mission, our ministry. If you’ve been suffering from offering irregularity, why don’t you give PAR a try? Information brochures are available at (location or contact person) and enrolment is simple. Trust me, there’s no better feeling than being regular!

Exits.

Voice from off-stage through PA: Regular support of our church by our members helps us plan and carry out our mission (insert mission statement here if you have one). For more information on PAR, our church’s Pre-Authorized Remittance plan, please be sure to pick up a pamphlet from (location or contact person).

PAR Advertisement Skit: Week 2

Enter person with golf bag and clubs. Walks to microphone, pulls out a PAR form and pencil, and begins.

Voice 1: Wow! Check it out! I think this is the best yet! All I have to do is fill in my name and a little information, attach a void cheque, and return it to (location or contact person), and plunk! I’m on PAR. My offering for the mission of the church is automatic. It couldn’t be any simpler!

Places PAR card in pocket and removes a club from the bag.

Voice 1: Now if only it was that easy to get par on this course. You’d think they would at least shovel off this snow once in a while. FORE!!!

Takes club and bag and exits.

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PAR Advertisement Skit: Week 3

Enter a couple obviously late for church and flustered.

Husband: Come on, dear, we’re going to be late.

Wife: I’m coming―I just wanted to change my shoes. You know how (custodian) is about the floors.

Husband: OK, but hurry up.

Wife: Did you bring the offering envelope with you?

Husband: I thought you had it?

Wife: No. I specifically asked you to bring it.

Husband: That’s funny. I was sure you said you would bring it.

Wife: No. I specifically asked you to bring it. Don’t tell me you forgot again! That’s the third time this month.

Husband: (sheepishly) Yes dear. Well, let me see what I have with me.

Husband digs through pocket and finds some loose change. He pulls out three dimes and a quarter.

Husband: Let’s see. 10, 20, 30. Oh look, here’s a quarter!

Wife starts digging through purse.

Husband: Now where was I? 10, 20, 30…

Wife: Here’s a looney!

Scoops coins from husband into her hand.

Wife: That will have to do this week.

Husband: There must be a better way to help support the mission of our church without this last-minute stress.

Wife: Maybe we need to sign up for that PAR thing we’ve heard about, then we wouldn’t have to worry anymore.

Husband: I’m going to pick up one of those information pamphlets after worship today. At least we can look into it.

Wife: If it helps *you* get organized so I don’t have to go through this again then I’m all for it!!!

The couple move off down the centre aisle together as if to go and sit down for worship. Exit at back.

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# PAR Advertisement Skit: Week 4

(The God-voice is spoken through the PA system by a person not seen by the congregation. Use a different voice from the Voice from off-stage through PA at the end.)

Enter person with VERY long list trailing behind them, reading from list.

Voice 1: Got it. Got it. Got it. Got it. Got it.

Looks up at congregation.

Voice 1: You know, I think I got everything on my list this year. It’s been a great holiday season, but I’d sure like to be able to do something now to help show how thankful I am for all I got.

God-voice: That’s a good idea!

Voice 1 looks up in shock and surprise.

Voice 1: Thanks! I think. So what could I do?

God-voice: You could feed the poor and provide housing for the homeless. You could help provide a meeting place for community groups. You could share my Word of love and forgiveness with people in this community and around the world. You could help heat the church building and keep the lights turned on. You could…

Voice 1: (interrupting) Whoa! Slow down! I know I said I was thankful, but how can I do all that?

God-voice: You can give regularly to your church and to the Mission and Service of The United Church of Canada. Together, they do all of those things and more.

Voice 1: Hey, I could do that.

God-voice: Yes you could.

Voice 1: Hey, I think I will do that.

God-voice: Good for you. And while you’re at it, why not sign up for PAR to help you carry through all year on your decision?

Voice 1: Whatever you say! [Smiles satisfied and exits]

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