

# **Instructions for Packet**

## **Materials:**

1. Q&A Document on Marriage
2. MD Legislator Letter for Pastors
3. Postcards to MD Legislators  
(Citizens)
4. Baltimore Sun Article on MMA
5. Pulpit/Bulletin Announcement on  
MMA Advocacy Network
6. Calendar of Important dates

1. Read over all information carefully
2. Prepare Bulletin Announcements and Pulpit Announcements for each Sunday so that your congregations have the opportunity to sign-up and to be informed during the legislative session. Also speak about the MMA and our current efforts.
3. Pass out the postcards to your congregation to be filled out. Have a volunteer collect the filled-out forms and keep them together. When all the forms are filled out, place them in a manila envelope addressed to the Maryland Marriage Alliance, PO Box 106, Annapolis, MD 21404. Enclose in this packet your pastor's letter that is signed (include your address with your signature). We have included a sample for you to use. You can use the exact copy or modify it as you want. You may also choose to send the information in a hand-written letter. Please have these mailed to us ASAP.
4. Enclosed is a calendar of specific ways that you can help to spread the word and get your congregations on board. Each Sunday includes items that you can do to help us.
5. There is also a great Q&A document enclosed that is helpful for informing your congregation about the issue of same-sex "marriage" and current Maryland law.

**\*Please Note: There will be a Day of Prayer before the 2012 legislative session which will include pastors and their congregations. The date of this will be Sunday, January 8, 2012 at 3pm in Annapolis at the State House. Please make a note of this on your yellow sheet to announce this event on January 1<sup>st</sup>.**