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Based on a candlelighting service

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- Invite special guest speakers
- Have a theme
- Print a program
- Have music or a performance by your school’s performing arts students
- Give a token of membership
- Use a registry to record your new members
- Have a postceremony reception

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- Pick a location
- Secure the location using your school’s protocol
- Prepare a script
- Rehearse

Follow up

- Review the ceremony with your officers and members.
- Thank special guests in writing.

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