

# Compete and Win by Leading in Customer Engagement

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This webcast contains three main sections:



- 1) What is customer engagement?
- 2) Why is it so important to get it right?
- 3) How do we get it right?

# What is customer engagement?



#### **Customer Engagement Defined**



**Customer engagement** is a business communication connection between an external stakeholder (**consumer**) and an organization (**company or brand**) through various channels of correspondence. (Wikipedia)



## **Customer Engagement According to Harland Clarke**

# 1) A communication connection between the market and your brand. Must be:

- Relevant
- Timely
- Trusted
- Personal

#### 2) Through various channels of correspondence:

Customers must receive a seamless, consistent experience through whatever channels they prefer to interact







#### **Customer Engagement According to Harland Clarke**

#### Simply stated:

- How do customers feel about your brand?
- What emotions are evoked?
- Are the feelings overwhelmingly positive or are there some negative ones?
- Customer engagement is not about the things you **do**, but how your customers **feel** about your financial institution





## The Typical Approach is Ineffective



# Financial institutions have access to a wealth of data but don't have the bandwidth or expertise in-house to leverage it.

#### This results in:

- Ineffective, unmeasurable mass-marketing campaigns
- Disengagement among customers
- Attrition among existing customers and lost new business
- Inability to impart value to customers and prospects

#### **CMOs understand the importance of CX initiatives**

- But, CX is a vague concept
- Many are not tracking key metrics related to the effect of CX

# Engagement is essential for cross-sell, but it is not the same thing as cross-sell

• Get engagement right and everything else will fall into place



# Why is it so important to get customer engagement right?

#### Customer Engagement is the Only Way to Compete and Win



#### Against these industry and market forces:

- Increased competition (traditional and non-traditional)
- Complex, more expensive regulatory environment
- Commoditization due to competing on price only
  - Failed efforts to differentiate by service often leave price as the only way to compete
- Razor-thin margins
  - Financial institutions must compete by adding relationship value
- Increasing automation due to tech advances
- Must capitalize on consumer demands for convenience and service

### By the Numbers: Assessing the Impact



#### By 2020, customer experience will overtake price and product as the key brand differentiator



Source: Walker, Customers 2020: A Progress Report, 2017

## By the Numbers: Assessing the Bottom Line Impact

#### Financial institutions can expect big gains from just moderate improvements in customer experience

- "Big" institutions can expect as much as \$816M in increased revenue over three years due to improvements in sales, retention, forgiven mistakes, word of mouth
- Though the study applies to institutions with >\$1B in revenue, it's easy to see how community banks and credit unions can benefit from improved customer engagement



Source: Temkin Group, ROI of Customer Experience, 2018.



By the Numbers: Assessing the Impact  $\rightarrow$ 

# "Quiet consumers" do not equate to consumer satisfaction.

1 in 3 consumers will take their business elsewhere after just one bad experience, even if all previous experiences have been exceedingly positive.

Source: PwC, Experience is Everything, Get it Right, 2018.

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#### Compete and Win

- Customer engagement is a point of distinction that will help financial institutions survive and thrive in this highly competitive environment
- There is a lot of opportunity up for grabs for those who get it right









# How do we get customer engagement right?

# But First, How to Get Customer Engagement Wrong

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- You have a social media presence but it's:
  - o Unmonitored
  - Oblivious to current negative brand perceptions in the market
  - Stagnant/uninteresting
- You do not use data analytics to develop timely, relevant, personalized communications
- You do not agree on or monitor customer engagement benchmarks
- You do not proactively seek, collect, aggregate, analyze, track, remedy and follow up on customer feedback

## **Getting Customer Engagement Right**



Customer engagement switches the focus from the financial institution to the customer

- First, it's about getting the experience right for the consumer
- Not profit/product focused
- If engagement strategy supports overall strategic objectives, everything else will fall into place

To get customer engagement right, you must understand:

- Where you stand in the market
- How current customers and prospects perceive your brand
- Where you need to be

#### And then do something about it!

#### **Indicators of Engagement**





### **Understand Current Market Perceptions**



- Manage and control your digital reputation and assets from a central location
- Ensure people can find you easily
  - Maintain accuracy in search results and ensure you can be found everywhere consumers are searching digitally
  - Monitor, manage and respond to public-facing reviews
  - Analyze the effectiveness of search results

#### Talk to Current Customers



- Enable access to actionable data
- Gather quantitative, objective insight into current perceptions of your brand
- Be objective about your financial institution's strengths and weaknesses



# Benchmarking

- Analyze and remedy current performance compared to peers
- Analyze by consumer segment
  - Different age and socioeconomic groups have different starting points of trust and expectations for engagement
- Tailor your strategies to your targeted segments





## Putting it All Together



Create strategies around learnings from customer feedback, benchmark comparisons and opportunity mining



#### Onboarding

 Targeted data-driven communications (relevant and timely) to welcome, engage, grow and retain



- Open-ended, continually looping process, not one and done
  - Must continually, assess, measure, evolve and refine



Strategy must encompass:

- Relevant, timely, omnichannel communications informed by data
- Continual feedback collection, analysis, monitoring and course-correction
- Industry and peer benchmarking



# **Questions**?

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