

# Strategies for Increasing Non-Interest Income

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## Course Outline

**Banking Strategy**

**Deposit-Related NII**

**Products**

**Interchange Income**

**Loan-Related NII**

**Additional NII Sources**

**NII and Bank Culture**

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## Banking Strategy

A strategic plan should answer these four questions:

- Where are we now?
- Where do we want to be?
- How do we get there?
- How do we measure our progress?

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## Banking Strategy



- Three Year Plan
- Aspirational Goals
- Nimble Action Plans

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## Current Trends

- Does fee satisfaction matter?
- Does service matter?
- How is this different now and going forward?

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## Deposit Products

**Customer relationships have traditionally been built around the checking account**

All deposit products must be:

- Simple
- Competitive
- Flexible

The majority of customers that switch for promotional reasons are willing to switch again in the next few months

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## Deposit Products

**Free Checking is not dead! Why?**

- Consumers hate monthly maintenance fees!

**2025 notable trends:**

- Checking account fees have decreased in last 6 months
- Checking accounts with no maintenance fee: 37%+
- Online accounts:
  - 70% have no maintenance fee
  - Lower OD and ATM fees
- Average overdraft fee dropped to \$30.82

MoneyRates.com survey, May 2025

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## Deposit Products

**Checking Improvement Outline**

1. Add/keep free checking product
  - No frills, if they want additional features and benefits they need to pay for them
2. Design 2 – 3 additional checking accounts
3. Focus on small business
4. Obtain or build a simple customer profitability model

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Customer Benefits

Consumer DDA Accounts

| Service Charge              | Account | Account | Account | % of |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|------|
| 01 - Regular                | 43      | 12      | 1.2%    |      |
| 02 - Plus to 10.00          | 4       | 4       | 2.4%    |      |
| 03 - Plus to 20.00          | 1       | 1       | 1.0%    |      |
| 04 - Plus to 30.00          | 1       | 1       | 1.0%    |      |
| 05 - Student (See Code 01)  | 1       | 1       | 1.0%    |      |
| 06 - New                    | 44      | 26      | 1.0%    |      |
| 07 - Farmers Gold           | 45      | 13      | 1.3%    |      |
| 08 - Farmers Gold Advantage | 46      | 4       | 4.0%    |      |
| 09 - Simply Free            | 4       | 30      | 0.38%   |      |
| 10 - Simply Free            | 41      | 42      | 1.4%    |      |
| 11 - Better Than Gold       | 10      | 10      | 1.0%    |      |
| 12 - Better Than Gold       | 10      | 10      | 1.0%    |      |
| 13 - Common Sense Basic     | 78      | 15      | 1.5%    |      |
| 14 - Common Sense Basic     | 79      | 15      | 1.5%    |      |
| 15 - Super Free             | 4       | 39      | 1.38%   |      |
| 16 - Plus to 10.00          | 4       | 42      | 1.4%    |      |
| 17 - Plus to 20.00          | 4       | 42      | 1.4%    |      |
| 18 - Plus to 30.00          | 4       | 42      | 1.4%    |      |
| 19 - Interest Free Checking | 280     | 69      | 10.2%   |      |
| 20 - New Checking           | 74      | 20      | 2.0%    |      |
| 21 - Regular Checking       | 49      | 36      | 1.1%    |      |
| 22 - Health Savings Plan    | 1       | 1       | 1.0%    |      |
| Common Sense                | 1,500   | 100     | 100.0%  |      |

| 01 - Regular Checking | 02 - Better Than Ever           | 03 - Bonus Checking   | 04 - No Name           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 01 - Regular Checking | \$0 Min Bal / \$7 SC            | \$5 - 2 or \$2.50 - 1 | 01 - No Name           |
| 02 - Simply Free      | \$0 Min Bal / \$7 SC            | \$0 - 2 or \$2.50 - 1 | 02 - SC W/ve (special) |
| 03 - Simply Free      | \$0 Min Bal / \$7 SC            | \$0 - 2 or \$2.50 - 1 | 03 - HSA               |
| 04 - Student          | \$100 Min Bal or \$500 / \$7 SC | \$0 - 2 or \$2.50 - 1 |                        |
| \$0 min bal / \$0 SC  | \$0 Min Bal / \$6 SC            | \$0 - 2 or \$2.50 - 1 |                        |
|                       | \$0 Min Bal / \$6 SC            | \$0 - 2 or \$2.50 - 1 |                        |
|                       | \$0 Min Bal / \$6 SC            | \$0 - 2 or \$2.50 - 1 |                        |
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|                       | \$0 Min Bal / \$6 SC            | \$0 - 2 or \$2.50 - 1 |                        |
|                       | \$0 Min Bal / \$6 SC            | \$0 - 2 or \$2.50 - 1 |                        |

Interest Bearing Checking

|                                                                                                                   |                                                                                               |                                                         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 01 - Simply Free Int - 0.1%<br>\$3K to pay int                                                                    | 02 - Super Non Checking<br>01 - 0.06%<br>\$25K min bal / \$10<br>\$25 - 35 items              | 03 - Plus 10 - \$10K<br>\$0 fee                         |
| F2 - Premier Plus Chg<br>\$500 to pay int                                                                         | F4 - New Checking - 0.4%<br>\$1K min or \$10K comb / \$12<br>\$10 - 50 checks                 | 07 - Plus 10 - \$10K<br>\$7 fee                         |
| F3 - Interest Free Chg<br>300-500<br>Earn int 1% I, ACH, 5<br>DC Trans, 5 or less paper<br>debits, establishments | 0A - New - 01 - 0.4%<br>\$1,500 min bal<br>-\$499 - \$6<br>\$900 - \$999 - \$7<br>-\$1K - \$6 | 0K - Better Than Gold<br>02 - 0.2%<br>\$0 min bal / \$5 |
|                                                                                                                   | 0G - Farmers Gold Adv<br>\$100 min bal / \$7 SC                                               | 0G - Farmers Gold Adv<br>\$100 min bal / \$7 SC         |
|                                                                                                                   | 0L - Common Sense Adv<br>0.4%                                                                 | 0L - Common Sense Adv<br>0.4%                           |
|                                                                                                                   | 0M - Common Sense Adv<br>\$1,500 min bal / \$6                                                |                                                         |

Niche & Grandfathered

|                        |
|------------------------|
| 01 - No Name           |
| 02 - SC W/ve (special) |
| 03 - HSA               |

Access to Payment Systems  
Mobile Banking  
Bill Pay

FDC Insurance  
Debit Card  
Telephone Banking

Record Keeping  
Mobile Deposit  
ATM Access

Online Banking  
Account Alerts  
Branch Access

Profit Resources, Inc.

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| Deposit Growth Focus                                                                                                                        |                                                               |      |      |      |      |              |                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|--------------|-----------------|
| Table 1                                                                                                                                     |                                                               |      |      |      |      |              |                 |
| Large Bank and Noncommunity Bank Deposit Growth Fell Behind Other Groups                                                                    |                                                               |      |      |      |      |              |                 |
| Bank Size                                                                                                                                   | Year-Over-Year Deposit Growth, Adjusted for Mergers (Percent) |      |      |      |      |              | Number of Banks |
|                                                                                                                                             | 2019                                                          | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2018 to 2023 | 2023            |
| Assets Greater Than \$250 Billion                                                                                                           | 3.1                                                           | 24.5 | 9.6  | 4.6  | -6.8 | 37.1         | 14              |
| Assets \$10 Billion to \$250 Billion                                                                                                        | 4.9                                                           | 19.6 | 11.4 | 4.8  | -4.1 | 40.5         | 142             |
| Assets \$1 Billion to \$10 Billion                                                                                                          | 6.3                                                           | 18.4 | 12.7 | 8.8  | 1.2  | 56.1         | 840             |
| Assets Less Than \$1 Billion                                                                                                                | 4.5                                                           | 16.0 | 13.5 | 7.3  | -0.1 | 47.6         | 3,649           |
| Bank Designation                                                                                                                            |                                                               |      |      |      |      |              |                 |
| Noncommunity Banks                                                                                                                          | 3.9                                                           | 22.6 | 10.3 | 4.8  | -5.6 | 38.9         | 455             |
| Community Banks                                                                                                                             | 5.5                                                           | 16.5 | 13.5 | 8.4  | 1.0  | 52.8         | 4,190           |
| Source: FDIC Quarterly of Deposits, June 30, 2018, to June 30, 2023. Note: Bank count is as of the June 30, 2023, to June 30, 2023, period. |                                                               |      |      |      |      |              |                 |
| FDIC Quarterly, 2024 Volume 1                                                                                                               |                                                               |      |      |      |      |              |                 |

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| Miscellaneous Fee Income                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
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| Do you have an income culture?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Revenue committee</li><li>Publish / disclose all possible fees<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Service charges are not shopped</li></ul></li><li>Fees to pay attention to:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Wire transfers</li><li>CD early withdrawal penalty</li><li>Returned deposited items</li><li>NSF/Returns and Stop Payments</li><li>New payment and capture technology ?</li></ul></li></ul> |  |

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## Miscellaneous Fee Income

### Market Compare

- Build a database of all competitors in market
  - Identify "non-bank" competition
  - Identify "true" competition
- Compare products and pricing
- Make location considerations
- Update the grid at least annually

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## Miscellaneous Fee Income - List

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| ATM Foreign Usage          | Holiday Savings Close      |
| Bond Collection            | Inactive Debit Card        |
| Bounce/Courtesy/ODP        | IRA Transfer               |
| Closing Acct by Mail       | Mailed Paper Statement     |
| Close Acct within xxx days | NSF Per Item               |
| Collection Items           | Non-Customer Check Cashing |
| Copies (per page)          | Official Checks            |
| Counter Check              | Order Foreign Currency     |
| Customer Check Cashing     | Research/Acct Recon        |
| Daily/Continuous OD        | Returned Deposited Items   |
| Debit Card Replacement     | Snapshot/Spec Statement    |
| Custom Debit Card          | Stop Payment               |
| Dormant Acct               | Sweep Transfer             |
| Excess MMDA/Savings WD     | Telephone Transfer         |
| Fax                        | Wire Transfer (In and Out) |
| Fresh Start Set-up         | Safe Deposit Boxes         |
| Garnishment/Levy           |                            |

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## Miscellaneous Fee Income

### Offer OD services your customers want

- Automated programs
- Comply with FDIC/OCC guidance and inform the customer
- Ensure continued opt-in success
- **Focus on Reg E opt-in**
- Dynamic OD limits
- Discontinue continuous overdraft fee

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## Miscellaneous Fee Income

### Enhance fee tracking and collection

- General ledger should track waivers and refunds
- Build incentives for revenue all the way to the teller line
- Enhance front line training and scripting:
  - Banking 101 topics about costs and why fees
  - Overdraft protection options and benefits
  - Identifying financial counseling candidates

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## Interchange Income



- #1 deposit-based source of NII
- Organic growth based on "spend"
- Consumer debit spend normalizing post-Covid but still growing (like always):
  - 2021: 20%+ YOY growth
  - 2022: 14%+
  - 2023: 4%
  - 2024: ???

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## Interchange Income

### 2024 Debit Issuer Study: Key Takeaways

Debit is increasingly important to account holders and critical to issuer economics

**4%**

growth year-over-year (YOY) in both debit transactions and dollar volume in 2023

**34.6**

transactions performed by active cardholders per month, on average, about 90% of which are POS purchases

**\$162**

generated by exempt issuers per active debit card per year in gross revenue, on average, compared with \$91 for covered issuers

Digital and mobile devices account for a growing share of transactions

**45%**

of 2023 debit spend was card-not-present (CNP)

**7%**

of debit transactions were initiated with mobile phones



Digital debit card issuance is the top new capability issuers plan to introduce

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## Interchange Income

### Utilize BIN structure properly

- Consumer BIN
  - HSA BIN
- Business BIN
  - Include Small Business
  - Ensure customer placement
- **NO ATM ONLY CARDS!**
- HELOC access?



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## Interchange Income

### Explore Interchange Network Alternatives

- 2 types of point-of-sale (POS)
  - Signature & PIN-entry
  - Sub-types: PIN-less, CNP, bill-pay (COF), cash-back, etc.
- Interchange Foundation
  - Card Brand (SIG)
  - PIN Network (PIN)
- Not all networks are created equal!

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## Interchange Networks

SIG Network / Card Brand  
Impacts all transaction types

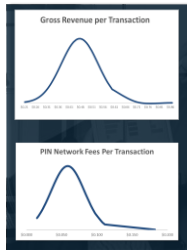


PIN POS and ATM  
Brand unaffiliated, Processor Owned



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## Interchange Networks



- ✓ Not all PIN Networks are created equal
- ✓ Your processor is NOT the only answer
- ✓ There are wide ranges of expense structures and multiple places to hide those expenses
- ✓ Interchange fluctuates regularly – don't commit for too long
- ✓ You can change PIN networks without cardholder impact!

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## Interchange Networks

Debit Interchange Rates Per Transaction



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## Metrics & Measurement

### Average Gross Interchange

- Exempt PIN = \$0.27  
SIG = Consumer \$0.55; Business \$2.10; HSA \$1.74
- >\$10B PIN / SIG = \$0.24 (\$0.21 + .05% of tr. amt)

### P.A.U.

| Card Type | Penetration (%) | Active Rate (%) | Utilization  |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Personal  | 78 / 101        | 67 / 85         | 24.6 / 32.8  |
| Business  | 38 / 78         | 45 / 68         | 14.5 / 29.55 |
| HSA       | 89 / 102        | 46 / 90         | 2.8 / 10.76  |

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## Interchange Income

| Debit Portfolio KPIs |                       |                       |                      |                         |                          |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
|                      | Penetration rate      | Active rate           | Usage*               | Average ticket          | Spend**                  |
| Overall              | 80.5%<br>(+0.8%/year) | 66.3%<br>(+0.7%/year) | 30.7<br>(+4.8%/year) | \$46.89<br>(+3.4%/year) | \$17,274<br>(+1.7%/year) |
| Consumer cards       | 82.9%                 | 67.6%                 | 31.2                 | \$43.82                 | \$16,406                 |
| Business cards       | 52.2%                 | 51.3%                 | 25.2                 | \$107.34                | \$32,469                 |
| Covered issuers      | 81.1%                 | 62.9%                 | 31.8                 | \$47.27                 | \$18,038                 |
| Exempt issuers       | 79.6%                 | 71.6%                 | 28.9                 | \$46.29                 | \$16,053                 |

\*Monthly POS transactions per active card

\*\*Spend per active card per year

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## Interchange Income

- Increase P.A.U.
  - Penetration, Active Rate, Utilization
- Top of wallet
  - Early adoption; set buyer behavior
  - Declines are a killer!
  - Instant Issue; Contactless
- Culture



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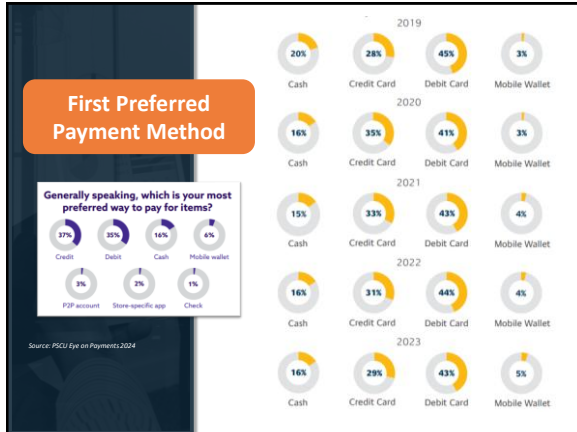
## Interchange Income

| Debit KPI Benchmarking |                     |                  |                  |               |
|------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
|                        | Opportunities exist | Good performance | High performance | Best in class |
| Penetration rate       | <76%                | 76-82%           | 82-84%           | >84%          |
| Active rate            | <59%                | 59-66%           | 66-78%           | >78%          |
| Usage*                 | <25                 | 25-28            | 28-32            | >32           |
|                        | 1st quartile        | 2nd quartile     | 3rd quartile     | 4th quartile  |

\*Monthly POS transactions per active card

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## Payments Income Trends

- Digital banking / bill pay
- Mobile app
- P2P; A2A
- FedNow/RTP?
- Card Controls
- Technology based services
  - Credit card loan payment capability
  - App-based lending / approval

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## Loan Related NII

### Pricing Model

- Self-made vs. outside party
- Negotiable Factors
- Price maker vs. price taker
- Fractional Pricing

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## Loan Related NII

### Fees

- Commitment fee
  - Origination fee
  - Process/Documentation Fee
- Not the same

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## Loan Related NII

### Fee Considerations

- Know your customers
- Ask for more than you expect
- Tier fees based upon amount
- Get fees upfront



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## Commercial Lending Fees

|                               |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Application Fee               | Line of Credit – Non-usage Fee  |
| Commitment Fee                | Collateral Substitution         |
| Underwriting / Processing Fee | Payoff Letters                  |
| Origination Fee               | Prepayment Fee                  |
| Document Prep Fee             | Copy Charge                     |
| Renewal Fee                   | Amortization Schedule Fee       |
| Letter of Credit Fees         | Recording Fees                  |
| Collateral Audit Fee          | Release Fees                    |
| Inventory Floor Plan / Checks | Wire Fee - Loan Disbursement    |
| Loan Modification / Extension | UCC Fees                        |
| Bank Evaluation               | Unused Commitment Fee           |
| Construction Mgmt / Setup Fee | Subordination Fee               |
| Construction Inspection Fee   | Guarantor Release Fee           |
| Construction Draw Fee         | Loan Covenant Waiver Fee        |
| Annual Fee                    | Credit Inquiry Fee              |
| Courier Fee                   | Credit Reference Fee            |
| Flood Cert Fee                | Appraisal Review                |
| Late Payment Fee              | Environmental Assessment Review |
| NSF Returned Check Fee        | Internal Inspection Assessment  |

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## Mortgage Lending Fees

Pre-approval Fee  
 Origination Fee  
 Rate Lock Fee  
 Non-Escrow Fee  
 Closing Fee  
 Funding Fee/Wire Fee  
 Gain on Sale – Secondary Market Sale  
 Set-Up Fee (construction)  
 Inspection Fee (construction)  
 Extension Fee (construction)  
 Modification Fee  
 NSF Payment Fee  
 Late Fee  
 Document/Statement Copy Fee  
 Amortization Schedule Fee  
 Payment History Fee  
 Payoff Letter Fax Fee  
 VOM/VOD Fee

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## Consumer Lending Fees

|                                    |                                  |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Application / Setup Fee            | Late Payment Fee                 |
| Indirect Application / Setup Fee   | Late Payment Fee - Interest Only |
| Application / Setup Fee            | NSF Returned Check Fee           |
| Document Prep Fee                  | HELOC - Annual Fee               |
| RE Origination Fee - Balloon       | HELOC - Non Usage Fee            |
| Lot Loans                          | Payoff Letters                   |
| HELOC Origination - Investment     | Prepayment Fee - HELOC           |
| Property                           | Copy Charge                      |
| Construction Loan Origination      | Amortization Schedule Fee        |
| CD/Savings, Car, Unsecured, Stock, | Recording Fees                   |
| Life Ins. Origination Fees         | Release Fees                     |
| Inspection Fee                     | Wire Fee-Loan Disbursement       |
| Annual Fee for Overdraft LOC       | Skip A Payment                   |
| Auto Debit Off                     | UCC Fees                         |
| Coupon Book Replacement            | Collateral Substitution          |
| ACH Transaction & Setup            | VSI Auto                         |
| Bank Evaluations                   | HELOC Fixed Rate Option          |
| Courier Fee                        | Change in Payment Due Date       |
| Flood Cert Fee                     | Subordination Fee                |

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## Additional NII Sources

### ATM Fee Income

- Foreign transaction fee income basics
- Customer foreign ATM fees?
- Surcharge-free / Alliance networks
- Opportunity Costs!!!
  - Debit usage
  - Cash sitting uninvested



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## Additional NII Sources

### Deposit Account Add-ons

- Cell phone insurance
- Identity theft insurance
- Mobile deposit
- Others?

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## Additional NII Sources

### Small Business Sense

- 29.6 million business with <100 employees; 99.9% of American businesses
- Revenues: \$47,000 - \$6 million
- Checking balances are 3x more than consumer accounts
- Digital Banking and Payments as differentiators
- 76% use same bank for business and personal
- Community banks succeeded in issuing PPP

Source: U.S. Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy

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## Additional NII Sources

### Business Client Opportunity

# 83%

of your current commercial clients  
DO NOT use any Treasury Services

*5 Steps to Better Treasury Management*  
SouthState Correspondent Banker to Banker Blog

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## Additional NII Sources

### Strategic Goals for TM:

- Diversification
- Fees
- Deposit Balances
- Fraud Mitigation
- Profitability

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## Additional NII Sources

### Treasury Management

- Fraud Mitigation: Positive Pay (Check and ACH), ARP
- Business Mobile Deposit and Remote Deposit Capture
- Payments
- Lockbox
- Debit / Credit Cards
- Spend and Cash Analytics

Account Analysis Fee Structure

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## Additional NII Sources

### Insurance

- Buy an agency and leave it alone
- Implement or fine tune credit life
- Additionally offer:
  - Payment protection
  - Gap insurance
  - Identity theft insurance
- Implement an aggressive referral and database sharing program

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## Additional NII Sources

### Brokerage & Wealth Management

- Select an outsourced service and share fees
- Get over the fear of core deposit loss
- Do not go overboard with licenses
- Offer full trust services if possible within Wealth Management

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## Additional NII Sources

**Others to consider?**

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*But what about...*

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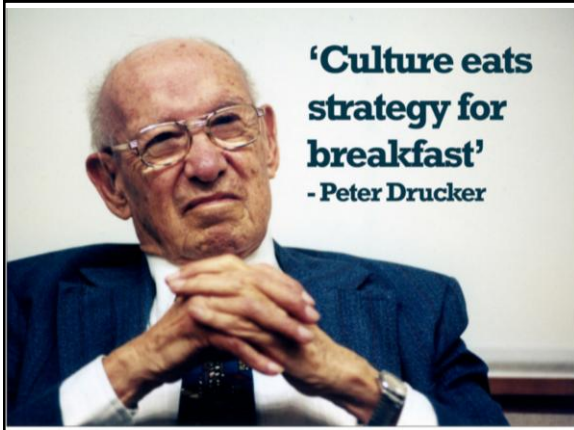
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## NII and the Effect on Bank Culture

Heard in the halls...

- We are a community bank
- We are the low-cost provider
- We have never charged the school district
- We are getting just like the big banks
- We tried that once and our phones rang off the hook with complaints
- Customers will never give up their passbooks, Christmas club, etc...
- Seniors don't want eStatements or online banking
- You can't charge minors

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## NII and the Effect on Bank Culture

How are your associates acting?

- Explain fees?
- Understand services?
- Believe in value?
- Understand fees' necessity?



Will they recognize the opportunity to serve

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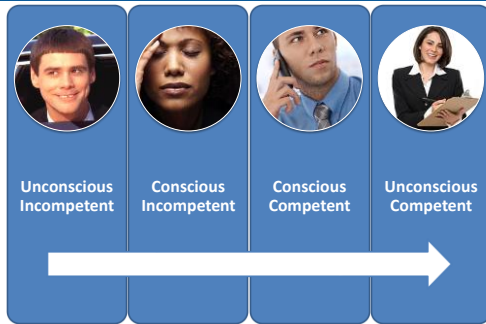
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## Training



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## NII and the Effect on Bank Culture

What is Service Culture and why is it important?

- The capacity and willingness to provide service
- The recognition of the opportunity to serve
- The recognition of one's own service limitations
- Internal customer service is reflected in the External customer service
- We are good, we provide value, and we know it!

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## NII and the Effect on Bank Culture

How well do you know your customers?

- What account aspects are customers using?
- Focus on account retention
- Provide added value (and added shareholder value)

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## Conclusion

As leaders in your bank you are expected to know what to do...

- Optimize profitability and revenue
- Find and execute the best strategies
- Sponsor/champion the change in culture

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