

EVERYTHING FLOWS FROM *Discipleship*



THE SOURCE
Jesus Christ
John 7:38

The mission of The United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This is why we do all that we do.

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Each congregation will receive one of two invitations. Congregations without an intentional discipleship process begin with Forming Vital Disciples.

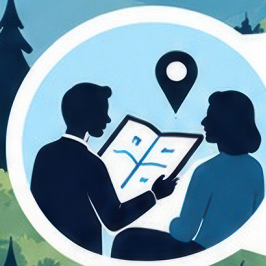
Those with a process already in place, and those who have engaged in Forming Vital Disciples, continue with Mission Alignment Reflection.

There is no journey to vitality without discipleship.



INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP

We intentionally form disciples who know, love, and follow Jesus.



MISSION ALIGNMENT

We explore where God is calling us and how our entire life together aligns with the mission.



MISSIONAL ACTION PLANNING

We develop a clear plan to implement and sustain the ministry God is calling us to do.

WHAT IS MY NEXT FAITHFUL STEP?

A Vitality Conversation can help at any point on the journey.



VITALITY

SEE AND VALUE ALL PEOPLE
DEEPEN DISCIPLESHIP
LIVE & LOVE LIKE JESUS
MULTIPLY IMPACT

John 10:10



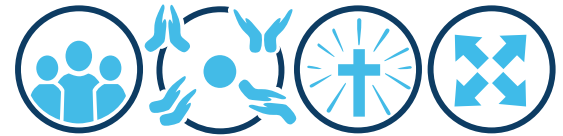
**Baltimore-Washington &
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John Wesley's Rule of Discipleship:

"To witness to Jesus Christ in the world and to follow his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit." Book of Discipline ¶1109.8

ACCOMPANIMENT FOR THE JOURNEY

PRACTICAL SUPPORT FOR YOUR NEXT FAITHFUL STEP



Different resources may be helpful at different times depending on your congregation's context. A vitality conversation helps determine which resource will best support your next faithful step. This includes a prayerful, collaborative conversation with a conference partner to help your congregation discern where God may be leading and what support may be helpful.

TWO FOUNDATIONAL INVITATIONS

FORMING VITAL DISCIPLES

For congregations seeking to build or strengthen an intentional discipleship formation practice.

MISSION ALIGNMENT REFLECTION

For congregations with an intentional discipleship formation practice already in place, an annual opportunity to reflect on how the congregation's life and ministry align with God's mission.

MISSIONAL ACTION PLANNING

Missional Action Planning is the outward flow of discipleship. We listen to God, our neighbors, and one another and build relationships; discern what we are discovering and imagine new possibilities; organize and steward our people, relationships, gifts, and resources for missional impact; and learn, adapt, and continue the journey as God leads. These are resources for the journey:

CATALYST

Facilitation and support to move from discernment to action.

PROPERTY WITH PURPOSE

Guidance and support for stewarding property and other assets to advance God's mission.

CONNECTING FOR A CHANGE

Support for community engagement, relationship building, and organizing for greater impact.

ACTION PLANNING

Practical tools to develop, refine, and implement plans for ministry and mission.

COACHING & CONSULTATION

Individual or team support for leadership development, discernment, change, and implementation.

LEAVING A LEGACY

Resources for navigating seasons of transition, significant decisions, or the faithful conclusion of a ministry.



If you have additional questions, reach out to Rev. Bill Brown, Director of Congregational Vitality, at bbrown@pdcbwc.org.

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