

Fruitfulness Project Instructions

Report on a significant disciples-making project you led during your time as a Provisional Member

As directed by the 2020/2024 Book of Discipline, ¶335.7 (Elders) or 330.4.4 (Deacons), you must present a project that demonstrates fruitfulness in carrying out the church's mission of "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." This project should be designed and led during your time as a Provisional Member of the BWC and should seek to reach those in the community or persons not currently involved in a faith community.

For provisional members completing their application in 2026 to attend the 2027 full member exam there are two options for presentation (both will be received in pass/fail model; completing the project in good faith and providing a professional presentation/report is the goal for a pass):

1. **Provide a 15-20 minute presentation**, which includes a time for questions and answers, of your project at the April RIM meeting. The presentation will be received by your fellow RIM participants and at least 2 members of the Board of Ordained Ministry. **Due date: April 23, 2026.**
2. **Provide a written report** to be no more than ten (10) pages in length, double spaced, in Times New Roman font with one inch margins. This report should be emailed directly to the FM Registrar. **Due date: September 1, 2026.**

Your presentation/report should address the following:

- Give a general description of the fruitfulness project and why you chose it.
- Provide relevant planning details: what was your role, did members of your congregation join you, did you need to raise funding, how did you invite persons to participate, etc.
- What specific fruit did this ministry bear? (remember that learning is a type of fruit)
- What did you and/or your congregation learn from this experience? (Please share what you might do differently or the same in future ministry design/planning.)

The following are examples project possibilities, but you are free to choose any project that you have already initiated or will be initiating and engaging in prior to the presentation/report submission. (If you are unsure about your project choice please reach out to the Full Member Registrar and they can help advise you.)

- Launching a new worship service/worship experience
- Launching an outreach project to address a specific social justice issue or need in your community
- Beginning a small group ministry to reach un-churched persons or a new population of congregants
- Starting a new member class where persons were intentionally led in deeper discipleship and were integrated into the life and work of the congregation.
- Leading a confirmation class
- Directing a musical or theatrical production designed as an outreach event
- Starting a new music ensemble for potential new Christians.

Please Note: There is no expectation for projects to be "successful." Instead please focus upon the learning process and creativity/experimentation. Please contextualize your project as appropriate to your current ministry setting.