

New Faith Expressions Board

Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church

Why (Mission)

We believe that every person deserves the opportunity to experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ in a way that is authentic, accessible, and relevant to their context. We are compelled by God's call to go where the people are and to breathe new life into existing churches—forming and renewing communities of faith that embody grace, justice, and belonging. Our work is grounded in the mission of The United Methodist Church: *to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

What

The New Faith Expressions Board identifies, supports, and equips leaders and congregations to imagine, launch, and renew faith communities. This includes both planting new ministries—such as dinner churches, house churches, digital communities, and missional gatherings—and revitalizing existing churches to become more vital, vibrant, contextual, and missionally effective.

How

We foster a culture of innovation and renewal by:

- **Resourcing and coaching** visionary leaders and ministry teams who are called to start new faith communities or revitalize existing ones.
- **Investing in places and populations** where the Spirit is opening doors for creative ministry, evangelism, and transformation.
- **Collaborating with local churches, districts, and conference staff** to cultivate a pipeline of new expressions and renewed congregations rooted in contextual discernment, prayer, and strategic action.
- **Supporting congregational revitalization efforts** through tools, training, and partnerships that help churches rediscover their mission, engage their communities, and grow in discipleship.
- **Measuring fruitfulness** through discipleship, community impact, sustainability, and spiritual vitality.

Together, we are cultivating a movement of faithful movement makers and devoted stewards—both planting new seeds and reviving deep roots—so that the Church may grow more diverse, more nimble, and more faithful in its witness to the Good News.

The Board members help cast vision and dream dreams related to starting new faith communities and revitalizing existing congregations. Board members have the opportunity to receive training in congregational development, redevelopment and Fresh Expressions.

When

The New Faith Expressions Board currently meets no more than four times a year. We meet via ZOOM 7-8pm. Staff Representative to the Board: Bill Brown 410-309-3427
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We use Basecamp and email to communicate meeting dates, etc