



Believe, Belong, Become

Dear Pastor _____

Just as new parents take their babies home from the hospital without a parenting manual, local pastors went home from General Conference and district conferences without a checklist for implementing the new membership model and the implications for needing a hearty discipleship plan.

Not unlike the new parents, in ten or so years, we will be 'judged' by the fruit directly related to each church having a strong and effective discipleship model. New parents have family and friends to learn from. **In a similar way, we will connect pastors to pastors with resources, through regularly scheduled discipleship webinars and a free resource-sharing website.**

<https://www.wesleyan.org/5408/aligning-membership-and-discipleship>

*One of the requirements of membership is a
"willingness to enter into a
membership and discipleship relationship
with The Wesleyan Church through the local church." (553:1)
making membership directly connected to discipleship.*

As we have begun to examine a variety of discipleship models, **we've heard from local churches about the need for a foundational definition of discipleship.** The following will serve as a guide, not a model or final word.



Prompts to guide the evaluation of your discipleship model:

Intentional

A clear & contextualized process nurturing the cycle of Believe, Belong, Become.

Relational

Values all three types of relationships in Matthew 22:37-39, with God, with ourselves and with others.

Holistic

A comprehensive Christ-like lifestyle transcending a church-dependent program and leading to a fully consecrated life. (James 1:22) (John 13:17)

Multiplying

Reproducing believers, leaders and churches.

Lifelong

A continual process of spiritual growth which requires more than a curriculum, catechism, or multi-step process.

***Imagine the day
when every Wesleyan church
has a discipleship model
that reflects this biblical prism.***

CMAD will distribute 4x4 cards as a reminder and an implementation accountability tool. They can be:

- a bookmark
- a coaster on a desktop
- tacked on a bulletin board
- attached to a computer screen
- given to all lay leaders who are involved in discipleship.

If you would like to receive some cards, email Rhonda (moorer@wesleyan.org) with your request. We will mail as many as you want! The cards will be available after April 1st.

In an effort to equip you, the local pastor, as you implement this new reality, we have curated a variety of resources, including two videos from pastors who have had positive experiences with the annual reaffirmation process as well as a video clearly explaining the membership changes to a congregation.

*Celebrating every time a disciple makes a disciple
and a church multiplies itself until The Wesleyan Church
has a transforming presence in every zip code.*

Disciples making Disciples,

Anita Eastlack

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