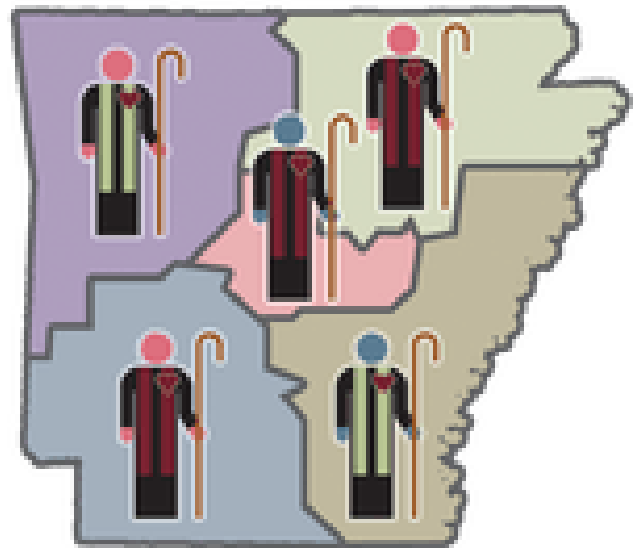


How Are We Looking Like Our Neighborhood?

What is the difference?



Next Steps of the Bishop's Mission Plan – Focus on Steps 5 & 6

07.17.17 – 07.18.17

July 17-18, 2017 – Schedule for Leadership Workshop / Looking Like Our Neighborhood

- 7/17** Opening Prayer / Start the Journey / Introductions
 Presentation: Looking Like My Community
 Discussion 1 / What are our challenges? Connecting Discipleship Practices with Community
 Beyond Your Church / Have intentional table discussions – SeeAllThePeople Cards
 Nature Prayer Walking Exercise – What do you see? How are you called to connect?
- 7/18** Opening Prayer / Recap and Reset – Create Community – Tools for Discipleship Development
 Where are we now? MissionInsite Discussion – Part 2
 Turning the Corner – Ministry Action Plans and Spiritual Leader Template
 Closing Prayer and Sending Forth

Discipleship – www.SeeAllThePeople.org (cards) and **Spiritual Life of Leader Template:** https://gbod-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/legacy/kintera-files/TeamWorks/TeamWorks_Tools_Spiritual-Life-Template.pdf

Take it home / Moving Forward – Going Forth

Reimagining Evangelism / Scriptures: https://gbod-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/legacy/kintera-files/about-gbod/LM_ReimaginingEvangelism.pdf

Sessions	1	2	3	4	5	6
Focus	Fears	Excitement	Community	Changes	Words	Go
Scriptures	Exod. 4:10-17	Luke 9:18-20	Esther 4:5-17	Acts 9:1-15	Ruth 1:15-22	Matthew 28:16-20

Tending the Soul of the Congregation / Scriptures: https://gbod-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/legacy/kintera-files/about-gbod/AC_TendingTheSoul_Digital.pdf

Sessions	Guiding Practice	Scriptures	Scriptures	Scriptures
Transforming Presence	Spiritual leaders invite openness to God’s presence.	Genesis 28:10-18 (NRSV)	Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)	John 21:1 (NRSV)
Transforming Practice	Spiritual leaders build spiritual practice.	Acts 2:41-47 (NRSV)	Luke 4:15-19 ((NRSV)	Mark 6:30-32 (NRSV)
Transforming Pathways	Spiritual leaders guide people toward maturing in the Christian life.	Hebrews 12:15 (NRSV)	2 Cor. 3:17-18 (NRSV)	Mark 3:13-15 (NRSV) Col. 1:28-29 (NRSV)
Transforming Power	Spiritual leaders foster availability to the God who sends us forth in the power of the Spirit.	John 20:19-23 (CEB)	Rev. 2:1-7 (NRSV)	Luke 4:16-19 (NRSV) Acts 1:12-14 (NRSV)

Ministry Action Plan (Sample)

Ministry Area: _____

Leader: _____

Focus: _____

FOCUS	1 st Quarter Jan thru Mar	2 nd Quarter Apr thru June	3 rd Quarter July thru Sept	4 th Quarter Oct thru Dec
Discipleship & Stewardship (Personal)				
Ministry Meeting Dates				
Leadership Development				
Nurture				
Outreach				
Witness / Community Connections				

What does “Seeing All the People” look like for the Ministry Area that I am leading?

1. Discipleship _____
2. Stewardship _____
3. Ministry Goals / Dates / Times / People / Prayers _____
4. Engage / Increase communication / involvement (persons on the pews / persons in the community); increase prayer and willingness to move ministries beyond our comfort zones. _____
5. Continue to serve God’s people and to do his will! _____
6. How am I praying and inviting new persons to serve within my ministry area? _____
7. Effectively living into the leadership responsibilities (as stated in the Book of Discipline) – Covenant relationship and connection _____

This is a working document! 2017 Commitment Dates (30 to 90 days): 15th - Aug, Sep, Oct

Prayer Focus for the Staff, Leaders, and People of the Church

Prayer for the pastor, staff and laity leadership of the church

Pray for protection against the plans of the enemy. Declare “no weapon formed against Pastor _____, and family members _____ will prosper, and every tongue that rises against them will be cast down.” (Isaiah 54:17)

Pray for godly discernment and wisdom for pastor(s), staff and leadership. (James 1:5; Ephesians 1:16-17)

Ask that Pastor _____ would “trust in the Lord with all his/her heart and lean not on his/her own understanding. In all his/her ways acknowledging God so that He will direct his path.” (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Pray that the church’s staff and leadership would be covered and protected by God, who will give angels charge over them to keep them wherever they go. (Psalm 91:11)

Pray that the leaders of the church’s ministries “might trust the power of God rather than human wisdom.” (1 Cor. 2:5)

Pray that all leaders would “live wisely and fair, with a devout and disciplined life.” (Titus 1:8)

Pray for the pastor, staff and leadership to daily put on the full Armor of God, using it to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Ask that they will stand their ground, putting on the sturdy belt of truth and the body armor of God’s righteousness. For shoes, pray that they will put on the peace that comes from the Good News, so that they will be fully prepared. Ask the Lord to arm them with faith as their shield to stop the fiery arrows of the enemy. Pray that they will put on as their helmet salvation, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. (Ephesians 6:13-17)

Prayer for musicians or worship leaders

Pray that the musicians and singers of the church would “sing of God’s love and justice. That they would praise the Lord with songs.” (Psalm 101:1)

Pray that the musicians, choir, and/or praise and worship team, would “shout with joy to the Lord, and worship the Lord with gladness. Pray that they would come before God, singing with joy.” (Psalm 100:1-2)

Prayer for the people of the church

Pray that all people of _____ Church will “let love be their highest goal.” (1 Cor. 14:1a)

Pray that the people of the church will “let their love for each other overflow more and more, and that they will keep on growing in their knowledge and understanding.” (Philippians 1:9)

Pray that the people of _____ Church would “agree wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one heart and purpose.” (Philippians 2:2)

Pray that the congregation would “be of one mind, full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds. (1 Peter 3:8)

Pray that _____ Church people would live “a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 14:17)

Pray that each person will “devote ourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.” (Colossians 4:2)

Pray that the people of _____ Church would “be a living and holy sacrifice” to God’s work in _____ . (Romans 12:1)

Pray that it is love that builds up the church, not knowledge. (1 Cor. 8:1)

Pray that the Lord would make peace between each person in the church, breaking down any wall of hostility used to separate them. (Ephesians 2:15)

Pray that God, “who gives us patience and encouragement, will help us live in complete harmony with each other.” (Romans 15:5)

Pray that the people of _____ Church will be united just as the Father, the Son, and the Spirit are One, so that the world will believe. (John 17:11, 21)

Pray that the church will be pure and holy by the teachings of God’s words of truth. (John 17:17)

Pray that the Holy Spirit would come upon the people of the church so they will receive power and will tell people everywhere about Jesus. (Acts 1:8)

Pray that the people of _____ Church would meet together regularly and pray continually. (Acts 1:14)

Pray that believers would be united as they lift their voices in prayer. (Acts 4:24)

Pray that “God’s message would be preached in ever-widening circles and that the number of believers would greatly increase.” (Acts 6:7)

Pray that each person of the church would be eager to encourage one another in faith. (Romans 1:12)

Pray that “we can really serve God not in the old way by obeying the letter of the law, but in the new way, by the Spirit.” (Romans 7:6)

Pray that within the church there would be no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. (Romans 8:1)

Pray that the people of _____ Church would not “copy the behaviors and customs of this world, but let God transform us into a new person by changing the way we think. Then we will know what God wants us to do, and we will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is.” (Romans 12:2)

Prayers developed by: <http://www.inumc.org/prayerfocusforthestaffleadersandpeopleofthechurch>

I AM A Church Member by Thom S. Rainer / Life Way Christian Resources

I am a church member.

I like the metaphor of membership. It's not membership as in a civic organization or a country club. It's the kind of membership given to us in 1 Corinthians 12: "Now you are the body of Christ, and individual members of it" (1Cor.12:27). Because I am a member of the body of Christ, I must be a functioning member, whether I am an "eye", an "ear", or a "hand." As a functioning member, I will give, I will serve, I will minister. I will evangelize. I will study. I will seek to be a blessing to others. I will remember that "if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it (1 Cor.12:26).

I am a church member.

I will seek to be a source of unity in the church. I know there are no perfect pastors, staff, or other church members. But neither am I. I will not be a source of gossip or dissension. One of the greatest contributions I can make is to do all I can in God's power to help keep the church in unity for the sake of the gospel.

I am a church member.

I will not let my church be about my preferences and desires. That is self-serving. I am in this church to serve others and to serve Christ. My Savior went to a cross for me. I can deal with any inconveniences and matters that are just not my preference or style.

I am a church member.

I will pray for my pastor every day. The work is never-ending. The days are filled with constant demands for the pastor's time – with the need to prepare sermons, with those who are rejoicing in births, with those who are traveling through the valley of the shadow of death, with critics, with the hurts and hopes of others, and with the need to be _____ (fill in the blank) of God. My pastor cannot serve our church in her own power. I will pray for God's strength for her and her family every day. (Modified text to reflect a male or female pastor)

I am a church member.

I will lead my family to be good members of this church as well. We will pray together for our church. We will worship together in our church. We will serve together in our church. And we will ask Christ to help us fall deeper in love with this church, because he gave His life for her (the church).

I am a church member.

This membership is a gift. When I received the free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ, I became a part of the body of Christ. I soon thereafter identified with a local body and was baptized. And now I am humbled and honored to serve and to love others in our church. I pray that I will never take my membership for granted, but see it as a gift and an opportunity to serve others and to be a part of something so much greater than any one person or member.

I am a church member. And I thank God that I am.

John Wesley: "Do No Harm, Do Good and Stay in Love with God!"