



Conference Discipleship Plan – One-page Summary

Our Mission

Making Disciples, Making a Difference

Our mission begins with seeking God's Word on the matters of mission, vision and values, through prayer, searching the Scripture, knowing our culture, and applying the heart for the lost and the practice of spiritual accountability in small groups from our Wesleyan heritage.

Our mission becomes sharper as we shift from a focus on preservation to a focus on leadership, which guides us to develop healthy, growing churches.

Our challenge is to love the lost, the least and the last as much as God loves them.

Our Vision

1. Radical Hospitality
2. Heartwarming Worship
3. Risk-Taking Mission and Justice Work
4. Vital Faith Formation and Prayer
5. Gracious Generosity
6. Connectional Joy and Commitment

Our Core Values

- We value each person. Every person is of sacred worth, created and made in the image of God.
- We value the centrality of faith in Jesus Christ, the true Son of God, sent to bring redemption and salvation to the world.
- We value ministry in all parts of our conference – rural and urban. We value the heritage and potential of small-membership churches.
- We believe the Word of God is made flesh and dwells among us in Jesus the Christ, and is revealed to us through Scripture, reason, experience and tradition.
- We value the calling of each person to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and to make disciples in his name.
- We value the ministry of all believers, lay and clergy, as we serve together to transform the world.
- We value differences as we seek richness in diversity and integrity in inclusivity.

Leadership Development Components

- The development of effective clergy leaders.
- The development of effective lay leaders.
- Implementing an effective Certified Lay Minister program.
- Implementing new models of mutual accountability for congregations and clergy.

Supporting Structure

- Six districts with six full-time administrative assistants
- Increase use of technology
- Evaluation of conference staffing
- Transition budget was passed at the Special Session in August 2006