

JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY: LIVING INTO GOD'S CALL

CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT

With the:

Northwest Regional Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Goals for the Journey of Discovery

The Journey of Discovery process in the congregation has the following goals:

1. **Context:** To recognize our own context as a missionary setting and thoroughly explore what that must mean for our own ministry and mission.
2. **Vision:** To discover a compelling and exciting shared vision of the kind of church God is calling us to become.
3. **Missional Strategy:** To make key decisions about the Role and Mission, Key Result Areas and Goals, Participant groups, and Core Beliefs and Commitments that will provide direction for our church's future.
4. **Road Map:** To clarify the strategic plan to guide our congregation into vision-led ministry and mission over the next 5-10 years.
5. **Spiritual Formation and Renewal:** To become more centered in Christ and receptive to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, thus cultivating anew the spiritual energy of this congregational community.
6. **Reflection:** To provide opportunities, resources, and occasions for biblical study and reflection, with special concern for our understanding of and experience of church.
7. **Alignment:** To insure a reexamination of resources (leadership, finances, facilities), organizational structures and processes, ministries and programs, and to align these with the vision.
8. **Communication:** To inform and converse at an early stage and throughout the entire process with all leaders and members of the congregation.

In order to achieve these goals,

The Northwest Region will provide:

1. Overall strategy and infrastructure (Cluster Workshops, Clergy Training, and Regional Consultants) to support the Journey of Discovery process of consulting and training support for congregations.

2. Competent regional management to assure timely and accurate sharing of information on dates, times, roles and expectations, and assignments.
3. Qualified persons trained to serve as consultants to the participating congregations.
4. Monitoring and adjusting of the process as it unfolds.

Participating Congregations commit to:

1. Seek to think and behave in new ways as partners on an important journey together.
2. Participate fully and completely in the Journey of Discovery process by following guidelines provided for role and responsibilities of pastor, governing body, coordinating team, congregation.
3. Address issues or concerns about their participation in the Journey of Discovery process in relationship with the Regional Journey of Discovery Team and fellow participating congregations, and not in isolation from one another.
4. Explore together each step of how mutually to encourage and support one another's journey of transformation.
5. Be responsible for some of the costs associated with the training process, and make timely payments, as follows:

Enrollment Fee, due August 31, 2008	\$250
Consulting Fee – total can be divided into three equal installments due September 30, 2009, September 30, 2010, and September 30, 2011	\$10 X average worship attendance as reported in 2007 Yearbook with the cap set at \$1500 per church

All partners recognize:

That the Journey of Discovery process is an emerging and evolving process and not a pre-packaged program. Therefore, while dates and expectations are set at the outset, the Regional Journey of Discovery Team and participating congregations in collaboration will make adjustments as the process unfolds.

Signatures

For the Congregation:

For the Northwest Region:

Position: _____

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Date: _____

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