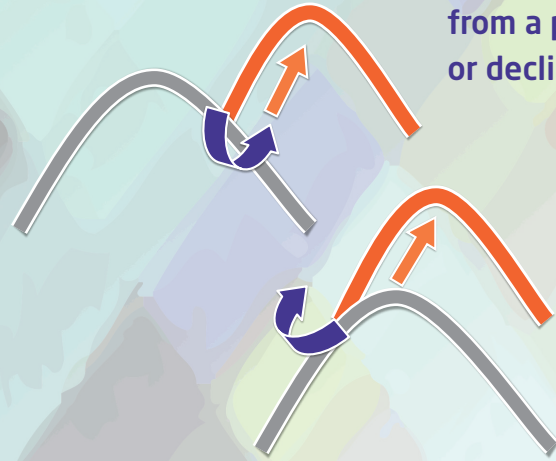


Jumpstart a New Lifecycle...



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More than **100 congregations** of various sizes and settings across the West Ohio Conference, the Minnesota Conference, the Dakotas Conference and others, have **said "yes" to participation** in the MCCI thus far, with more MCCI cohorts launching soon. If you believe your congregation and pastor might meet the criteria and would like to be considered for participation in order to jumpstart a whole new season of effectiveness for Kingdom work, please contact your district superintendent for discussion and additional details.

Want to Know More?

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Missional Church Consultation Initiative

*a new lifecycle
of fruitfulness*



Originally developed by the West Ohio Conference in 2011, the Missional Church Consultation Initiative (MCCI) provides churches and their pastors with an intensive consultation and clergy training/coaching/resourcing model. It is designed to assist congregations that are currently plateaued, are in decline, or are on the way “up” but not sure what should come next—and have the pastoral leadership and potential resources to jumpstart a new life cycle of ministry fruitfulness.

How Does MCCI Work?

MCCI is comprised of a flight of churches in your conference each year that have been recommended by the cabinet as meeting this specific criteria, and are then prayerfully selected and invited by the Bishop to participate. For congregations that sign the MCCI covenant, a 2-3 year process is launched involving:

- Concentrated **new ministry leadership skills training** each month for the pastors in the Initiative (80 plus hours total throughout the year, along with **accountability for implementation** back home at their churches) that includes starting a congregational **Breakthrough Prayer Initiative**
- **“Undercover Worshipers”** who visit and worship at each of the churches in the MCCI, and then provide extensive feedback about their experiences
- A thorough **self-study** completed by each church, including history, finances, staffing, organization, ministry activities and demographic setting plus a **“Resource Refocus”** event
- A three-day **MCCI on-site weekend or “MCCI Express” day** provided by the MCCI Consultation Team that culminates in a consultation report with three to five unique “prescriptions” (recommendations), or next steps the church needs to take to move from plateau/decline into jumpstarting new fruitfulness.

If an MCCI church votes **75% or better** to accept its prescriptions (via an official church conference), the decision is made to go forward. The pastor leads the organization of prescription work teams who implement the prescriptions, with the assistance of **“prescription coaches”** (ministry leaders who already have a successful track record in their own setting with that prescription) to help guide and advise. The prescription coaches are **underwritten** by your conference, and continue to guide the pastor, implementation teams and congregation for up to two years.



“ Because of the MCCI, our church believes breakthroughs are on the horizon. We have embraced change. This fresh momentum gave us the energy to multiply our leadership capacity, and move forward to implement the MCCI prescriptions. The ability we gained to see new solutions to the challenges we currently face renews our hope for Trinity Church’s future ministry.”

Rev. Kurt King

*Trinity United Methodist Church,
Chillicothe, Ohio*

Exciting MCCI Outcomes Thus Far

The results of this revitalization resourcing initiative have been encouraging. For example, during the last year Cornerstone United Methodist Church in Portsmouth, Ohio celebrated 52 baptisms and 29 professions of faith. First United Methodist Church in Athens, Ohio saw weekly worship attendance growth increase by nearly 30 people. MCCI congregations are connecting with young families and children. Neighbors are hearing the message of Christ for the first time. Catalytic outreach events to build relationships with the surrounding community, partnerships with schools, small groups proliferation, leverage of social media to connect with a new generation, and engaging more of the congregation to serve out of call and giftedness are only a few of the types of new fruitfulness unfolding on behalf of the message and mission of Jesus Christ.

To view MCCI fruitfulness stories, visit:
www.westohioumc.org/MCCI