

JOURNEY RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP

Overview:

This process has been designed to assist churches that have gifted clergy leadership, motivated lay leadership, a surrounding demographic ripe for reaching Christ, and capable generous financial givers, but have not yet reached their kingdom potential and capacity. The Journey Renewal partnership provides a coaching and resourcing consultation that assists such churches to move beyond plateau or decline and enter a new season of fruitfulness and growth.

First Year:

1. Attend Episcopal Invitation Gathering
 - Receive information to take to church leadership for prayer and discernment. Church Council or board votes on invitation.
2. Respond with decision.
 - If yes—Pastor and chair(s) of church council signs JR covenant on behalf of congregation.
3. Pastor and 5 unpaid leaders (or 3 from each church in multi-point charge) attend Breakthrough Prayer Initiative training.
 - Church officially launches Breakthrough Prayer Initiative (*after training*).
4. Monthly trainings begin—alternating pastor cohorts and church leadership team training workshops
 - Church begins to prepare comprehensive “self-study”.
 - Churches schedule their JOURNEY RENEWAL consultation visit according to congregational readiness.
 - Worship assessors begin attending each church—known and unknown.
5. Journey Renewal Consultation Visit and Training
 - Consultation report with up to five unique prescriptions presented to the congregation within 2 weeks of visit.
 - Congregation has 30 days for Town Hall meetings to discuss JR report/prescriptions.
6. District Superintendent convenes a Church Conference meeting, at which official church members present may vote.
 - If vote is 70% or better, JOURNEY RENEWAL report/ prescriptions are accepted.

Next 2-3 years

7. Pastor and unpaid leadership are surrounded by “prescription coaches” who provide wisdom, guidance, encouragement and accountability to implement prescriptions over the next 2 to 3 years.
8. Pastor remains in the JOURNEY RENEWAL coaching cluster for continuing training and accountability.
9. Journey Renewal churches track fruitfulness measures according to Dakotas Conference procedures.
 - A new life cycle has begun!