

Jumpstart a New Lifecycle...

to advance
from a plateau
or decline

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when things
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be clarified.

Around **55 congregations** of various sizes and settings across the West Ohio Conference, the Minnesota Conference and the Dakotas Conference have **said "yes" to participation** in the MCCI thus far, with another several churches launching in our conference 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 2010, the Missional Church Consultation Initiative (MCCI) resources churches and their pastors with an intensive consultation and clergy coaching model designed to intervene in local churches 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 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 Worshippers”** 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
- A three-day **MCCI on-site weekend** provided by the MCCI Consultation Team that culminates in a consultation report with 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 **70% or better** to accept its prescriptions (via an official church conference), the decision is made to go forward. The pastor leads the implementation of 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 and congregation for up to two years.



“As a result of the MCCI, I now can put together a workable and effective plan to lead a church to grow and thrive in our modern world. The MCCI has given me tools that will allow me to further God’s Kingdom in far greater ways for the rest of my life!”

Rev. Steve Judson
United Methodist Church
of the Cross, Toledo, Ohio

Exciting MCCI Outcomes Thus Far

The results of this rigorous process have already been exciting. The contemporary worship service at Belmont United Methodist Church in Dayton, Ohio has doubled its contemporary worship service attendance in a year. Church of the Cross (Toledo, Ohio) now has after-school outreach Bible studies in three different elementary schools, led by church volunteers. Gaines United Methodist Church (Cincinnati) has removed their sanctuary pews and replaced them with chairs, so that their largest meeting space could gain greater capacity for significant new groups of unchurched people who come on Wednesday nights for dinner and healing/recovery classes—as well as on Easter, when more than 350 members and neighbors packed the space for worship. MCCI congregations are connecting with young families and children. Neighbors are hearing the message of Christ for the first time.

For some real-life examples from our MCCI churches, check out the short, online video stories about what’s happened through the Missional Church Consultation Initiative at Rolling Plains United Methodist Church in Zanesville, Church of St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Toledo, First United Methodist Church in Milford, Gaines United Methodist Church in Cincinnati, and others.

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