

# MINISTRY PLANNING *worksheets*

## OVERVIEW

**R**eal lives and names matter more than plans and numbers. However, making plans so we might see more lives change is worth our time. These worksheets are not intended to be turned in to anyone else, but are offered as an optional tool for you and your church leaders to use internally in thinking through three questions: *Who is making disciples in our church, How many disciples are multiplying our church, and Where are we a transforming presence by disciples making disciples.*

There is a natural tension that develops when we make plans for our churches. We should approach such planning as James 4:15 advises when it says, "you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.'" Our prayers are with you as you get together with key leaders to more intentionally focus for the future hopes and plans, and assist with identifying potential obstacles so you might

overcome them by the Holy Spirit's power. There is also tension in asking hard questions about our churches—but if they are the right Spirit-led questions, then it is a healthy tension.

Each year, Wesleyan churches submit their Local Church Statistical Report. These optional worksheets correspond with the statistical report so your plans might correspond with the way Wesleyans measure ourselves. But these worksheets are a separate tool for your use in a local board, team, or even with a selected group you would like to engage in such planning. It can be intimidating to think into the future with all the barriers your church may have, but we believe in you and that the LORD will provide in his way.





## Who is making disciples in our church?

### Make a list:

Who are the disciples that are already, right now, making disciples in our church? Write their names:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

### Faithful & Fruitful Disciples

- Who would you hope and plan to be disciple-makers by \_\_\_\_\_? = \_\_\_\_\_
- Who would you hope and plan to experience conversion by \_\_\_\_\_? = \_\_\_\_\_
- Who would you hope and plan to see baptized by \_\_\_\_\_? = \_\_\_\_\_
- Who would you hope and plan to become members by \_\_\_\_\_? = \_\_\_\_\_
- Who would you hope and plan to have in attendance by \_\_\_\_\_? = \_\_\_\_\_

#### Major barriers to your plans:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

#### Steps to overcome barriers:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_



## How many disciples are multiplying our church?

### Question:

How many disciples are multiplying our church?

- How many disciples do we hope and plan to send to plant a church by \_\_\_\_\_ ? = \_\_\_\_\_
- How many disciples do we hope and plan to send to a new campus by \_\_\_\_\_ ? = \_\_\_\_\_
- How many disciples do we hope and plan to send as global missionaries by \_\_\_\_\_ ? = \_\_\_\_\_
- How many disciples do we hope and plan to send into ministry training by \_\_\_\_\_ ? = \_\_\_\_\_
- How many disciples do we hope and plan to send into multiplication training by \_\_\_\_\_ ? = \_\_\_\_\_
- How many dollars do we hope and plan to send out for church multiplication by \_\_\_\_\_ ? = \_\_\_\_\_

### Major barriers to your plans:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

### Steps to overcome barriers:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_





## **Where** are we a transforming presence by disciples making disciples?

### Map it:

What are the ZIP or postal codes of each community where a disciple is making a disciple?

On a map, mark all the ZIP or postal codes of each community in your area where one of your church's disciples is making a disciple (this is your current transforming presence) OR list each ZIP or postal code. Any map will work—buying an official map of your area, printing a Google map or utilizing a service like [www.batchgeo.com](http://www.batchgeo.com). The purpose is to visualize where the transforming presence is happening for your team.\*

### MAP RESOURCE

(PASTE YOUR OWN MAP OR BATCH GEO MAP LINK HERE):

Mark on your map plans for new ZIP or postal codes you want to be making disciples in by \_\_\_\_\_.

*\*It is helpful to share this visual with your team. This can be as simple or creative as you would like. Highlighting a paper map or connecting with string also works.*

#### Major barriers to your map plans:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

#### Steps to overcome barriers:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

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