



The Next Faithful Step Initiative is a congregational, team-based journey designed to further equip congregations for a more fruitful congregational and community life. Trained coaches come alongside congregational leaders to help congregations effectively fulfill their mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

# 1 Learning Process

Start Here



## Congregational Information Sessions



### Shared Learning Process



- a. Congregations will read and discuss materials with a process team from the Annual Conference
- b. Local Congregation Orientation at the Local Church
- c. Coach leads presentation on expectations and next steps
- d. Congregations can opt in or out of the rest of the process at this point



# 2 Planning Process



## 360° Evaluations

- a. Churches prepare portfolio for On-Site Evaluation weekend
  - Includes church history and community demographic study
- b. Mystery Worshipers visit and prepare comprehensive Hospitality Report
- c. On-Site Evaluation Weekend with Interviews
  - Work Toward "Next Steps" Prescriptions and Action Plan



**Defining the Next Faithful Steps**  
a. "Next Steps" Prescriptions

**Discovery Process with Church Leadership**  
a. Roll out and presentation of prescription

# 3 Implementation of Action Plan



- Congregational Discernment**
- a. Presentation of "Next Steps" to Congregation
  - b. Prayer and Discernment Time for Congregation
  - c. Congregation votes on whether or not to move forward with action planning

## Work with Coach to Implement Action Plan



Take the Next Faithful Step!



The Next Faithful Step Initiative is a customized two-year process that is tailored to the needs of a specific congregation or clusters of congregations.