2013 Update:
The Church Leaders’ Guide
to Connecting
and Setting Goals
The mission of The United Methodist Church is "Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." (Matt 28:18-20 & Matt 22:36-40) This mission is achieved through vital congregations that equip and empower people to be Disciples of Jesus Christ in their homes and communities around the world.

To learn more about the project, click here.

Call to Action - Setting goals to grow vital congregations

Vital Congregations Are:
- Spirit-filled, forward-leaning communities of believers that welcome all people (Gal.3:28)
- Places where Disciples of Jesus Christ are made through the power of the Holy Spirit. (Matt. 28:18-20)
- Communities that serve like Christ through justice and mercy ministries. (Micah 6:8, Luke 4:17-21)

A Vital Congregation Has:
- Inviting & Inspiring Worship
- Engaged Disciples in mission & outreach
- Gifted, Empowered & Equipped Lay Leadership
- Effective, Equipped & Inspired Clergy Leadership
- Small Group Ministries
- Strong Children’s & Youth Ministry
- 16 drivers of vitality according to CTA

A Disciple of Jesus Christ:
- worships regularly
- helps make new disciples
- is engaged in growing in their faith
- is engaged in mission
- shares by giving in mission
**Setting Vital Congregation Goals**

- Vital Congregation Planning Guide: A Strategic Plan for United Methodist Congregations (form may be completed but NOT saved and printed online)
- Review your Congregation's Story
- Prayerfully consider where your Congregation is today, view your church's demographics
- Measures Evaluation Tool: A Companion to the Vital Congregation

**For The Congregation**

- A process for Goal-Setting at Charge Conference
- A Charge Conference Worship Resource
- Contact your Conference Staff Resources for assistance and direction
- A Key Questions Resource for Leadership Committees in the Church

**Insert Your Story of Goal-Setting Success**

We want you to share YOUR STORIES so that others might gain insight and hope for the possibilities in their congregations. Upload your videos, offer a blog or link to your church's website so that others may hear, see and read the good news of God's kingdom at work!

- Share your video
- Share your Story/Blog

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Historical Data and Goals

For The Congregation

How To Set Your Goals

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