

Strategy Review Report for New Church Starts

Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church

At least annually, the church planter, superintendent and the support team for the new church start will gather for a “strategy review” time for the purpose of:

- HEARING a status report about the new church start
- CELEBRATING the excellent things that God is doing through the ministry of the new church
- ADDRESSING the challenges being faced by the planter and congregation
- RECEIVING a report on previous benchmarks for fruitfulness and future goals
- OFFERING words of support and encouragement

The following format will provide a template for the flow of the meeting. The church planter will complete this document and bring copies for the strategy review team.

CHURCH: _____

- 1) **Milestones** - What ministry milestones can we celebrate with you? Please include at least one mission-related milestone.
 - a. Milestone #1
 - b. Milestone #2
 - c. Milestone #3

- 2) **Participation** –
 - a. What worship attendance data was provided for the previous strategy review meeting?
 - b. What was the worship attendance for each of the twelve Sundays prior to this meeting?
(please include the date and attendance figures, one per box per Sunday)

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- c. How do these attendance figures compare to previously-established attendance benchmarks and/or goals?
 - d. Describe the worship attendance goals for the next six months.

- 3) **Stewardship** –
 - a. What stewardship data was provided for the previous strategy review meeting?
 - b. What were the offerings for each of the twelve Sundays prior to this meeting?
(please include the date and offering amounts, one per box per Sunday)

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- c. How do these figures compare to any previously-established stewardship goals?
 - d. Describe the stewardship goals for the next six months.

- 4) **Evangelism** –
 - a. What is the total number of professions of faith received for this project?
 - b. How many of those have been received since the last strategy review meeting?
 - c. Describe the evangelism strategy and desired outcome for the next six months.

- 5) **Challenges** –
 - a. What are the greatest challenges being experienced by the new church and church planter?

b. How can this team be of support to you in these challenges?

6) **Questions:**

- a. Average Worship Attendance _____
- b. Number of Leaders which you are developing _____
- c. Number in Children's ministry _____
- d. Number in Youth ministry _____

7) **Budget**

- a. Balance of funding _____
- b. Offerings and expenditures for last six months:

8) **Mission work:**

9) **What is the biggest thing you have learned or surprised by?**

10) **Best outreach idea which gained the most people?**

11) **Plans for moving forward in the next ninety days:**

12) **Tell me about a time when you personally brought someone to Christ**

13) Prospective Name List: Monthly # _____ Quarterly # _____

14) Church Name:

15) Pastor: