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# **Dakotas Annual Conference June 5th**

# Opening Worship

Bishop Bruce R.  
Ough





# The Final Exam

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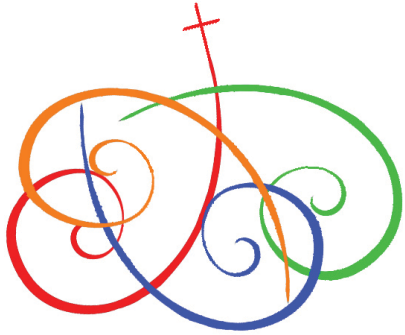
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# Jesus' Core Missional Imperatives

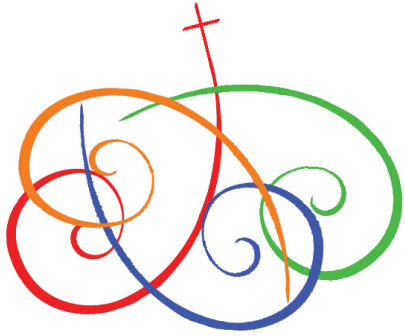
- Grow in love of God and neighbor
- Reach new people
- Heal a broken world



# Journey Toward Vitality

Vital congregations are forming disciples of Jesus Christ who:

- Grow in love of God and neighbor
- Reach new people
- Heal a broken world



# Journey Toward Vitality

Unleashing Bold Spirit-Leaders



Developing Missional Leaders

Unleashing Fearless, Spirit-Led Churches




Equipping Missional Congregations

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Extending Missional Impact



# Kingdom fruit 2014 vs. 2013

- 39% increase in those engaged in hands-on mission
- 64% increase in persons served by education ministries
- 22% increase in persons served through outreach/justice ministries
- \$500,000 in *Miracle Offerings* for the Bakken Oil Rush Ministries



# The Final Exam





**“When was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not care for you?”**

**- Matthew 25:44**





**The poor had a central place in the teachings and actions of Jesus.**



**One in every 16 verses in scripture refers to the poor.**

**One in every 10 verses in gospels is about the poor, the impoverished, the economically exploited.**





**The distress of every single human being is a priority for the living God.**






**The world is the Lord's and  
all that is in it!**




**The final exam is whether you and I will fully, sacrificially, extravagantly engage in Christ's mission to transform the world.**





**The final exam question will not be about what we professed but what we did when we saw the least of these hungry, thirsty, naked, a stranger, sick, or in prison.**






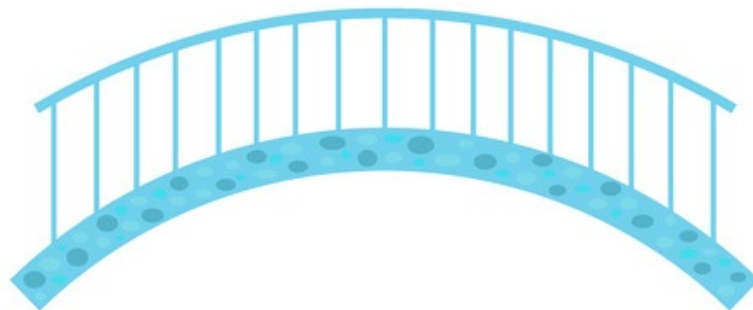
**There is a correlation between engagement with the poor and spiritual growth.**







**St. Augustine said it well:  
“We are the bread on the  
table.” The final exam is  
about becoming what we are  
— bread on the table.**




**Christ's  
love**

**Human  
suffering**

**This is the bridge we are called  
to build as United Methodists.**



# **Bridges Are Being Built.**



**“We should not serve the poor like they were Jesus; we should serve the poor because they are Jesus.”**

**Mother Teresa**



**We are to build bridges out  
of poverty for those who  
are oppressed.**

**Such bridges begin by  
building relationships with  
the poor.**



# Go Make an Impact



**“Hell means realizing later  
we should have said ‘yes’  
when God called us.”**





**Church is a witness to God's mission. Church is a witness to what God is doing.**

**Church is the hands and feet of Christ. Church is here on behalf of those who are not here.**








# **Jesus is screaming: “Rethink Church.”**



# **The Church Has Left the Building: Gone Outreaching**



**It is time to take and pass  
the final exam.**



# BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER

**Gracious and Holy God,  
send your Holy Spirit to:**



**Break through and renew  
and revive our churches,  
unleashing your vision for  
our mission of making  
disciples and transforming  
the world.**




**Empower our clergy and lay leadership to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you, O God.**





**Boldly use me, without  
limits, delays, or excuses,  
to defend the poor, offer  
abundant life, and heal a  
broken world.**





**Create in me a clean heart  
and a joyful desire to follow  
your way of light, love, and  
truth.**





**I pray in the precious and  
powerful name of Jesus.**

**Amen.**





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# Opening Plenary



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# Organizational Resolutions

Mark Ellingson

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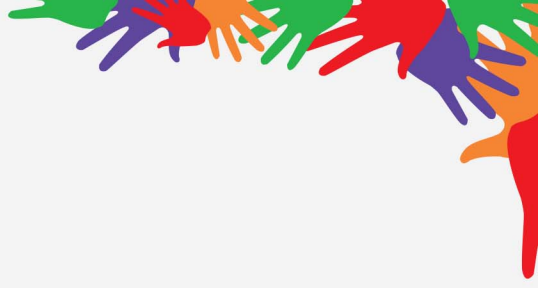
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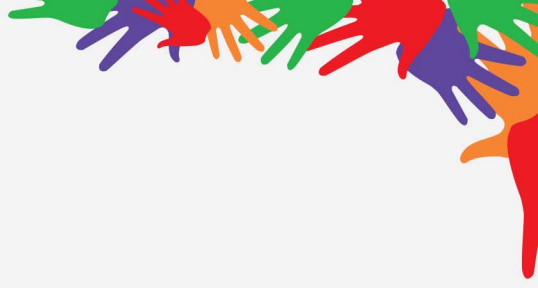


# Organizational Resolutions for Dakotas Annual Conference 22<sup>nd</sup> Session

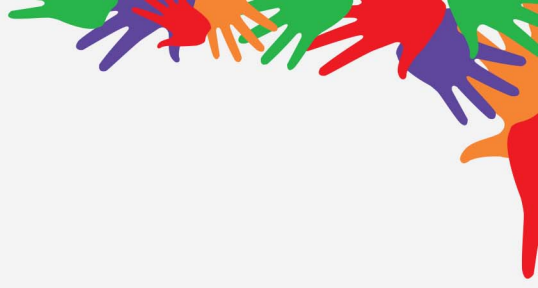
1. The printed agenda becomes the official agenda, with adjustments as necessary. All requests for additional items to be placed on the agenda shall be given to the agenda coordinator.



2. There will be seating assigned on the conference floor for clergy and lay members of Annual Conference

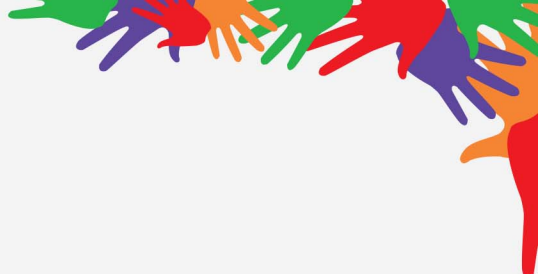


3. The boundaries of the Annual Conference shall be the round tables marked for clergy and lay members. Voting members only are to be seated in this area.

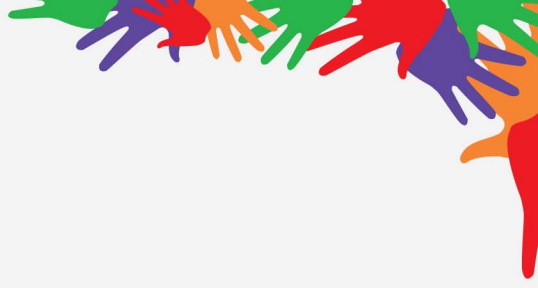


During Plenary Sessions all non-voting persons, including spouses of clergy and lay members, are to be seated in the area designated for visitors.

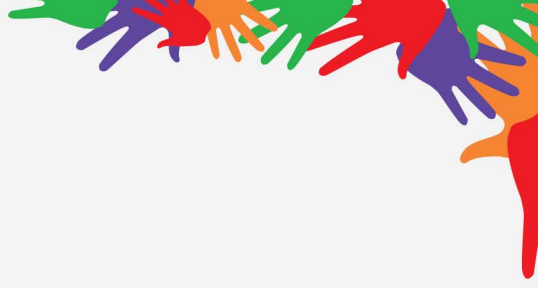




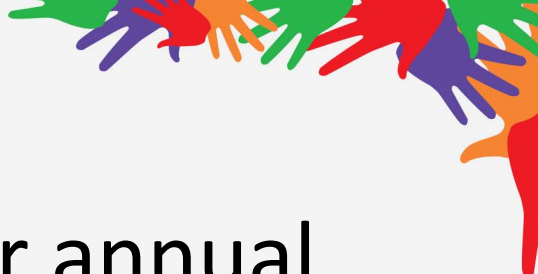
4. The District Superintendents shall receive and relay to the presiding officer all requests of members to be excused from the Annual Conference Session. Those names will be printed in the journal.

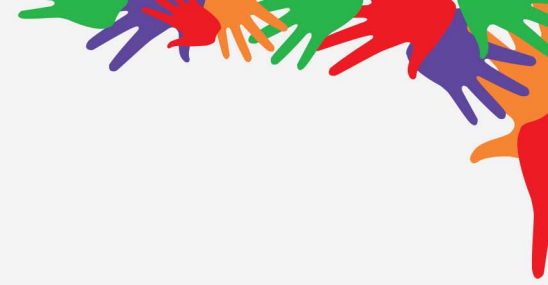


5. Requests for personal points of privilege shall be submitted to the agenda coordinator.



6. The following persons shall be given the privilege of voice and vote on the Conference floor:

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- Clergy persons related to other annual conferences or denominations but who serve United Methodist Churches or who are affiliated members of the Dakotas Conference. Such clergy shall be granted the same rights and privileges as Associate Members of the annual conference.



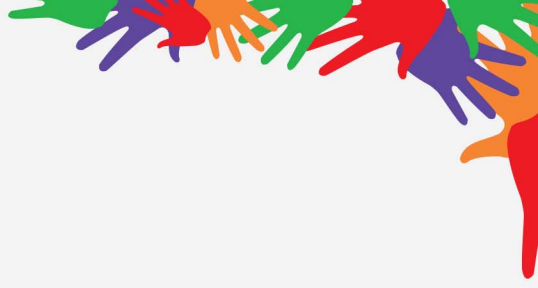
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- Associate Members of the annual conference.



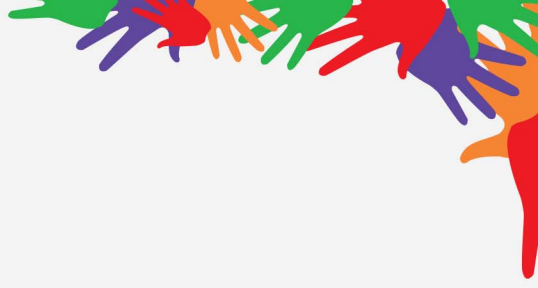


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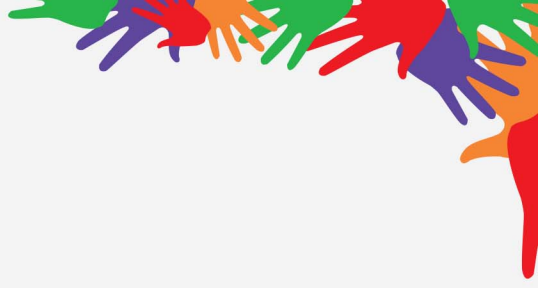
# 2014-2015 Missional Report




7. Persons in the following categories shall have privilege of the floor without vote:

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- Retired clergypersons who have served churches of the Dakotas Conference but who are members of other annual conferences.

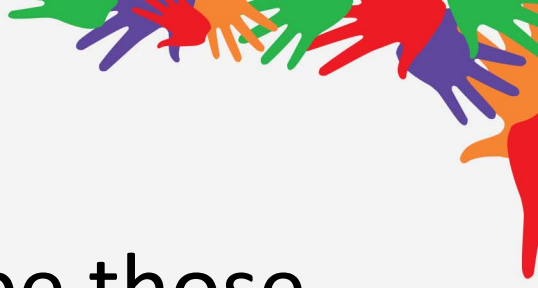




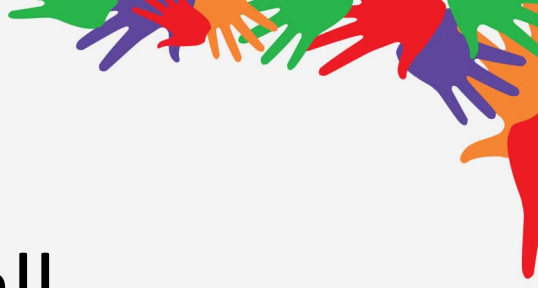
8. Announcements shall be written legibly and submitted to the registration desk.



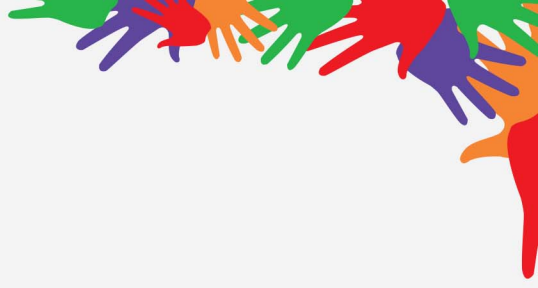
9. Conference agencies are responsible to distribute printed reports prior to the plenary session in which they are used. Advance permission must be secured from the Agenda Coordinator before any other printed materials may be distributed. Every agency is responsible for their items.



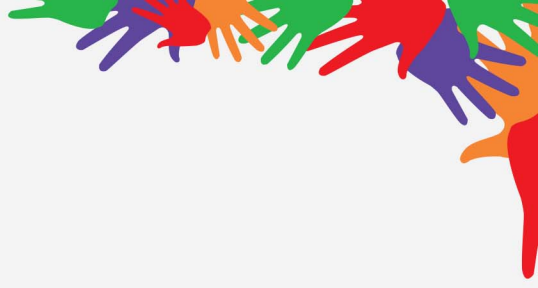
10. The consent calendar shall be those items listed on the consent calendar Section 2 of the Conference Workbook. Written request to lift an item from the consent calendar must be submitted to the Conference Secretary by noon on Friday.



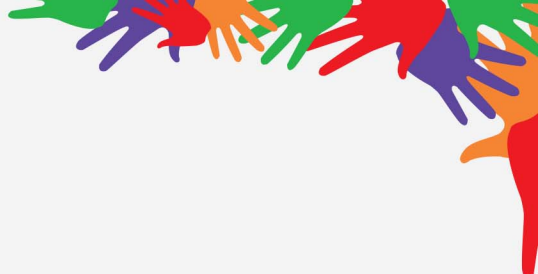
11. Lay and clergy members shall confirm director information for journal records. Any changes in directory information for laity, clergy or church should be reviewed at the registration desk by the end of Annual Conference.



12. We recommend using the strikethrough feature for removing information from conference policies and underline new items that are being placed in conference policies. This should be done for items being considered by the Annual Conference.

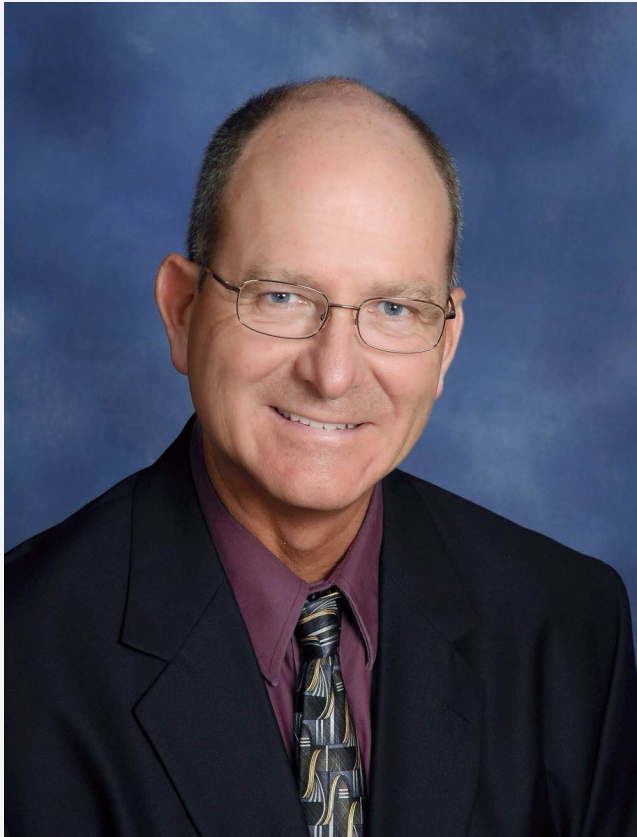


13. During debate to be recognized to speak you must select the card that represents your position on the item being considered.

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- Green card is an affirmative position
  - Red card is a negative position
  - White card is a question
  - When recognized state your name, church, and clergy or laity.

# Common Table Report

Ray Baker and Rebecca Trefz







# Common Table

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Jerry Bottger

Sheila Dailie

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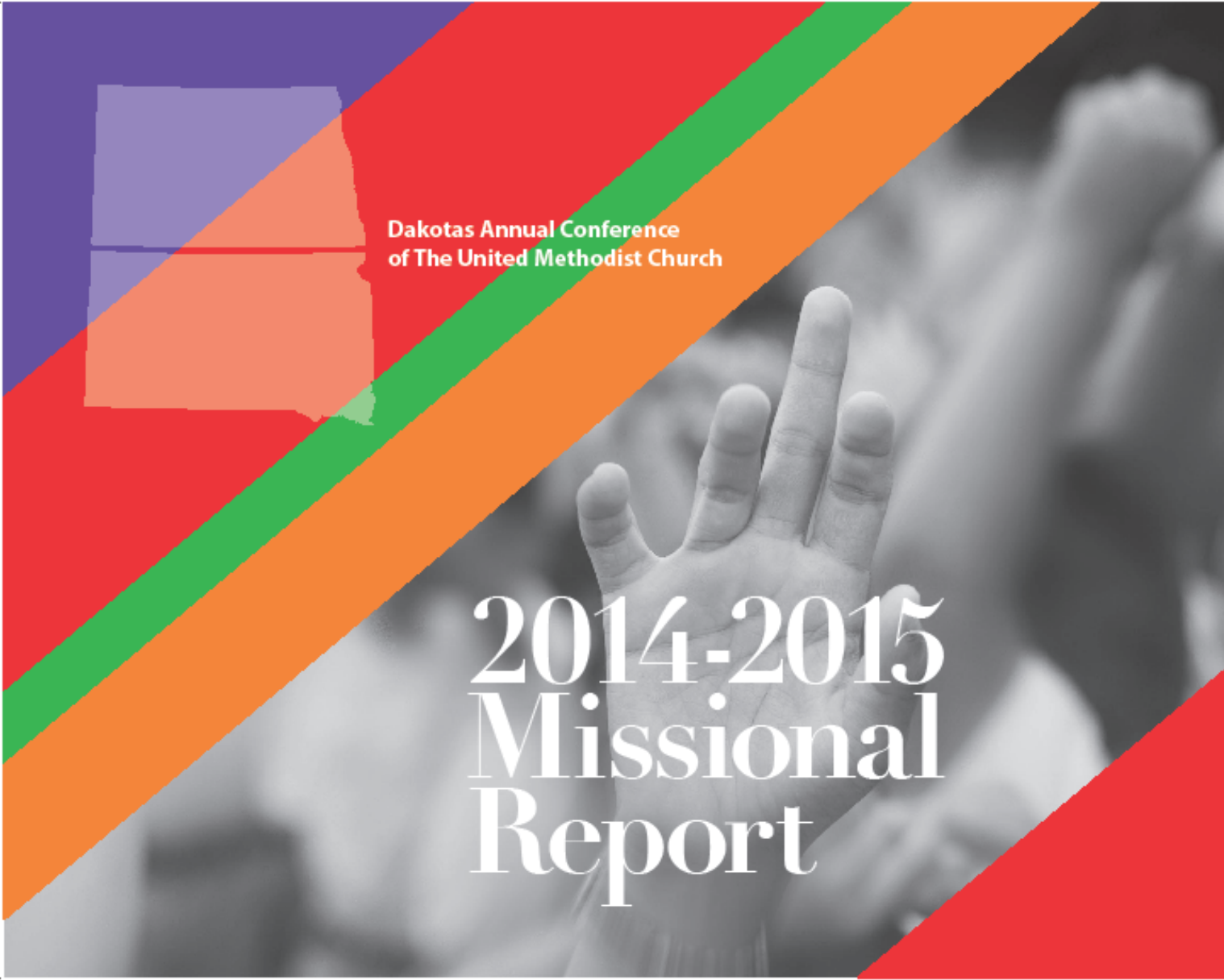
Marilyn Spurrell

Rich Zeck

Karl Kroger

Rebecca Trefz

Bishop Ough



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# 2014-2015 Missional Report



# Journey Toward Vitality

We are on a journey together to become a more adaptive, more fruitful, more faithful expression of the kingdom of God. We are passionate about our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, and our vision is for every congregation to become a vital expression of the scriptural imperatives to grow in love of God and neighbor, reach new people, and heal a broken world. We seek to passionately and respectfully offer Christ in a Wesleyan way that speaks to our cultural context—and to ensure that offering Christ is our heartbeat, permeating and shaping everything we do and are.

At the core of our journey is an intentional plan focusing on four key ministry pathways designed to increase our ability to fulfill our shared mission and vision. They are:

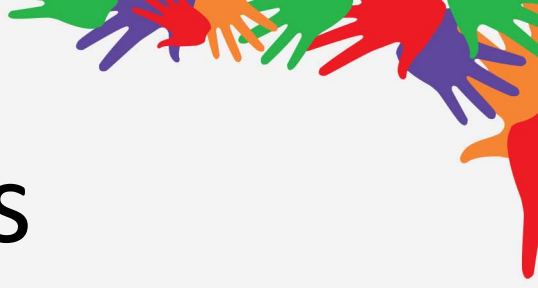
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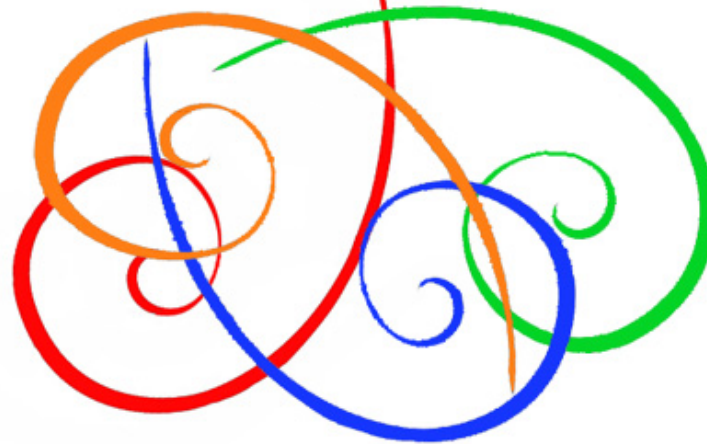
Hundreds of people at all levels across our conference are working together in leadership roles on ministry teams, boards, and committees to support our conference-wide objectives. Our successes are the result of our shared faith and vision. While there is more to be accomplished, daily signs of fruitfulness and Holy Spirit breakthroughs are evident in our congregations, in our districts, and in our conference. Some of them are celebrated in this booklet.

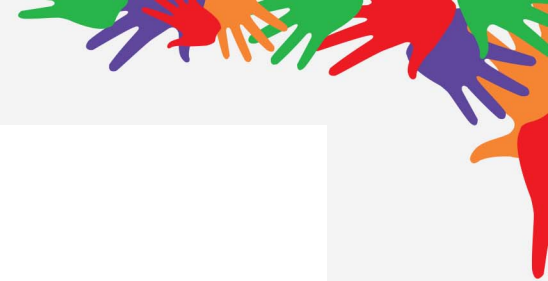


# Chairs of the Links

- Kori Lehrkamp-Developing Missional Leaders
- Scott McKirdy-Equipping Missional Congregations
- Lou Whitmer- Missional Impact
- Bruce Nearhood- Missional Resources

Unleashed: Bold,  
Spirit Leaders





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# Spirit Lake Ministry

The Spirit Lake Ministry Center is dedicated to supporting the peoples of the Spirit Lake Nation. The reservation is located in one of the most beautiful parts of the Dakotas just 8 miles south of Devils Lake, North Dakota. The reservation consists of four districts on one half million acres spread across rolling prairie and wooded hills.

## IN 2014 AT SPIRIT LAKE:

The food pantry distributed in excess of  
**\$10,000**  
in food and met the needs of more than 600 people per month.

Provided Shoebox Christmas Gifts for  
**6,535**  
children in poverty and need

Provided emergency clothing and temporary housing for  
**63**  
children affected by a life-changing event



- The Sidewalk Sunday School program provides the children of the Spirit Lake Reservation the opportunity to participate in a fast-paced Vacation Bible School program. In 2014, the trailer visited 5 different local communities on the reservation and shared the love of Jesus Christ with more than 300 children each week during a 10-week period

- The Spirit Lake Ministry Center hosted more than 450 Volunteers in Mission in 2014. The volunteers from across the country built 10 wheel-chair ramps, 2 decks, roofed 5 houses, painted 2 houses, rehabbed 7 houses and provided spiritual fellowship to untold numbers of local residents.

- Hosted a back-to-school bash for the children on the reservation. This free carnival had more than 25 youth and adult sponsors. 300 local children and their parents attended.

- The Spirit Lake Ministry Center began a monthly hot meal program in December with 67 adults and children in attendance. The monthly gathering continued throughout 2015 with a Bible study and conversations of faith.





# Missional Impact Grant

[dakotasumc.org/missionalimpact](https://dakotasumc.org/missionalimpact)

\$1000



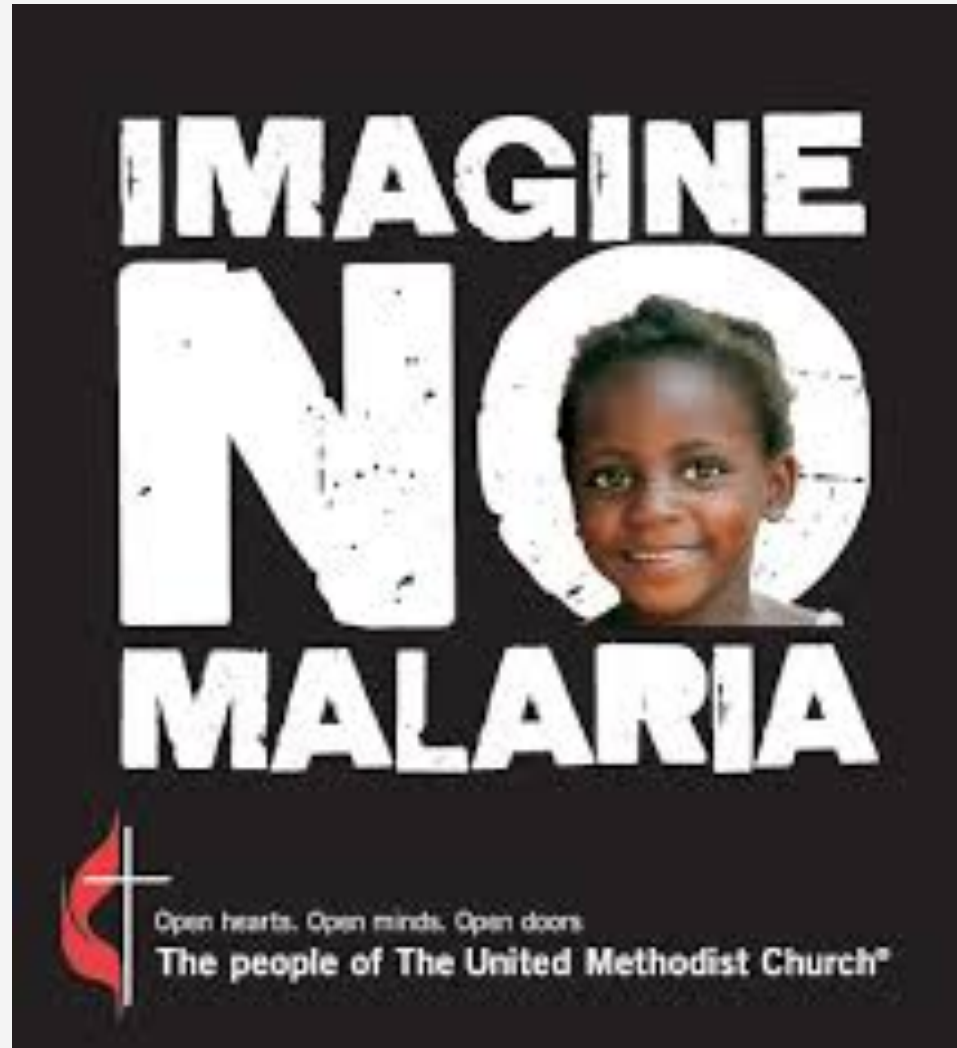
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# Mission Festival



# Second-mile giving



Churches give over and above their apportionments to many missions and ministries to which they feel particularly called. Our churches gave \$2.2 million to benevolent and charitable causes.

The denominational causes receiving the most donations beyond apportionments through our churches include:

## SECOND-MILE GIVING IN 2014

Top Recipients	Given by churches
Haiti Solar Oven Project	\$100,000
Kenmare Vital Merger	\$180,000
Olson Family	\$60,000
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$39,000
Tree of Life	\$26,000
World Hunger	\$25,000
Conference Hunger Projects	\$24,000
Thanksgiving Appeal (HOPE Center / Ebola)	\$16,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,200,000</b>



*The* **Novak**  
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# Missional Resources

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# Apportionment Update

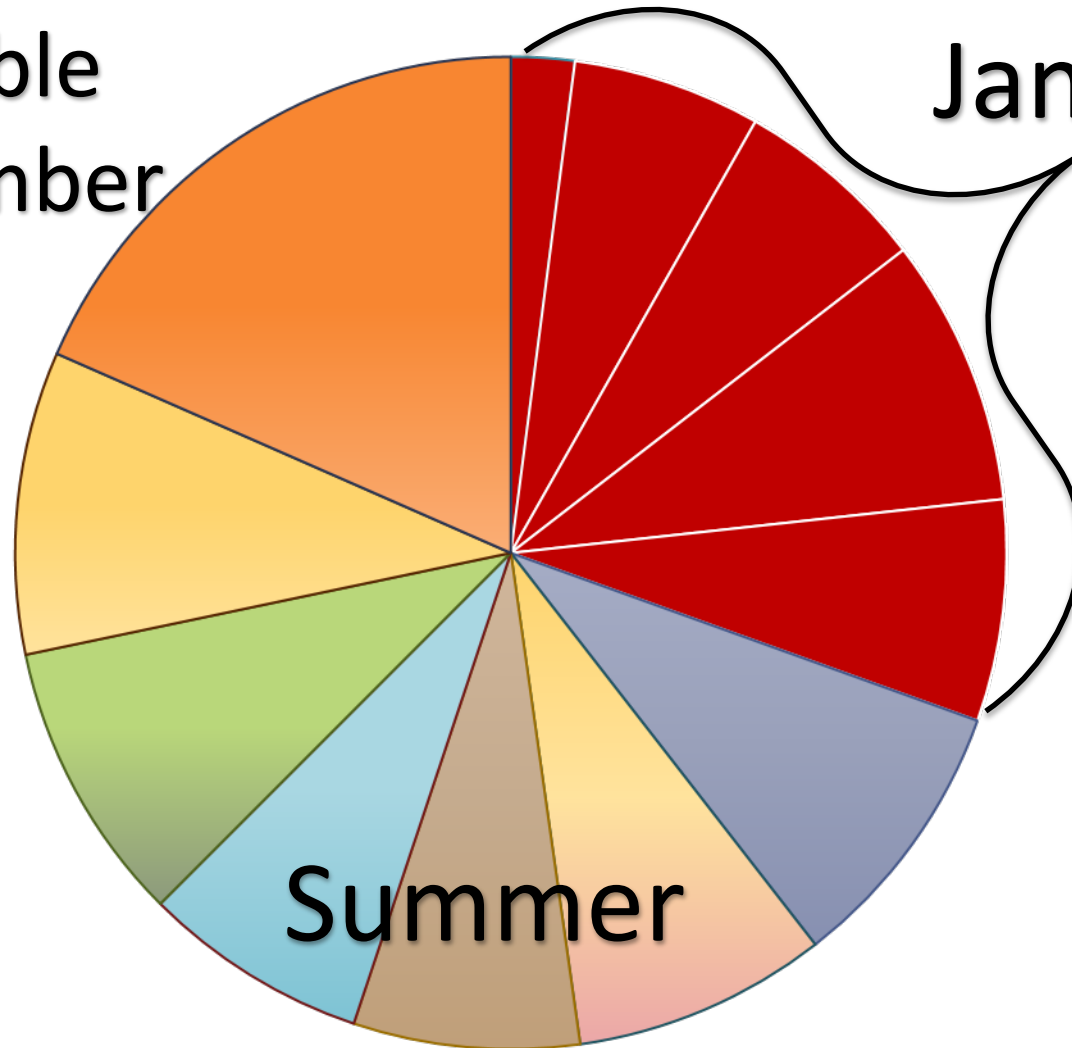


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# \$3.8 Million Goal

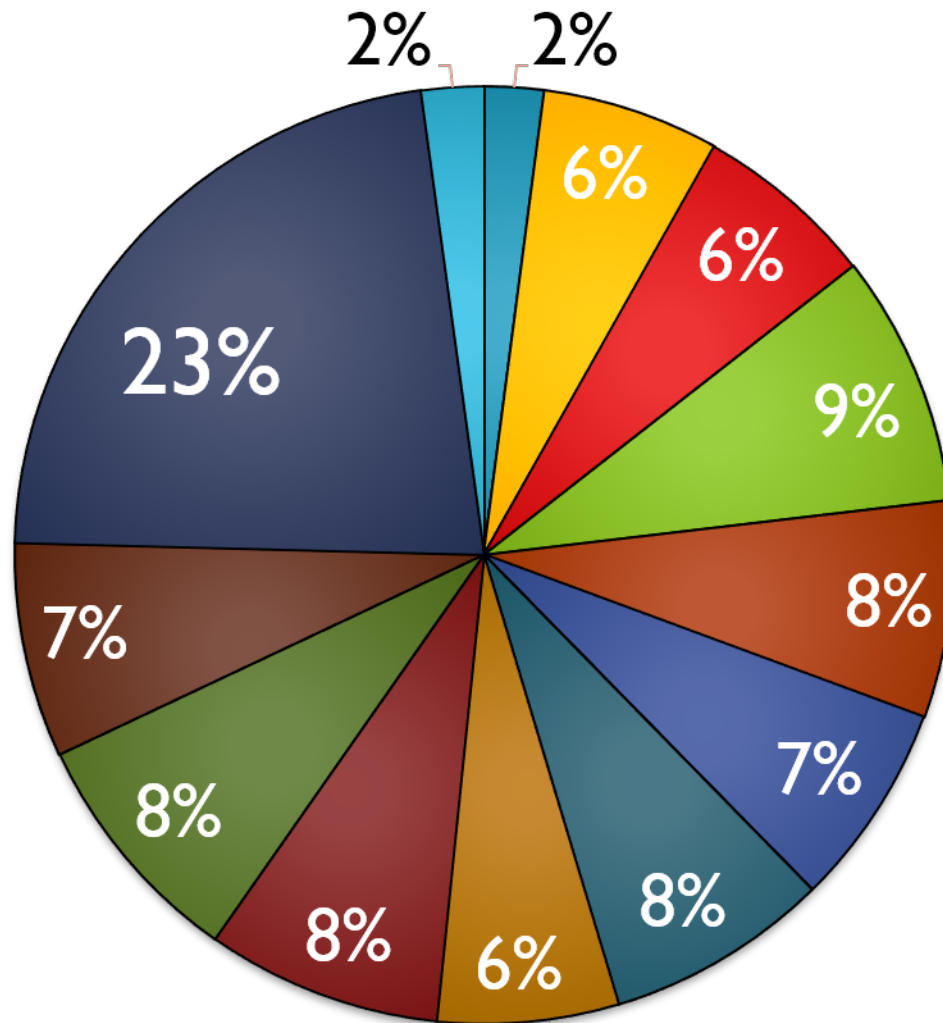
Double  
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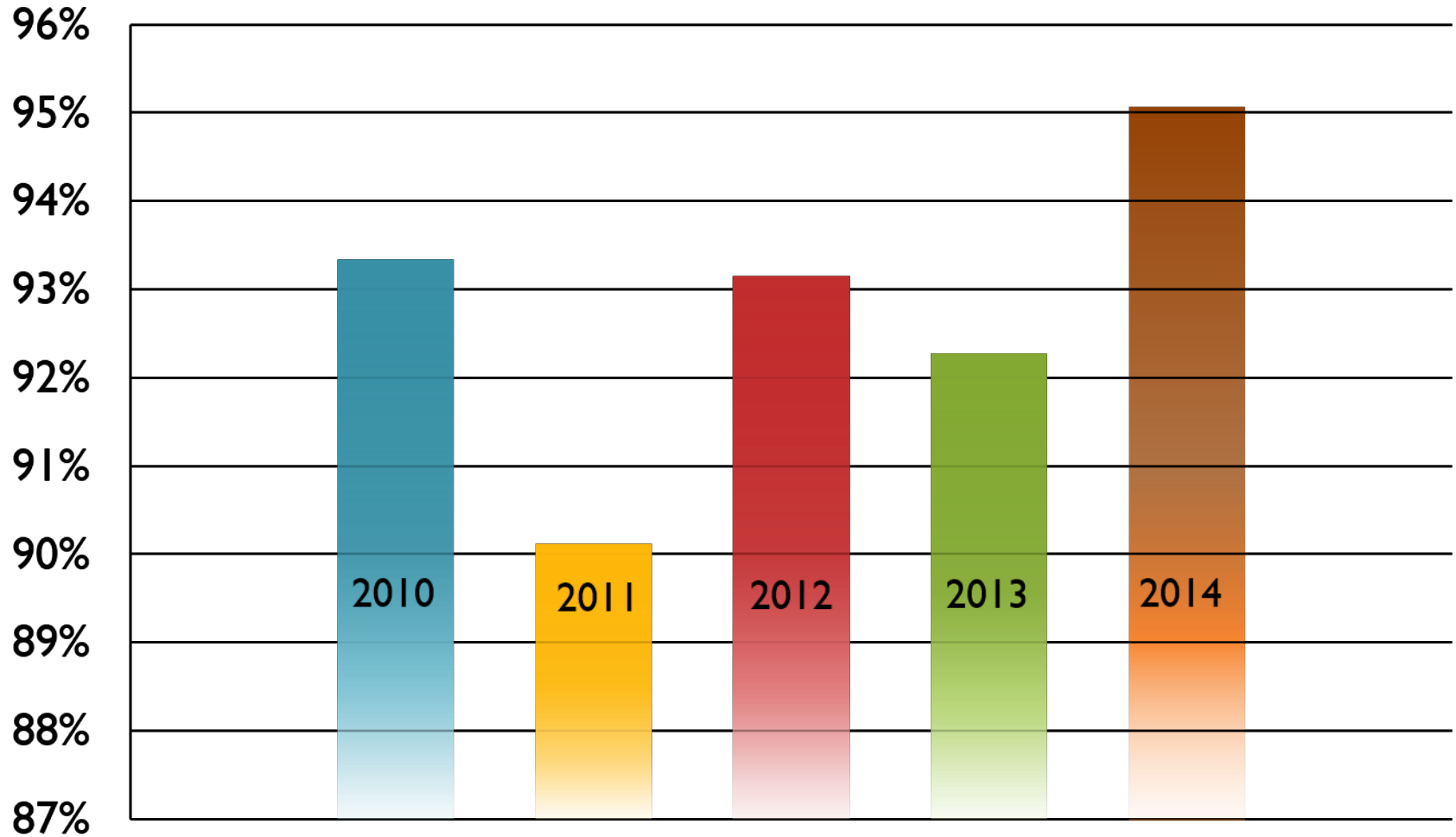


# \$3.82 Million Given





# Church Participation



# 2016 Budget

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# 2016 Budget



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# Keys to Growth

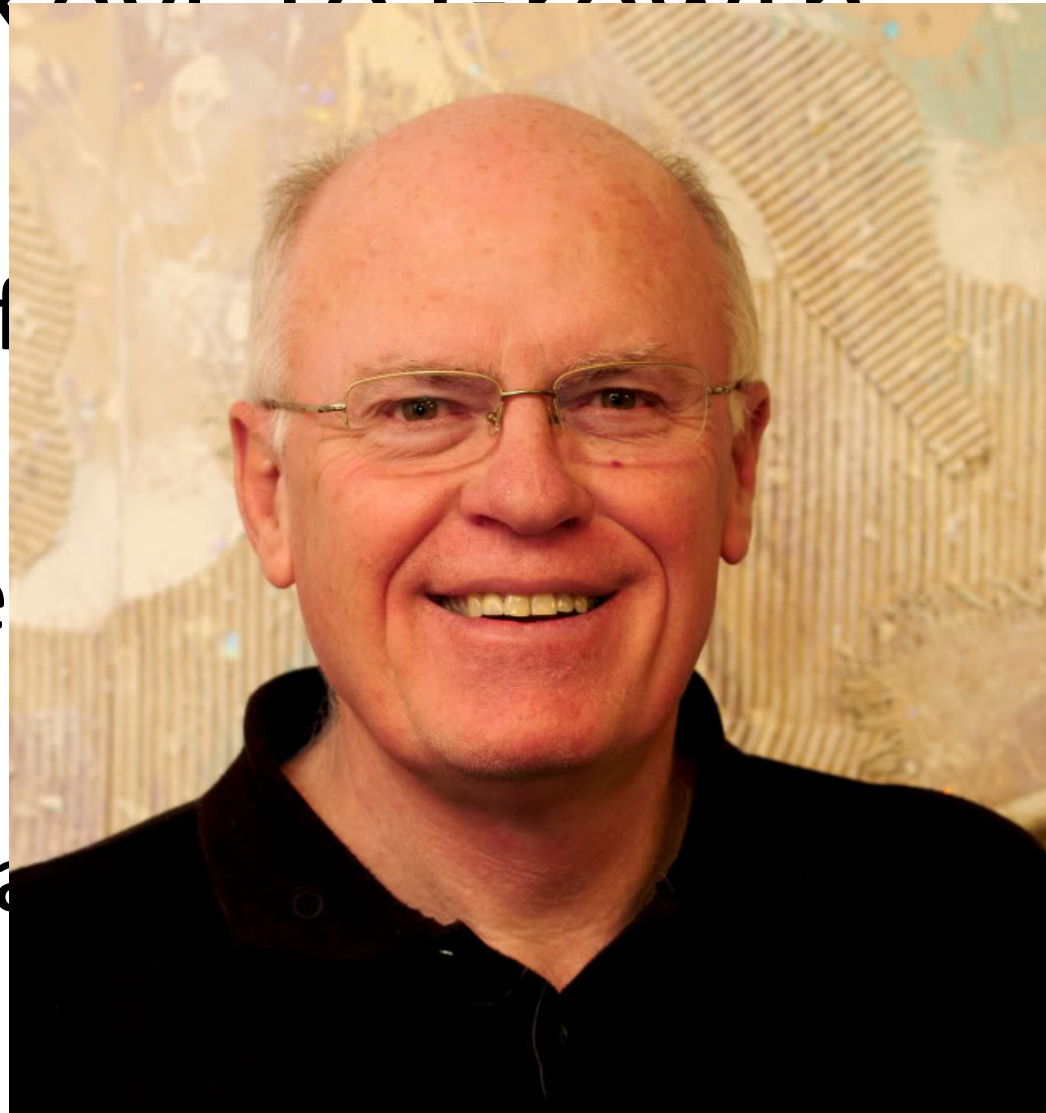
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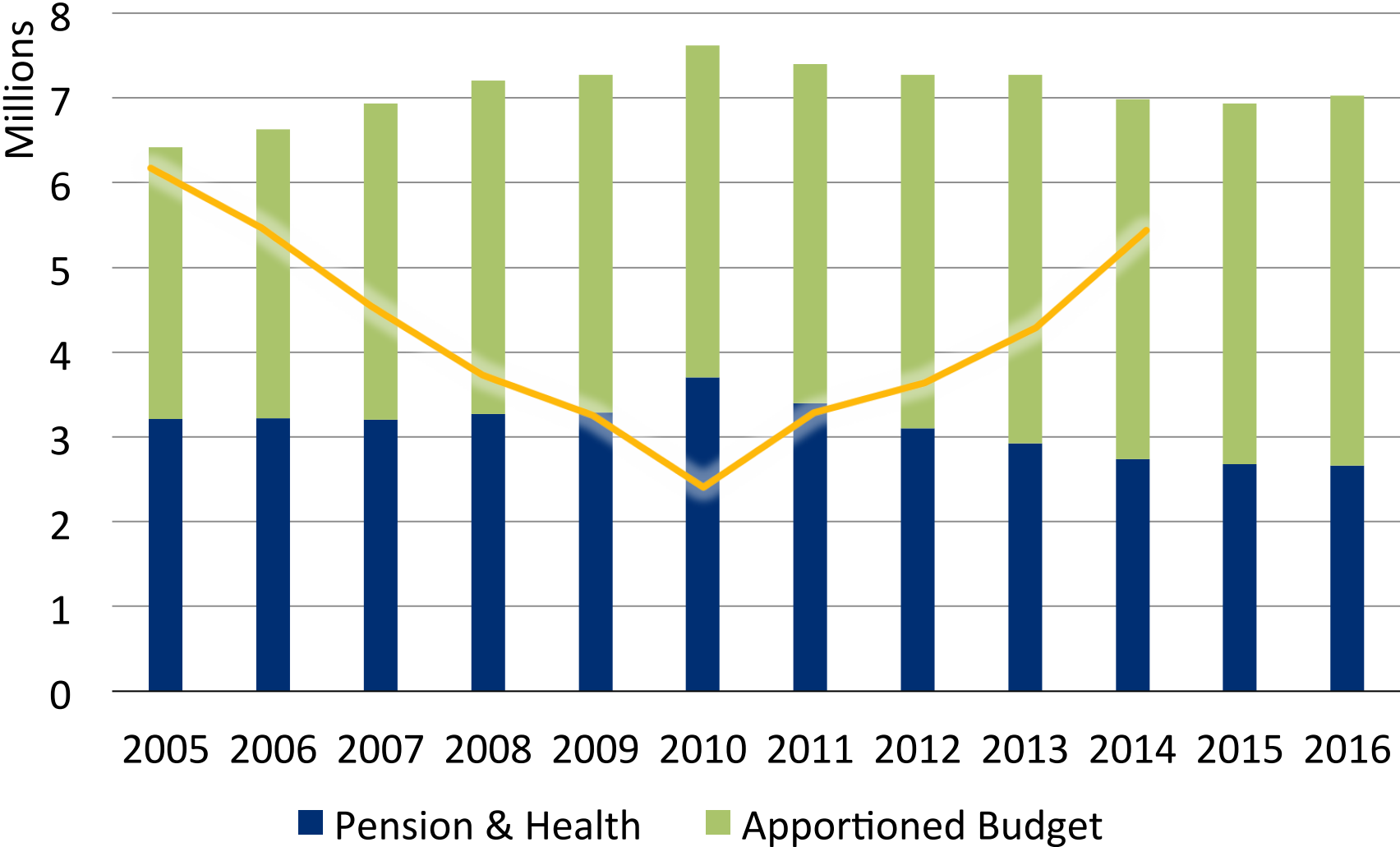
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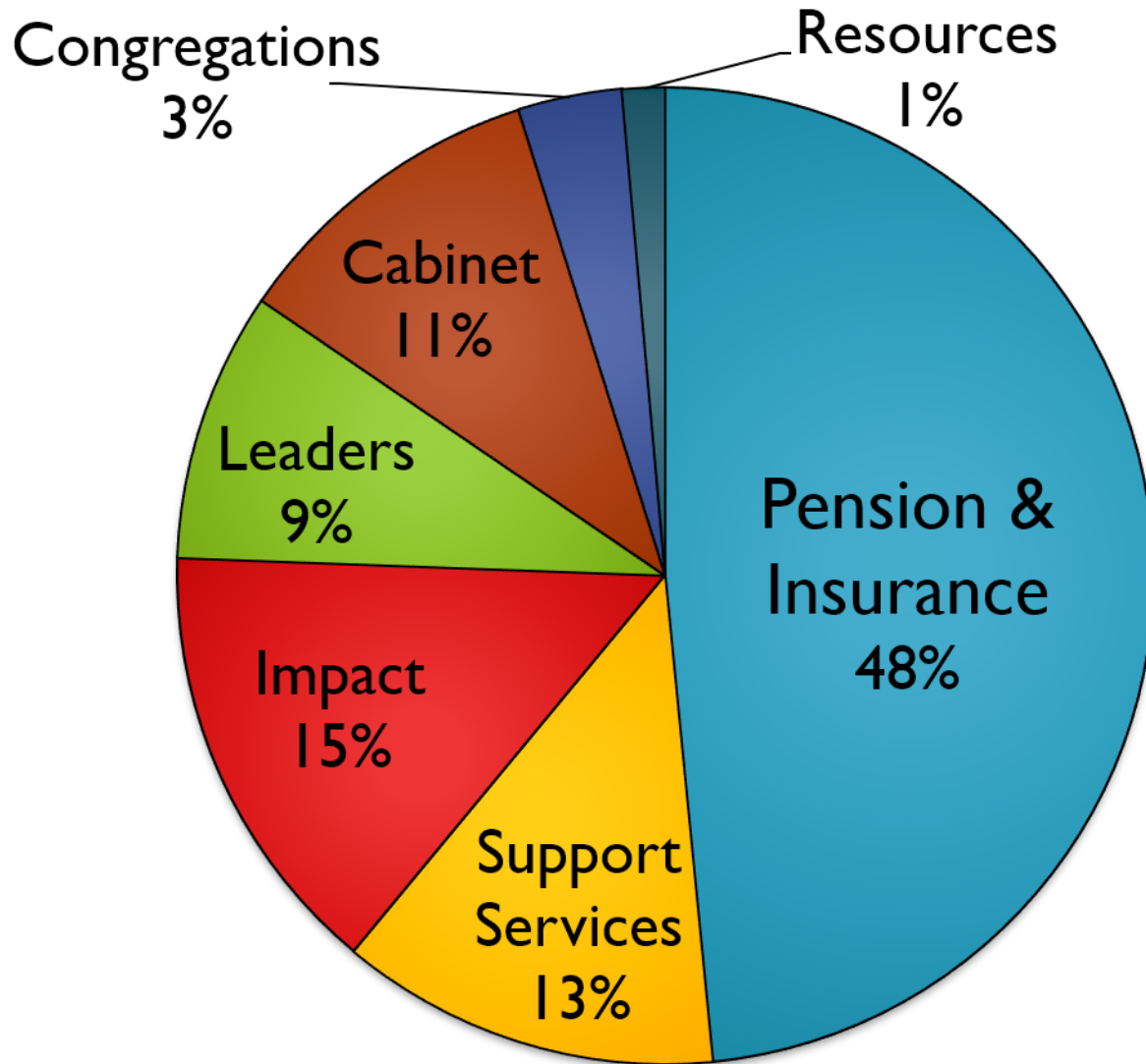
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# Budget Trends (2005 – 2016)

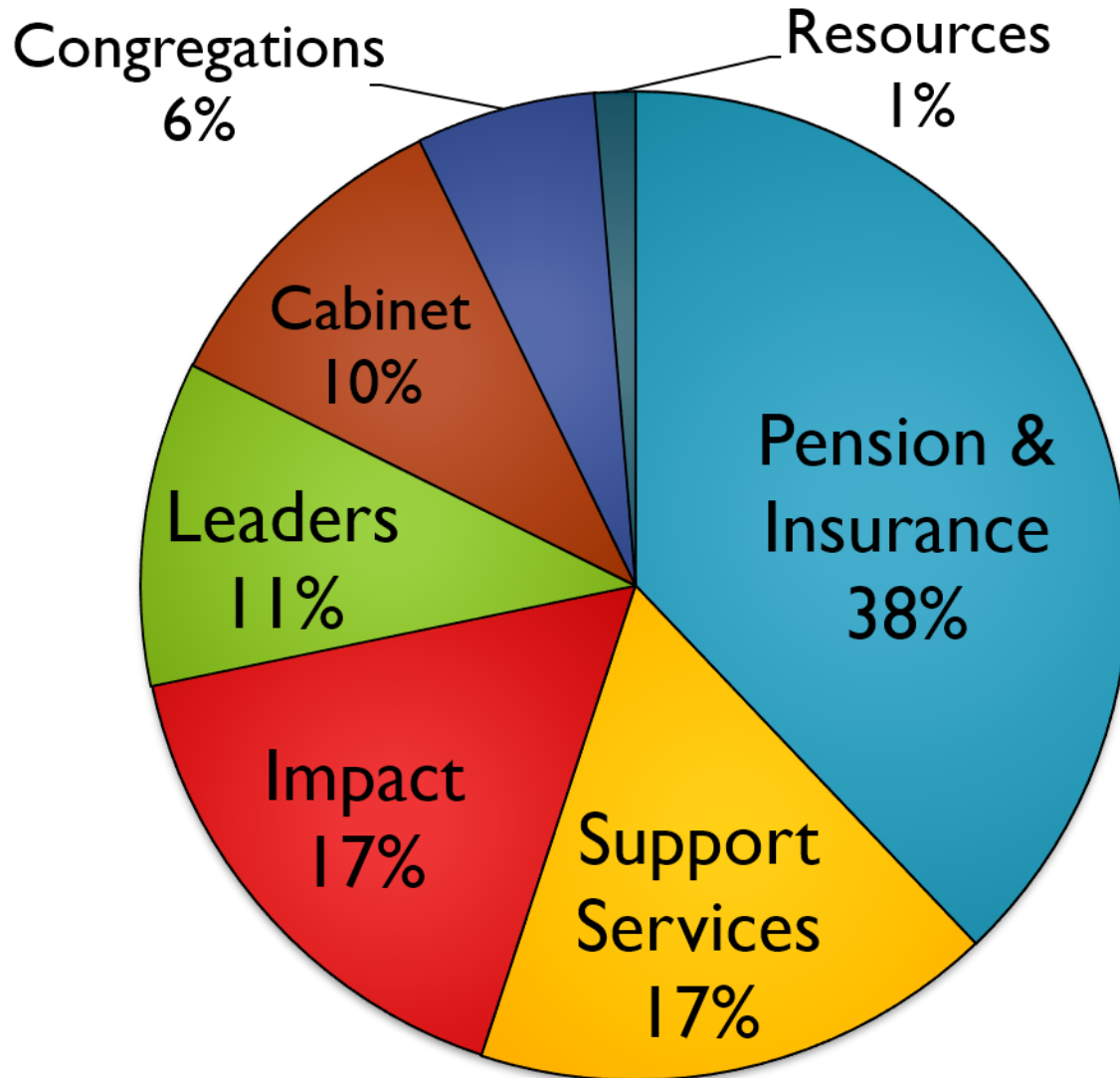


# 2010 Apportionments & Direct Bill





# 2016 Apportionments & Direct Bill



2016 Budget

2017 Budget

2018 Budget

2019 Budget

...and beyond

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Leaders	748,484	745,543	?	?	?
Congregations	370,399	413,610	?	?	?
Impact	1,224,000	1,173,019	?	?	?
Resources	95,233	91,500	?	?	?
Support Services	1,149,884	1,206,810	?	?	?
Cabinet	670,000	734,518	?	?	?
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,258,000</b>	<b>4,365,000</b>	<b>4,474,000</b>	<b>4,586,000</b>	<b>4,701,000</b>

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# More than just apportionments

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND	
<b>Apportionment Income</b>	<b>\$32,964</b>
Endowment Income	58,374
Farm Income	14,498
Investment Returns	7,457
Donations	34,581
<b>Seminary Scholarships</b>	<b>68,770</b>
<b>Loan/Grants</b>	<b>18,977</b>
<b>Other Grants</b>	<b>13,890</b>
<b>Training Expenses</b>	<b>12,182</b>

# Highlights

# Developing Missional Leaders



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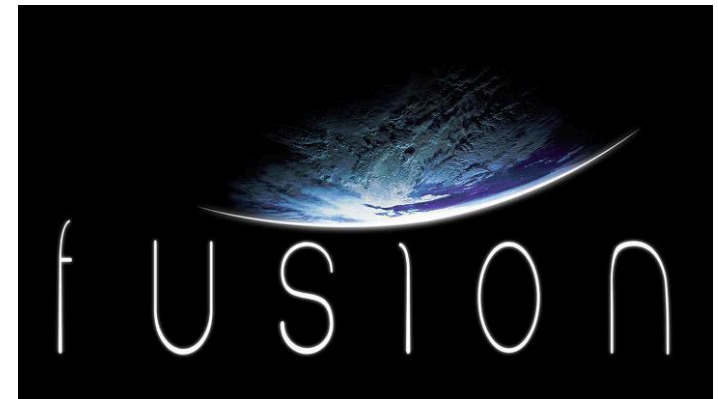
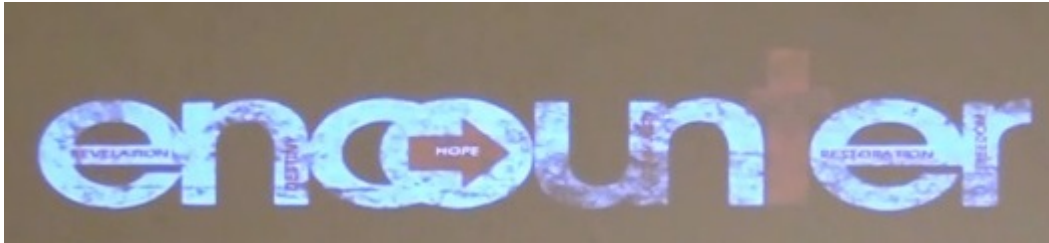


# Developing Missional Leaders





# Equipping Missional Congregations



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# Equipping Missional Congregations



# Extending Missional Impact



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# Generating Missional Resources



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# District Superintendency

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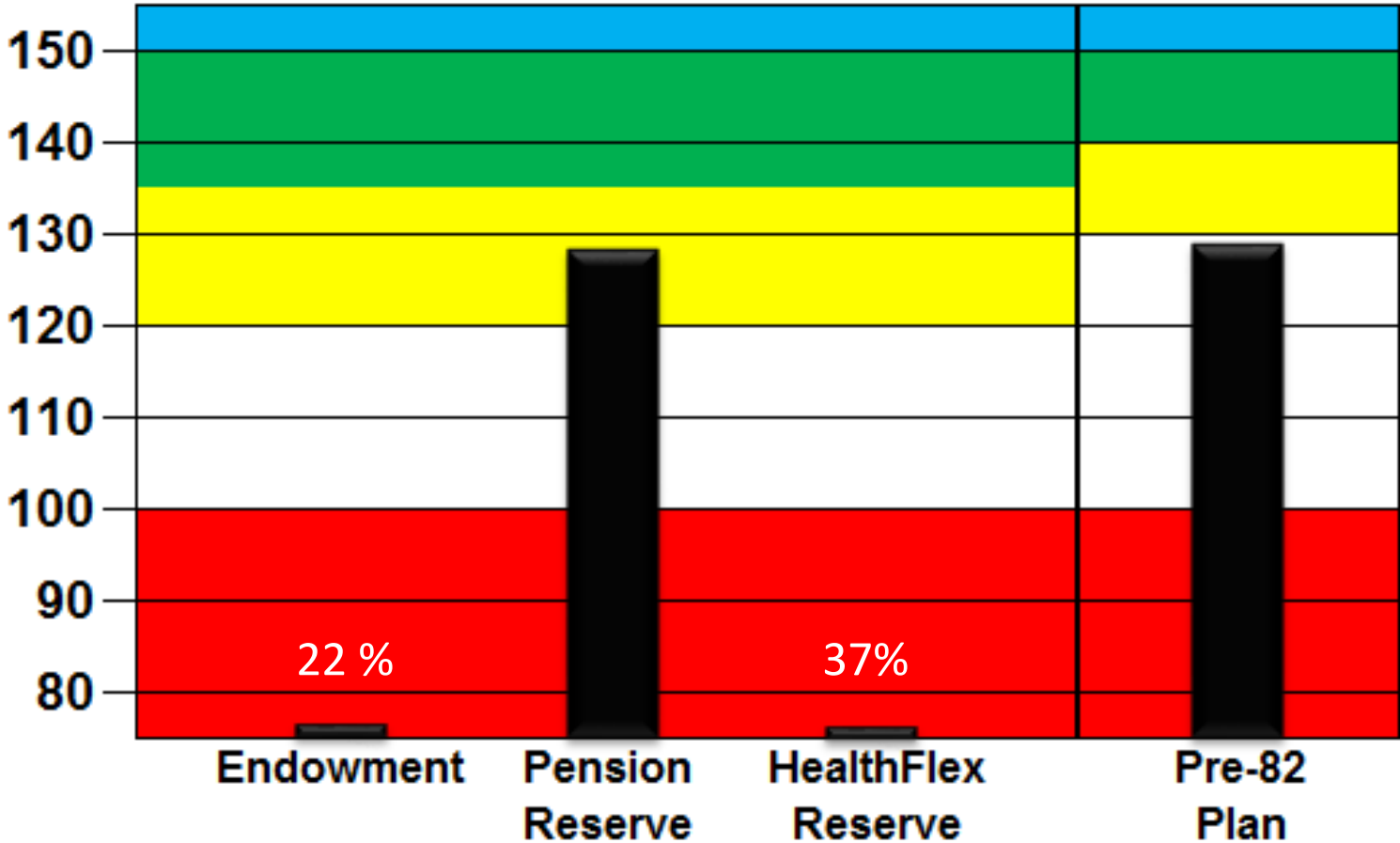


# Support Services

- Staffing:
  - Increased Communications
  - Full-Time person for Clergy Leadership
  - Future Congregational Development staff
- Trustees:
  - District Superintendent & Director Housing

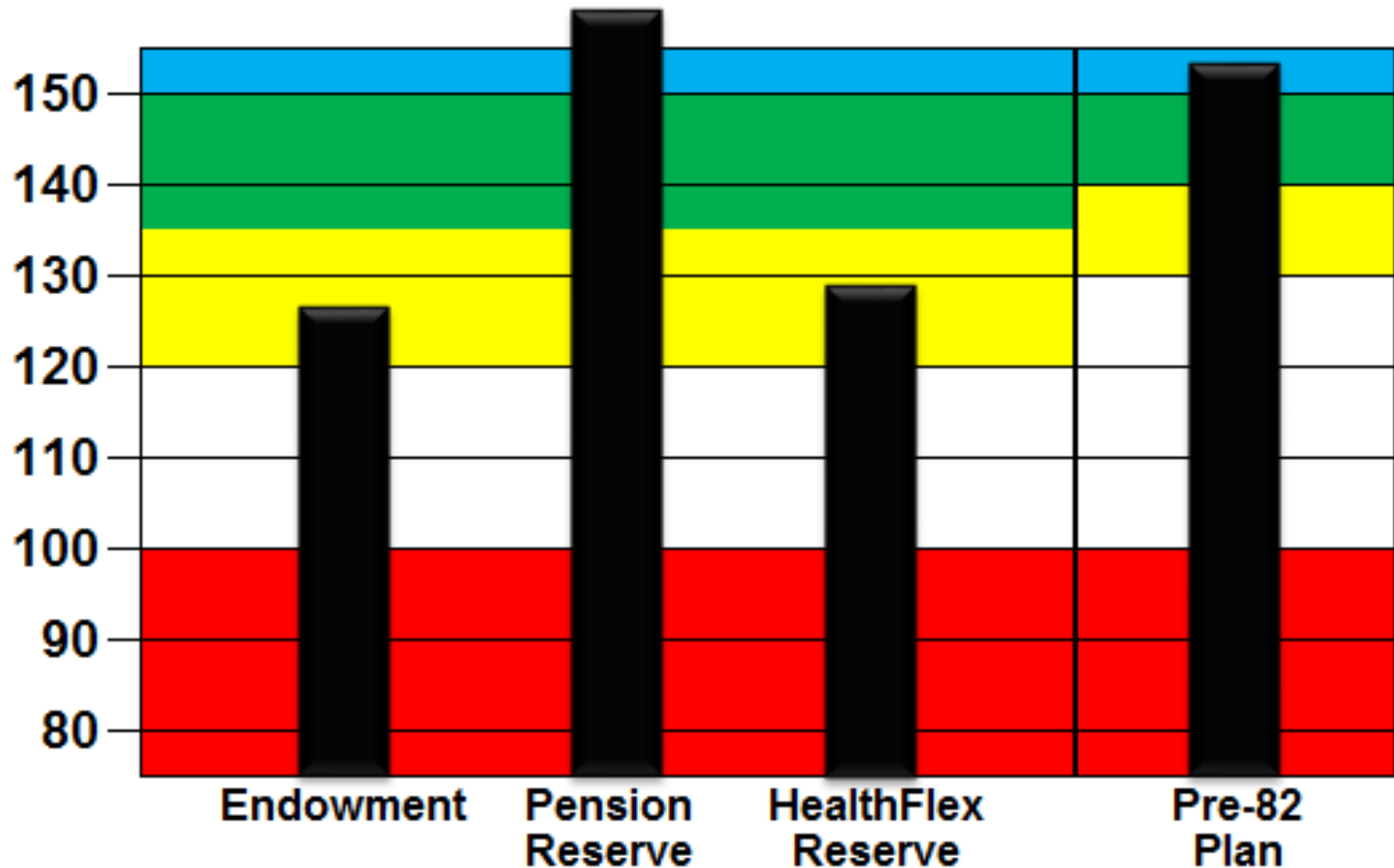
# Pensions & Insurance

## Funded Levels as of 6/30/10



# Pensions & Insurance

## Funded Levels as of 4/30/15







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# Lunch Break

*Clergy Spouse Luncheon- Frontier Room*

*Extension Ministry Luncheon-Prairie Room*

*Seminary Luncheons: Sioux Falls- Club III*

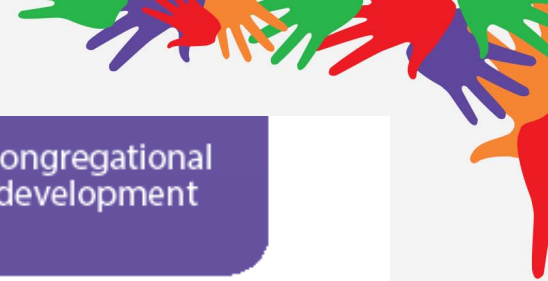
*Asbury-Mezzanine I & II*

*Garrett- Mezzanine III*



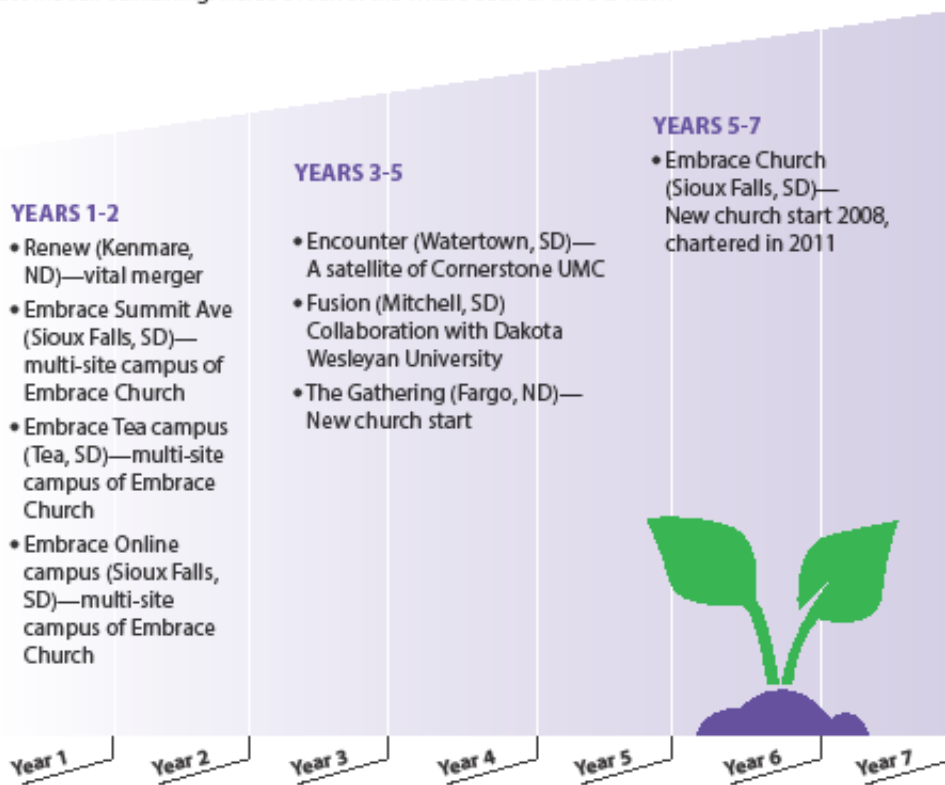
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# New church starts

Starting new churches is one of the key ways we reach new people of all ages and life circumstance and connect them with the body of Christ. The Dakotas Conference has 8 faith communities that are in the first seven years of existence. New faith communities must meet specific benchmarks in order to receive continued funding, and the goal is for each of them to become self-sustaining. Here's a look at the where each of the 8 is now:



## Congregational development

### 2014 MIRACLE OFFERING LAUNCHES RENEW UMC

Kenmare and Donnybrook United Methodist churches are launching a whole new start.

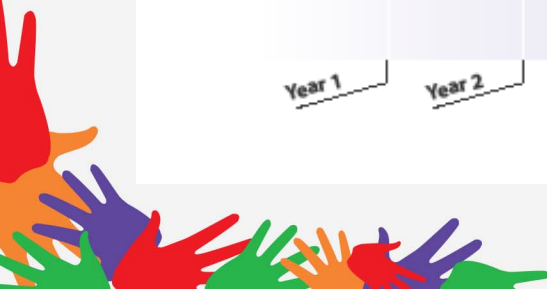
Renew, a vital merger received financial support from the 2014 Dakotas Annual Conference miracle offering collected in Rapid City, SD.

Community Events  
*Back to School picnic*  
*Thanksgiving meal*

Monthly family or mission activity

Wednesday night worship service & meal

"I never would have thought that people would choose a church because of community outreach and mission, but they do. It is not always about the worship." **Pastor Joddy Meldinger**, Renew, Kenmare, North Dakota

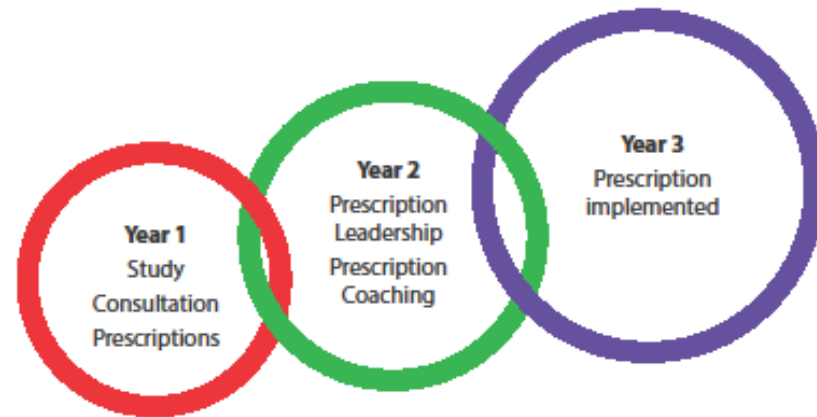


# Missional church consultation initiative

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. There are currently ten churches engaged in the MCCI multi-year process.



"The first thing we had to deal with was embracing mission—Making disciples for Jesus Christ. That implies to me focusing on where we are going. We needed to get our road map of where we are going. Our prescriptions help us to do that. One of our prescriptions called for a different leadership team. Another prescription was about a key ministry—youth and children's ministry. Another prescription was being ready and welcoming for new worshippers. This involves anything from de-cluttering our space to making sure there is a welcoming atmosphere and signage. We also need to invite people in the door of our church. People don't just walk in the door of a church that invitation needs to be there." **Kay Braun**, Fargo First UMC



#### COHORT I PARTICIPANTS (2013)

- First UMC, Fargo, ND
- First UMC, Huron, SD
- First UMC, Pierre, SD
- First UMC, Sioux Falls, SD
- Spearfish UMC, SD

#### COHORT II PARTICIPANTS (2014)

- Grand Forks Wesley UMC, ND
- Madison UMC, SD
- First UMC, Rapid City, SD
- Epworth UMC, Valley City, ND
- First UMC, Watertown, SD

# Breakthrough prayer workshops

In 2015, the Dakotas Conference launched the Breakthrough Prayer Initiative training. The six-hour training took place at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, South Dakota on January 17 and Jamestown First UMC in Jamestown, North Dakota on January 18. Reverend Sue Nilson Kibbey, Missional Church Consultation Initiative, presented the two workshops to over 100 people from 13 different churches. Participants were equipped with tools and resources to practice Breakthrough Prayer in their local churches.

## BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER IN ACTION

Members at Sioux Falls First UMC have engaged in a prayer initiative called 7:12. At 7:12 a.m. or p.m. members are encouraged to set an alarm on their phones, computers, or clocks to stop and pray.

"Often when I am in a meeting at 7:12 p.m. there a lot of phones that start making sounds, reminding us it is time to stop and pray," said Rev. Bob Ruedebusch, Sioux Falls First UMC. "It is awesome!"



## PARTICIPATION BY THE NUMBERS

13  
churches

100  
participants

2  
states

1,000's  
of prayers

# One Matters Award





# Rapid City Knollwood Heights



# Minot Faith





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Dakotas Annual Conference  
Feasibility Study  
Late fall and winter 2014-2015

# 4 Overarching questions

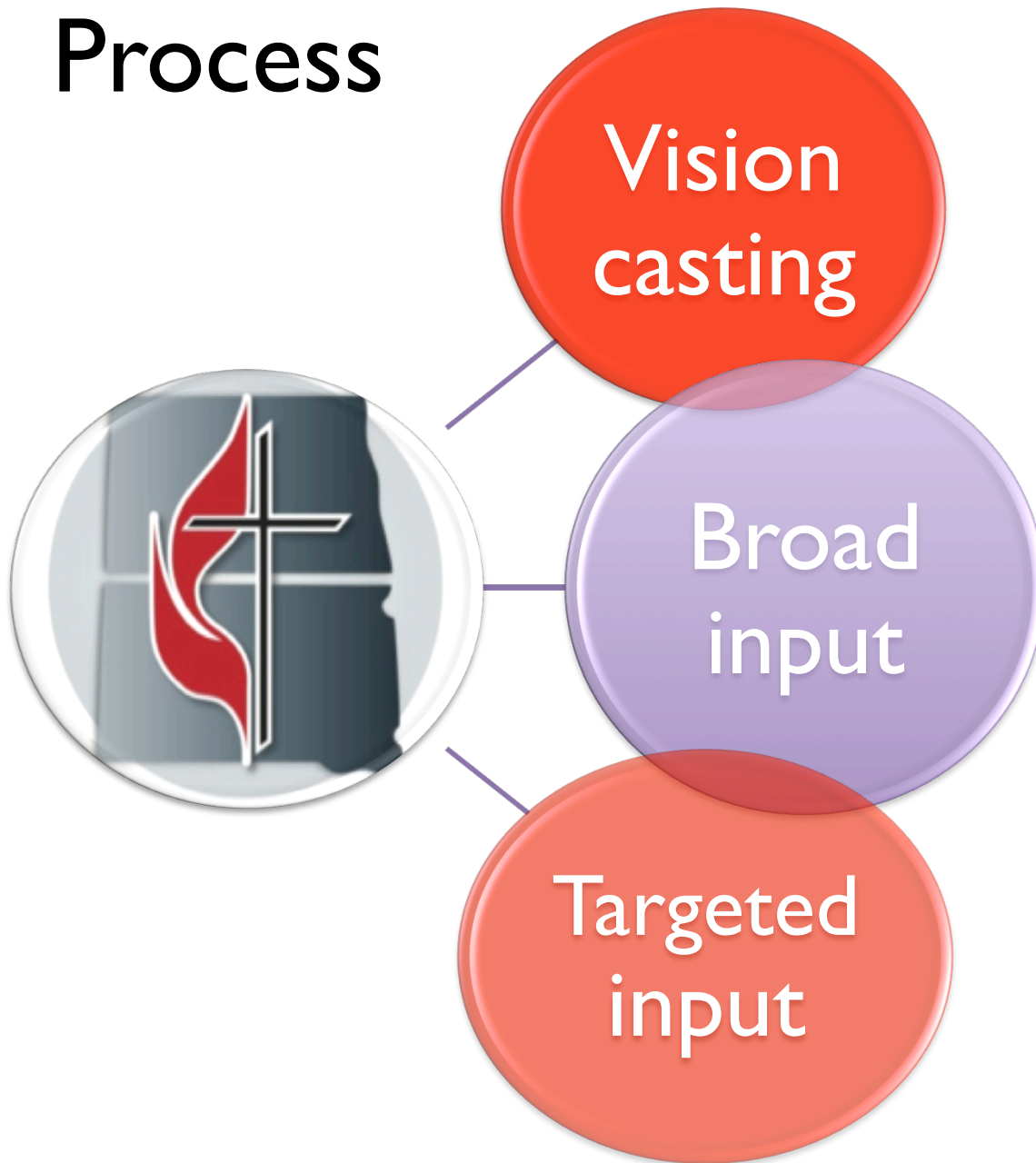
Are new churches needed?

Do existing churches need strengthening to help create new life cycles?

Are equipping clergy and raising up the next generation of leaders vital to our future?

Are we ready and willing to pray, work and give to fulfill these visions?

# Process



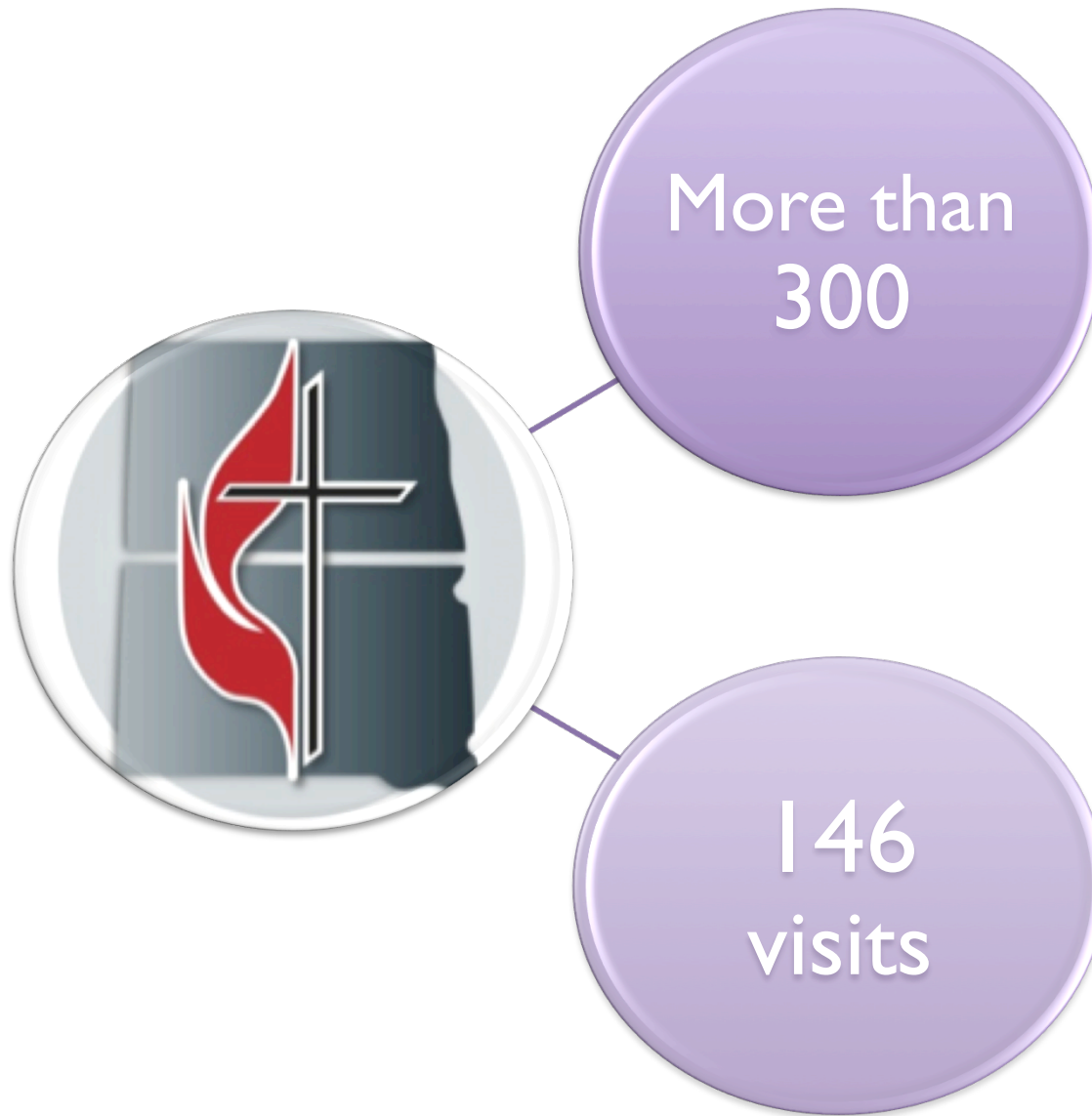
- 7-year congregational development plan

- Invitation to online questionnaire

- Personal conversations



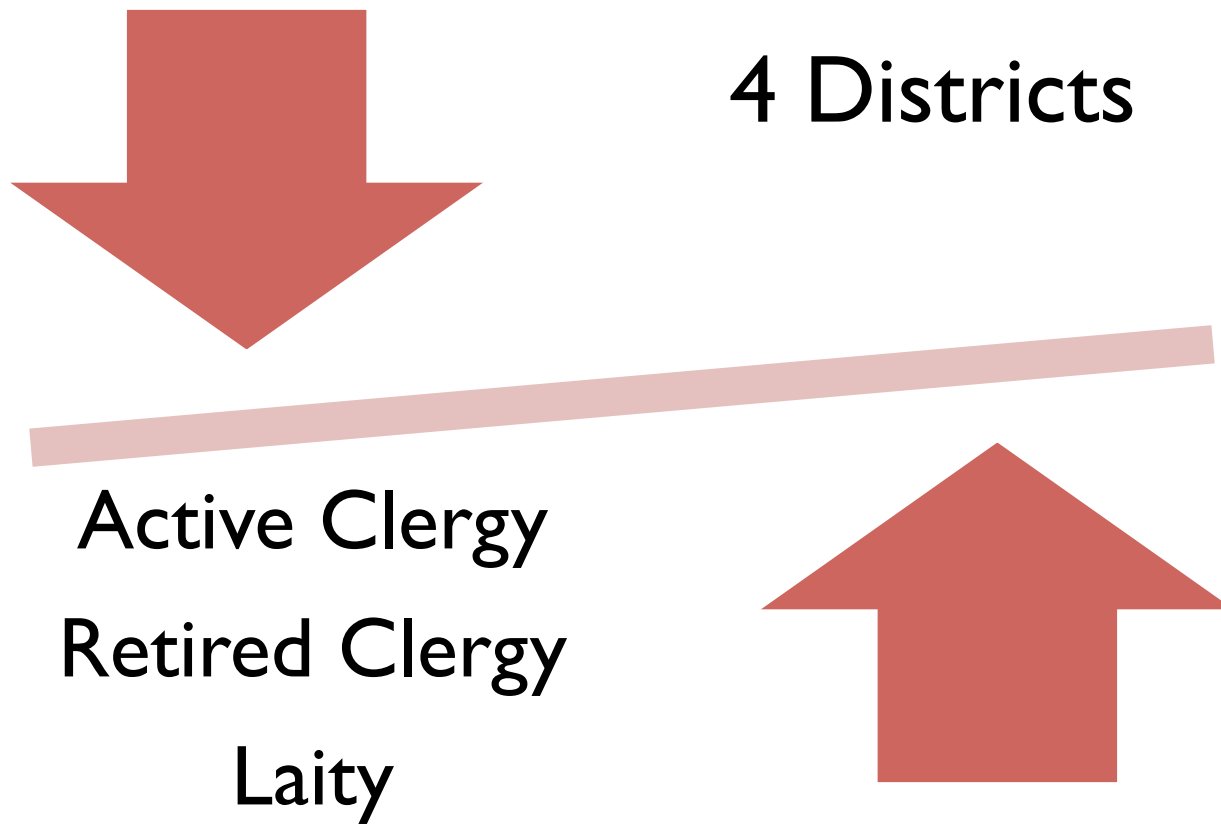
# Respondents



- Online questionnaires submitted, with comments
- Representative sample of clergy and laity

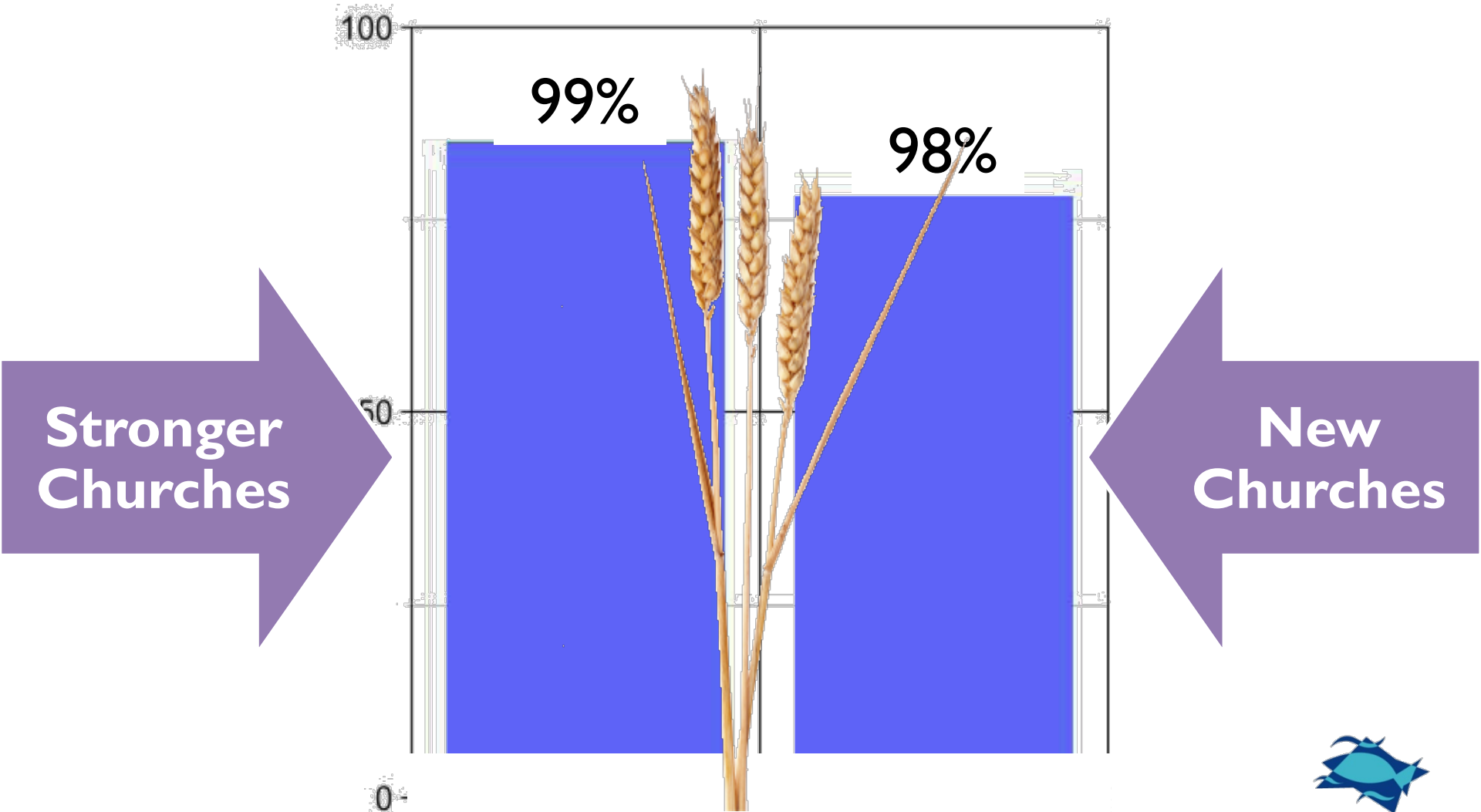


# Examined results for trends by

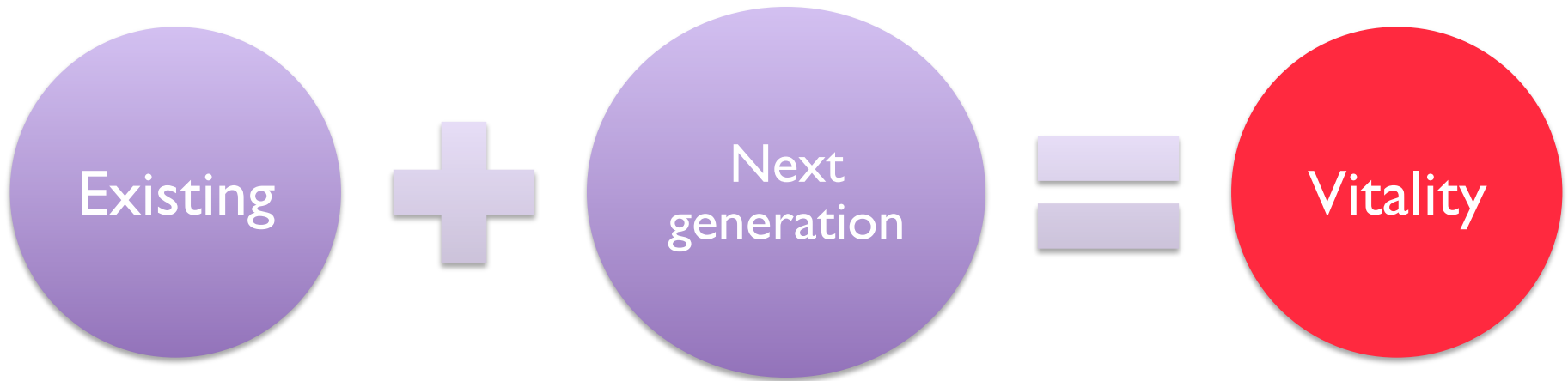




# Both considered crucial to fulfilling mission



# Leadership Development



Peer learning	Equipping and training passionate, effective leaders
Sensitivity to call	Youth/Camping programs Local church
Recruitment	Educational institutions and other events

# 92% Endorsement of Congregational Development Plan

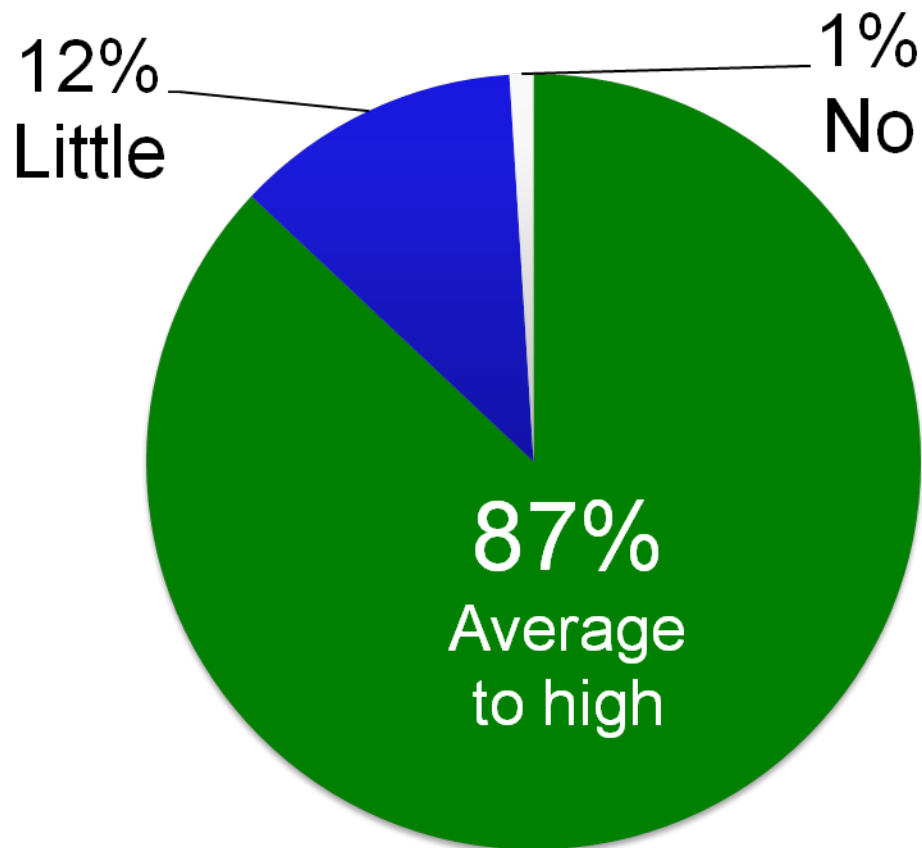
“This is highly ambitious, but a worthy set of goals.”

“It is great to see measurable goals and accountability!”

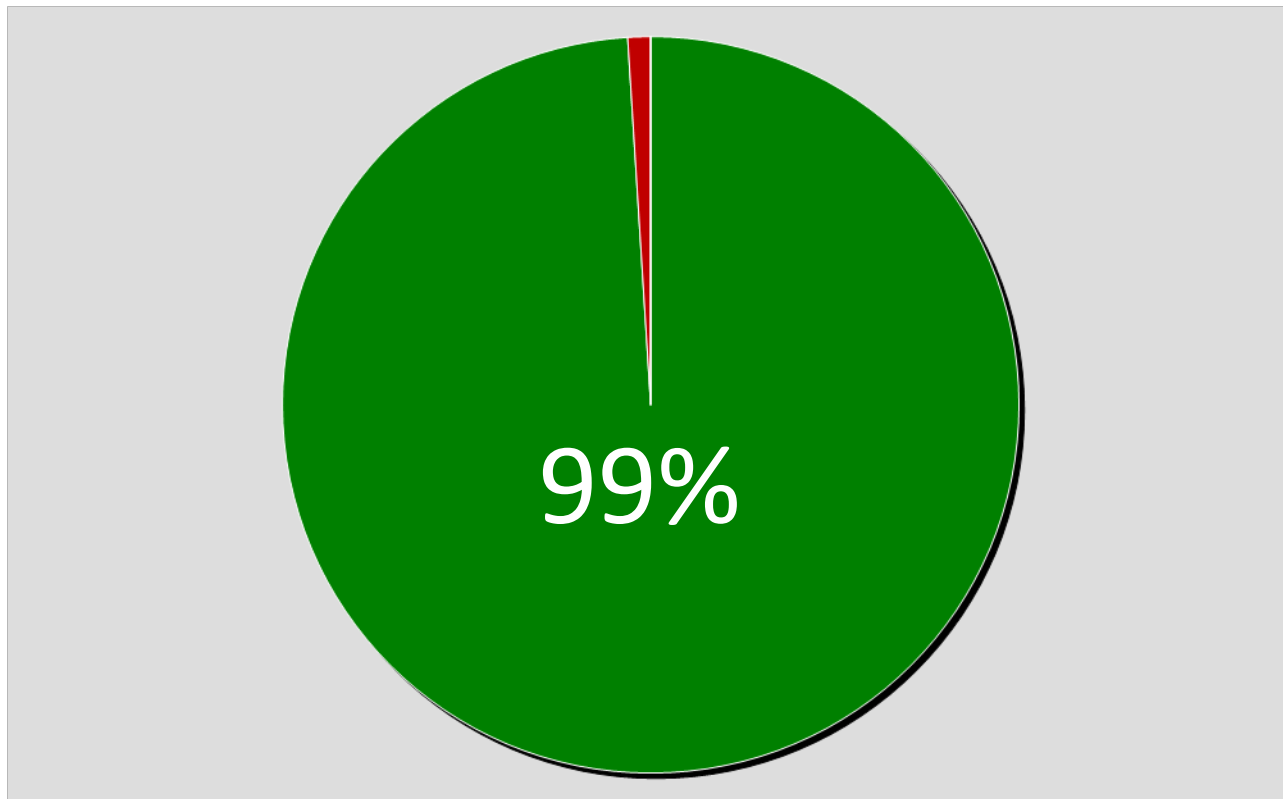
“I favor whatever it takes to grow our churches and be alive in ministry.”



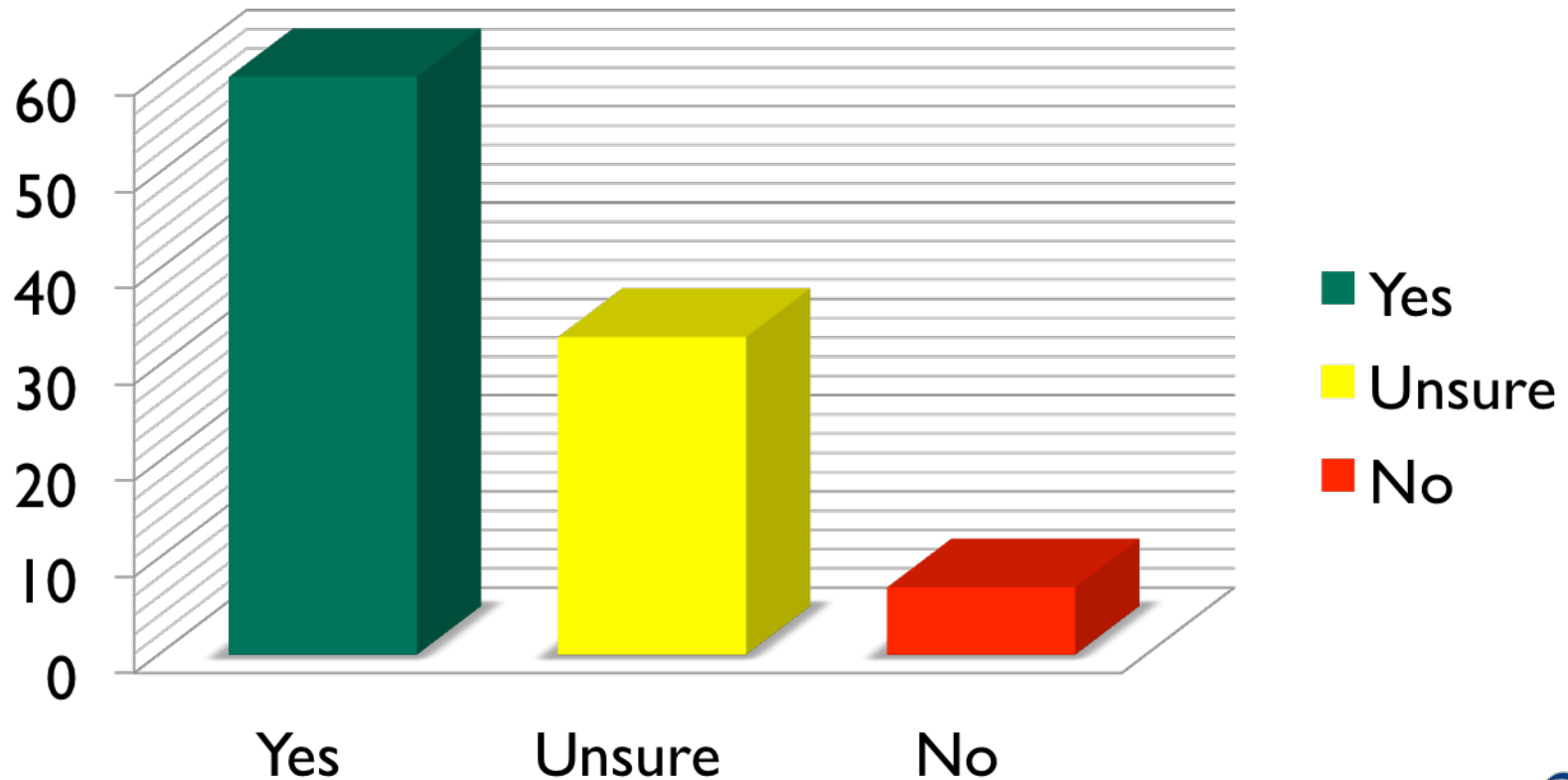
# Importance of fulfilling the 7-year congregational development plan



# Importance placed on a campaign to create funding for the 7-year plan



# Potential to raise \$3,222,000 to fund the 7-year plan



## Opening Doors to Hear the Story

- Only 1% of respondents said the church door would not be open to hear the presentation at this point.
- **Prevailing Comment:**  
“Our pastors must lead the charge and help us understand the importance of looking beyond our walls to our greater mission and the next generation.”



# 8 Conclusions

1. **Agreement** with the **needs** presented in the case statement
2. Communicate the vision in ways which **touch hearts (God stories)**
3. Desire for more **information** about **starting new churches** and how the **7-year plan** will be **carried out**





# Conclusions

4. Recast the case statement with more information about **leadership development**
5. Great **hope** for the future
6. Wide **endorsement** of the vision
7. Willingness to **participate**
8. Strong image of financial **potential**



# Recommendations

- Move forward to secure funding to fulfill the vision.
- Implement a conference-wide campaign to involve churches, individuals and foundations/special gifts.
- Partner with the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation to develop major gifts.
- Focus on the breakthrough goal of \$3,222,000.



# Timetable

Church presentations --- Begin  
late summer 2015

Major gifts, foundations and  
other special appeals --  
Underway

Celebration ---  
Annual Conference 2016





# Dakotas Annual Conference Feasibility Study



**Strength for Today,  
Hope for Tomorrow**

# Thrive Case Statement



## Congregational Development Plan

The Congregational Development Plan is focused on reaching new people to grow in love for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world through starting new churches, strengthening existing churches, developing existing leaders and preparing the next generation of leaders.

**IF** we sincerely believe that God is calling us to passionately and respectfully offer Christ in a Wesleyan way that's relevant in our cultural context and that inspires hope and new life...

**AND** we are sincere in our prayers for God to send one more person, family or child for us to love and disciple in Christ...

**THEN** we are compelled to come together to plant new churches, nurture congregational renewal and prepare leaders, in order to reach new people of all ages and life circumstances and connect them with the body of Christ.



# Start New Churches

- Establish 10 new churches over the next seven years.
- Increase worship attendance across the Conference by 10% over the next seven years.



# Strengthen Existing Churches

- Over 100 churches strengthened and revitalized through MCCL/Journey Renewal.
- 40% of Congregations meeting vitality standards over next seven years.





# Equip and Develop Leaders

- 75% of Clergy assessed, guided and equipped based on effectiveness standards.
- Establish peer learning groups.
- Find/prepare next generation of leaders.





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# Working Together to Fulfill Thrive

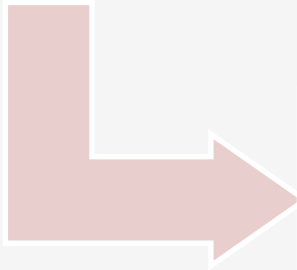


- **Share the Thrive story with everyone**
- **Engage all churches as spiritual vision partners in bold prayer**

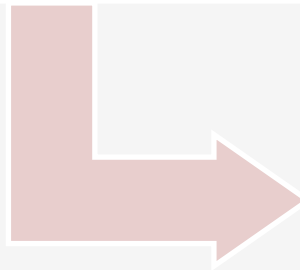


# Three Constituent Groups

Churches



Major Gifts



Foundations &  
special gifts

## Leadership

- Enlistment well underway

## Spiritual Emphasis

- Plan complete for Laity Session

## Church Presentations

- Begin late summer

## Major Gifts

- Underway

# Thrive Conference-wide Chairs

Paul and Jody Burgum  
Arthur, North Dakota



# Thrive Honorary Chairs

Paul and Donna (Muffy) Christen  
Huron, South Dakota





# Major Gifts Chairs

Scott and Julia Jones  
Pierre, South Dakota



# **Foundations and Special Gifts Chair**

Reverend Howard Grinager Parker,  
South Dakota



# Co-Chairs, Church Segment

Kermit Culver  
Legacy, Bismarck

Bob Ruedebusch  
FUMC, Sioux Falls



# District Chairs

Eastern Sunrise District

Marilyn Spurrell

FUMC, Fargo

Sakakawea District

Arlyn Coalter

St. Paul, Jamestown



# District Chairs

Glacial Lakes District

Kathy Hartgraves

FUMC, Mitchell

Prairie Hills District

Greg Kroger

FUMC, Rapid City



# Rev. Grace Huck





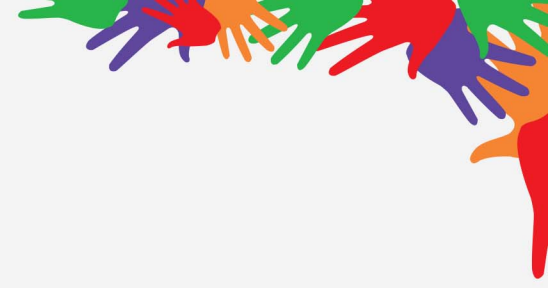
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leadership

Leadership

**LEADERSHIP**



# Building leaders for new churches

Cathy Townley, a ministry coach from Minnesota, leads the Church Planter Discernment workshop. Eleven people attended the event for current elders, local licensed pastors and laity. The workshop itself was a mixture of learning about what is involved in church planting and the characteristics of an effective church planter—things such as coachability, cultural engagement, and being all in.

Participants take a set of inventories to assess their personalities and leadership styles. Following the workshop participants write a self-reflective essay and are interviewed one-on-one by Cathy who then writes up an assessment report for the Cabinet. The idea is to create a "planter pool"—to better understand their gifts as well as affinities so that when opportunities for a new church arise we have a leader who will be effective and a good fit.

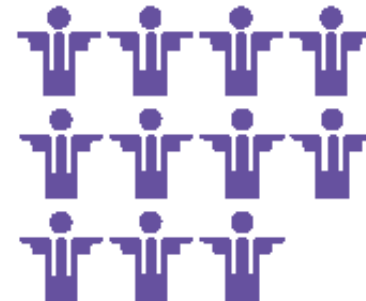


18 clergy completed the Church Planter Candidate Assessment in 2014



"The Church Planter Candidate Assessment (CPCA) provided me with insight into my comfort, strengths and leadership not only to start a new church but to be a better leader. I now have more knowledge about how I can better serve and go make disciples." **Rev. Dan Bader** First UMC, Pierre, South Dakota.

Leadership  
development



11 clergy completed the  
Church Planter Candidate  
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#### 2015 PARTICIPANTS

- Chris Chase
- Charlie Moore
- Justin Iverson
- Mark Ehrmantraut
- Thomas Carlson
- Abendengo Thomas
- Dan Bader
- Ron Johnson
- Sara McManus
- Katie Rowen
- Michelle Slott

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# The Elisha Project

The Elisha Project is a college internship program designed to assist young people as they sense God's call upon their life in a specific way and to help them to discern more fully what God is calling them to do. Internships between interested local churches and college students who have completed at least their first year of school are negotiated with the church, the student, and the Board of Ordained Ministry. The internship is three months in length, usually during the summer. Students receive a stipend of \$3,000—\$1,500 from the local church and a matching stipend grant of \$1,500 from the Dakotas Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry.

## Emma McKirdy

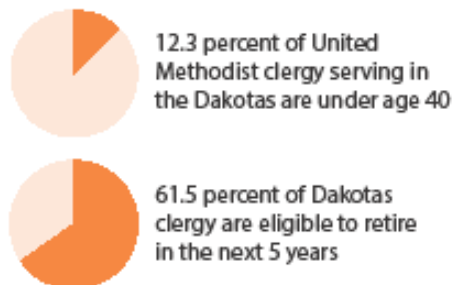


"I was able to spend the summer really discerning where and what God is calling me to do. It was awesome to work with Brandon (Rev. Brandon Vetter) at Fusion. There are a lot of new things happening because the church is so new and reaching out in the community in new ways."  
**Seth LaBounty**, intern Fusion UMC

## BY THE NUMBERS

**3** interns for 2014  
**3** months of hands-on experience  
**\$3k** stipend for each intern

## THE NEED TO DEVELOP FUTURE LEADERS



## 2014 INTERNS

**Valarie Hummel**  
Internship: Harrisburg UMC  
Home Church:  
School:

**Seth LaBounty**  
Internship: Fusion UMC (Mitchell, SD)  
Home Church: Mitchell First UMC  
School: Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary

**Emma McKirdy**  
Internship: Sidewalk Sunday School / Spearfish UMC  
Home Church: Spearfish UMC  
School:

## Leadership development

### SEATTLE MISSION TRIP

Seattle called out to high school youth and adult youth leaders from the Dakotas Conference to be the hands and feet of Jesus. United Methodist youth and adults from North and South Dakota served ten different agencies and hundreds of homeless and hungry people in the Seattle, Washington region.

**96 youth**  
**28 youth leaders**  
**10 agencies served**



# Reaching youth and young adults

The Dakotas Conference is committed to reaching and discipling the next generation. Each year there are a variety of opportunities for youth and young adults throughout the conference to come together to learn and grow in their faith.

In 2014 eight Young Adult Ministry grants were awarded to:

- Beresford Zion UMC is creating space for young adults and especially young parents to fill leadership roles in the new AWANA program.
- United Campus Ministries at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology team has developed projects to spread God's love through a "Spread the Love" campaign of service projects.
- Embrace Church launched a third campus at Sioux Falls Seminary called the Summit Ave Campus reaching out to the students on the campus of Augustana College and the University of Sioux Falls.
- The Bridge, a ministry of Faith UMC on the campus of NDSU, is reaching out through Bible study and leadership development of a core team.
- Sioux Falls First UMC, 1st underground, is an offsite worship and bible study experience calling forth young leaders through worship and small group leadership.
- Rapid City South Maple UMC volunteers invite the SDSM&T football team to supper once a month and do a mission outreach activity together.
- Spearfish UMC plans a monthly worship and service activity with students from Black Hills State University.



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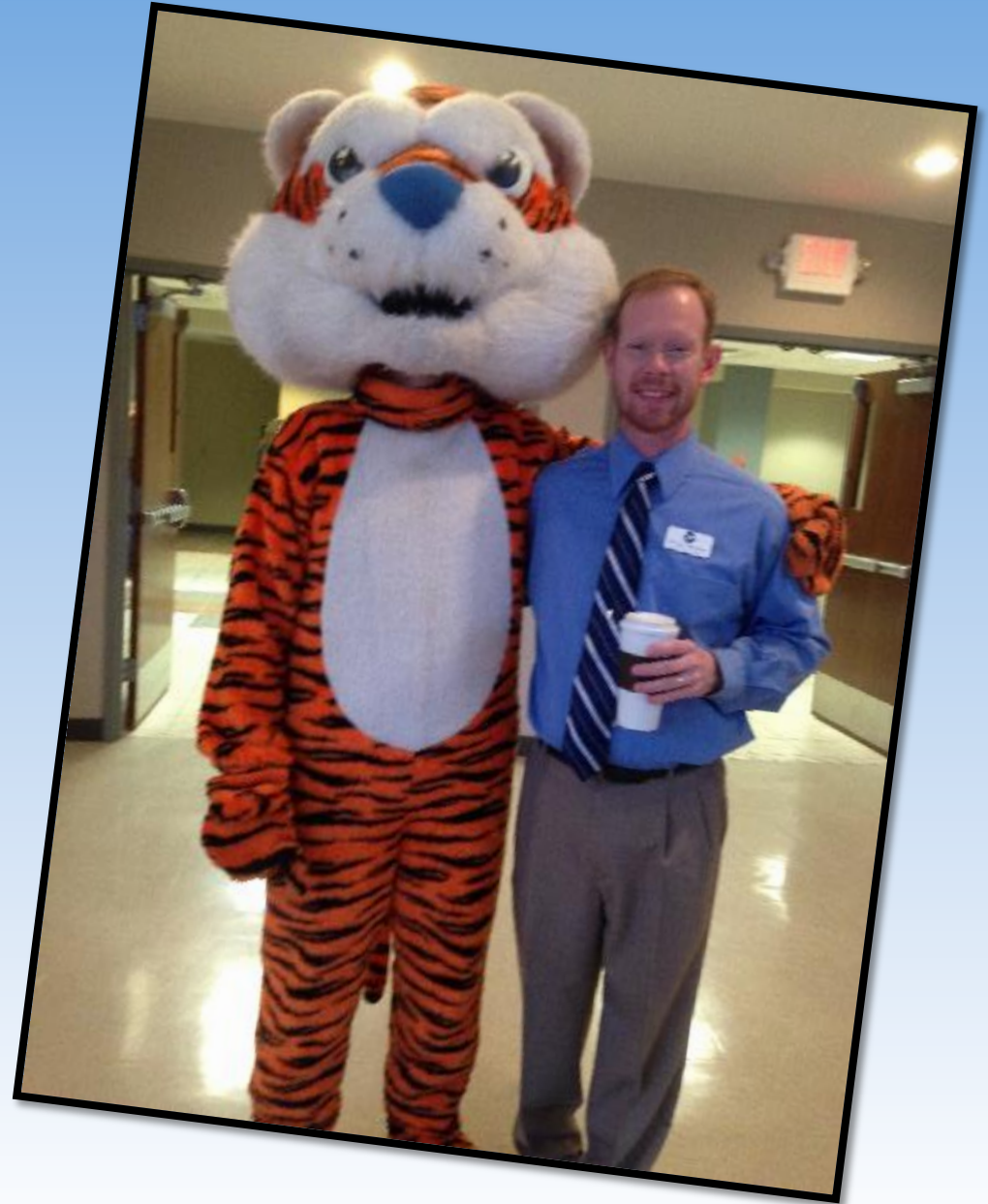
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Our Vision  
Unleashed at  
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Welcome  
Pastor  
Eric Van Meter

From the Arkansas  
Conference





# A Year of Ministry

Changing Lives

Making a Difference



# Intentional Faith Development



# Student Life Groups



Many students participate in small group Bible study.



# Worship





# Mission Teams



# Peru





# Peru



# Africa





# Service



# Freshman Food Drive



Freshman are introduced to service during their first days on campus.

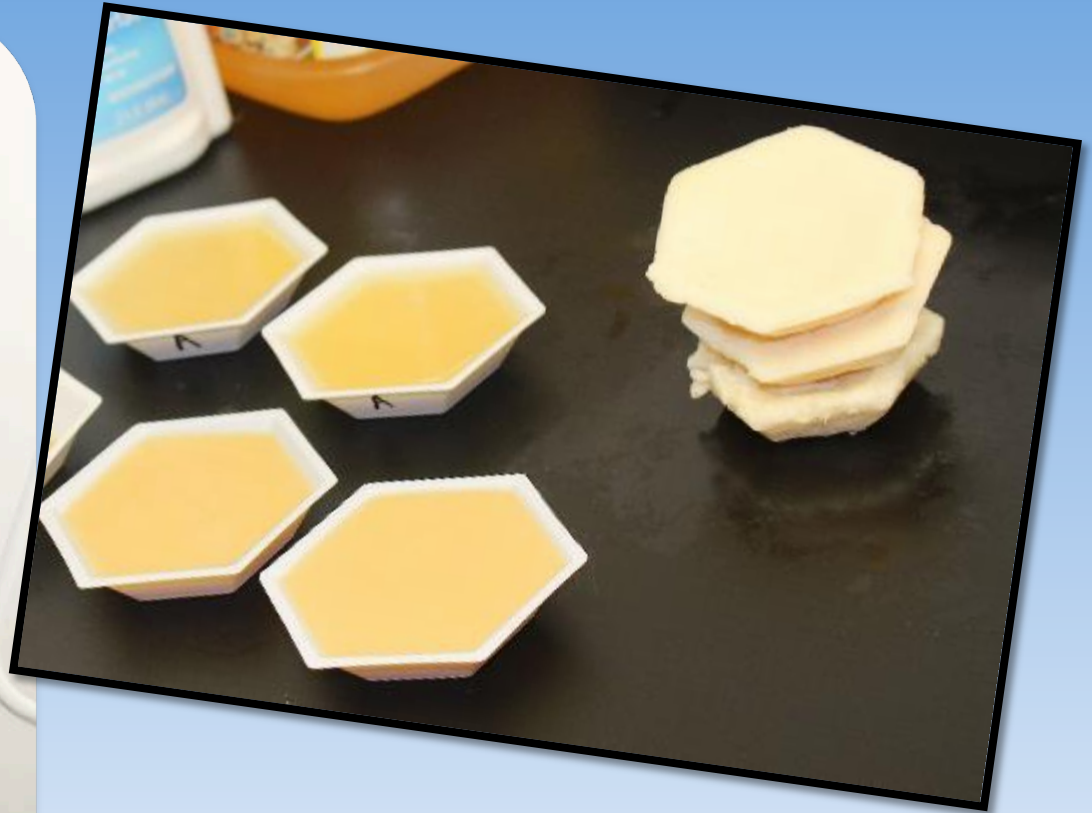
# Serving the Love Feast



# Soap For Africa

Using indigenous African resources to create a soap formula to teach native women a trade to support themselves





In the science lab  
making soap.



# Youth Night



Shane Claibourne, of the Simple Way



# Fusion





Future Church Leaders

# Service Day



DWG  
2017

**\$230,500**  
in annual scholarships  
exclusively dedicated to  
support United Methodist  
student leaders





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# Francis Asbury Award





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Brandon Vetter





# Dakotas United Methodist Camps





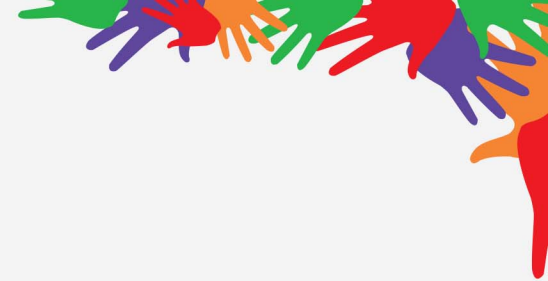
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2 Wrong ballot number

1 Confused name



# Laity Vote 1

Jodi Cataldo	46	Marshall Lourien	16
Matthew Bader	39	Valerie Hummel	8
Emma McKurdy	39	Janelle Jones	1
Marilyn Stroh	30	Eric Walth	1
Rick Jost	23	Blaine Wilson	1





# Clergy Vote 1

Roger Spahr 43

Rebecca Trefz 36

Karl Kroger 14

Randy Cross 11

Disqualified

2 Wrong ballot used