Who Benefits From Coaching?

Coaching is designed for congregations seeking to identify and live into their mission by enriching their congregation and expanding their Christian impact on their community.

“I’ve been through a lot of programs. This offers the greatest amount of hope that I’ve experienced in my 30 years.”

-Sam Loy, pastor

How Do We Get Started?

Contact us! The Connectional Ministries Team offers a variety of levels of engagement. Coaching may be designed for a single congregation or for a group of congregations participating in the process together.

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Discover more about ways we can partner with you and read inspiring stories of churches who already have at nccumc.org/connectionalministries.

Connectional Ministries Coaching

- Connectional Ministries coaches can partner with your church congregation to help discover and realize God’s dream for your faith family.
- Coaching encourages envisioning new ways of deepening congregational unity and making disciples for Christ in an ever-changing world.
- Using strengths God has already given your church along with a process of Bible-based discovery and visioning, coaching transforms lives both inside and outside of your congregation.
- Connectional Ministries coaches offer over 30 years of experience to support, challenge and inspire faith families.
- Coaches provide tools and techniques to help your church realize the dream of transforming lives for Christ.
Discover, Dream, Design & Do

Congregations throughout our conference are diligently striving to transform lives for Christ in the midst of changing congregations, communities and society. Coaches offer experience and tools to enhance the visioning and planning of each church’s new dream. By asking questions and guiding discussions, the coach helps the congregation focus on strategic and intentional steps toward their unique ministry.

“We spend so much of our lives doing things separately as lone rangers. It’s reminded me again of the importance of journey together.”
-Rich Greenway, pastor

“The results of coaching are as varied as the churches served,” reflects Rev. Carol Goehring, executive director of Connectional Ministries and Church Revitalization for the NC Conference. “The one common theme we hear is that coaching helps the congregation to clarify and to embrace its vision.” Each of the 832 churches in the NC Conference endures struggle and success. Each one is critical to the mission of The United Methodist Church and to the heart of Jesus Christ. Not one congregation should feel isolated in their mighty endeavors to step boldly into their vision of God’s work for them.

Who Are The Coaches?

Coaches are certified through Passion in Partnership, a United Methodist ministry dedicated to the development of lifelong fruitful ministries. Begun in 2009, Passion in Partnership has launched several initiatives, including Laity University, and pastoral and congregational coaching. Over 24 certified coaches are available within the NC Conference for church relationship.

How Does Coaching Work?

Connectional Ministries offers supportive partnerships and strength-based resources as congregations envision their present and future.

Small group studies focusing on leadership, team development, and change help pastors and laity prayerfully prepare and commit to a process of discovery and visioning.

Positive discovery and visioning approaches, like Appreciative Inquiry, guide you in asking questions about your strengths and God’s vision for your ministry. Problem areas are treated as challenges, not the focus for your future.

Demographic and diagnostic tools, such as MissionInsites, help you understand the community around you and how it relates to your congregation.

Church Assessment tools from organizations like the General Board of Discipleship help you evaluate how your current ministries align with God’s vision for your church.

Action Plan resources help align your vision and ministries into concrete goals and plans.

We also link pastors, congregations, district and conference leaders to the general UMC and to the mission, vision, and structure of our conference.

“I experience coaching as a powerful tool which provides partnership, creates collaboration and promotes fruitful ministry in a variety of settings.”
-Beth Hood, pastor and former district superintendent