

**Application Form to be Named an Acts 2 Church-Charge  
at the NC Annual Conference 2009**

**Church-Charge** \_\_\_\_\_

**District** \_\_\_\_\_

*"...by the Annual Conference of 2008, I want us to be able to identify, by name, 200 Acts 2 Churches in this conference! Churches that have all four of these qualities functioning well in the life of the Body. Churches that have decided to reach the lost, the unchurched, the de-churched — to reach children, youth, Hispanics and Latinos — not counting the cost or sacrifice involved.*

*"Churches that have prayer-based, Spirit-filled, quality worship services. By the way, our 2005 statistics also show that our average Sunday morning worship attendance is down 2, 796 persons! That fact should cause us to ask ourselves several serious questions about how we do worship, what we are or are not teaching about commitment and if real relationships actually exist.*

*"By 2008 we will name 200 churches that are teaching their members to go deeper and not just wider. Churches that are serious about every member being in small groups where they are supported, encouraged and challenged to grow in Christ. Churches that are helping their members understand the gifts of the Spirit and the role of those gifts in building up the Body of Christ. Churches that forge strong, full partnerships between the clergy and laity. Churches that want a leader to equip and empower them and not do their ministry for them. Churches that want to be challenged and not coddled.*

*"In 2008 we want to name 200 churches that are risk-takers in attacking poverty, seeking justice, caring for the needy — eager to give a hand-up and not just a hand-out."*

*—Bishop Gwinn, State of the Church Address, Annual Conference 2006*

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*If you desire to rise to the Bishop's challenge to be considered one of the Acts 2 congregations, in this our second year of recognition, please complete the form below including congregational initiatives and witness demonstrated. These four marks are reflected in the Healthy Congregation Assessment instrument and truly are keys to congregational strength and vitality. **Mail this completed form along with a photograph of your congregation "in action" to your District Office by April 15, 2009. Even if you were recognized last year you are required to reapply for recognition for 2009.** Following a review process by both District and Conference Boards of Laity, congregations will be named NC Conference Acts 2 churches at the Annual Conference 2009.*

**I. RADICAL HOSPITALITY**

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**II. PASSIONATE WORSHIP**

**III. INTENTIONAL SPIRITUAL FORMATION —For all Ages from Cradle to Grave**

**IV. RISK-TAKING MISSION AND MINISTRY TO THE WORLD**



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**V. Other Signs of Witness**

	2006		2007		2008	
Average worship attendance						
Church Membership <i>(End-of-year)</i>						
Baptisms	Infants	Youth/Adults	Infants	Youth/Adults	Infants	Youth/Adults
Confessions of Faith <i>(Number)</i>						
Confirmation Class <i>(Number)</i>						
Connectional Apportionments Paid <i>(Yes/No)</i>						
Missional Giving beyond Apportionments <i>(Amount)</i>						
Hands-on-Mission Activity <i>(Number of participants)</i>						

**VI. Describe the congregational impact and/or learning's from these Acts 2 initiatives.**

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Council/Board Chair

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Lay Leader

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Pastor

**Application and Photograph due APRIL 15, 2009 to your District Office.**