



**Church Development**  
of the United Methodist Churches of Indiana



## **Multiplication Network TRACK 1: FACT SHEET**

### **1. What is Track 1?**

- Track 1 is for all sizes of churches that intentionally desire to carry out the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world
- Track 1 is an eight-month cohort experience where pastors and key church laity connect with other pastors and their laity around the concept of how to move their churches from addition-minded thinking to multiplication-minded thinking
- Track 1 provides participants with the opportunity to network with peers, gaining new ideas and mutual support.
- Track 1 is the entry point for Track 2 which helps churches embed in their congregations an intentional disciple-making environment that naturally leads to multiplication.

### **2. What are the anticipated outcomes of participating churches?**

Church pastors and leaders will likely experience the following outcomes:

- Greater multiplication thinking that leads to greater effectiveness in carrying out the mission and fruitfulness
- Greater understanding of specific concepts related to multiplication such as: the role of the Holy Spirit, empowering others to lead, creating healthy disciple-making systems that result naturally in multiplication
- Ideas for instilling a stronger multiplication DNA in their church
- Inspiration and encouragement by being surrounded by others who are thinking about multiplication

### **3. What does the Track 1 process look like?**

- Track 1 begins with a retreat done virtually September 29-30, 2020, and continues with monthly 90-minute ZOOM sessions from October through May 2021
- Participants unable to attend the retreat can view a recording of the key presentations

### **4. Who participates?**

- The Track 1 Team from each church includes the church pastor and one to four key leaders, such as associate pastors, staff persons, and/or laity who are committed to the church's mission
- This team then attends the retreat and eight monthly ZOOM sessions together

### **5. What do the monthly sessions look like?**

- The eight monthly sessions each will be done virtually (via ZOOM) and will last 90 minutes
- Tim Johnson, pastor of Pfrimmer's Chapel, will start each session by sharing key concepts related to developing a stronger multiplication culture in your church, including concepts from the book *Hero Maker*, by Warren Bird and Dave Ferguson
- The remainder of each session will be spent in break-out groups (cohorts), made up of teams from five or so churches of similar context; they will talk about the sessions' concepts and their application, and provide accountability and encouragement for one another
- At least one break-out group will be offered in Spanish
- There will also be special one-hour videos of specialist teaching on the concepts discussed in the sessions; these can be conveniently viewed on-line at any time
- A facilitator/coach will work with each cohort throughout the eight-month process

### **6. When will they monthly sessions meet?**

- The monthly 90-minute ZOOM sessions will be held the first Tuesday of each month, October-May, from 7:00-8:30pm (Eastern), 6:00-7:30pm (Central).
- Each break-out group (cohort) may choose to meet at a different time that's more convenient to the group; in that case they will view a recording of Tim's teaching at the beginning of their sessions.

### **7. Who will lead the retreat and monthly sessions?**

- Rev. Tim Johnson is providing the primary leadership for Track 1; Tim is an Elder in the Indiana Conference who pastors a church that has a multiplication culture—it trains up laity to live out their calls as disciples and sends them out, in some cases to serve other UM churches; Pfrimmer's also has many different congregation—from traditional Sunday morning congregations to numerous Mercy Streets congregations that serve people struggling with addictions; it has a storefront ministry, a house church, and even congregations outside the U.S.
- The monthly break-out sessions (cohorts) will be led by other Indiana Conference pastors; they will also serve as facilitator/coaches for the participants

### **8. How much does it cost for a church to participate in Track 1?**

- The cost is \$100 per church to participate, payable at the time of registration

### **9. Where is the Holy Spirit in this?**

- The conference team working on Track 1 & 2 have experienced time and time again the Holy Spirit moving, guiding, and overcoming potential obstacles

- The Track 1 process is intentionally designed without a scripted curriculum; the “curriculum” is the Holy Spirit moving through times of teaching, reflection, conversation, and prayer

#### **10. How does Fresh Expressions fit into this?**

- Track 1 helps create fertile soil from which Fresh Expression efforts can sprout
- The two complement and enhance each other but neither require the other; in other words, a church can start a Fresh Expression without participating in Track 1 and vice versa

#### **11. Does it make sense to do this with COVID-19 going?**

- This may actually be the best time to do this; with many church ministries shut down due to COVID, many leaders are re-thinking what a healthy church needs to look like if it is to accomplish the mission and be fruitful
- All sessions are done virtually, so there is no need to fear exposure to the virus

#### **12. How do I register my church?**

- Go to [Track 1 Registration](#) to register
- The registration deadline is September 15, 2020
- Church Councils must officially approve participation

#### **13. How can I get more information?**

- Watch Rev. Tim Johnson talking about Track 1 by going to [Track 1 Video](#)
- View an [orientation webinar](#), or participate in an orientation session August 27<sup>th</sup> at 2pm (Eastern) via ZOOM; contact Ed Fenstermacher for information
- Contact Ed at [ed.fenstermacher@inumc.org](mailto:ed.fenstermacher@inumc.org) or 260 433-0782
- Visit the Conference website’s [Multiply](#) and [Multiplication Network](#) pages