



Church Development
of the United Methodist Churches of Indiana



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To: Multiply Network participants

From: Ed Fenstermacher and Tony Johnson, Multiply Network Coordinator

Re: Multiply Network Track 2

Friend, we are so glad that you participated in the Multiplication Network (cohort) experience the past six months. Because of the positive response of so many of the participants, we plan to offer it again to a new group of pastors and we're calling it Multiplication Network: Track 1. If you know of a colleague that you feel would benefit from it, please let Ed Fenstermacher know (ed.fenstermacher@inumc.org).

As mentioned at our Ministry Network's closing retreat last month, we see the experience you went through as preparation for a more intentional experience which we're calling Track 2. Track 2 will help you practice the multiplication concepts from the *Hero Maker* book we read. The process will help your congregation develop a disciple-making team that will lead to multiplication happening in your church organically. The process will be guided by a group called Disciples Made along with the conference leaders that helped lead the cohorts the past six-months.

This is your official invitation for you and your church to sign up for Track 2.

Ten ways Track 2 will benefit you and your church:

1. It will help you establish a disciple-making process in your church that leads to multiplication. You'll develop a group of 8-12 lay people in your church that you'll meet with each week. After approximately six months, you'll invite several of them to start their own group of 8-12 laity, and those groups will eventually multiply. Not only will you multiply the number of disciple-making leaders in your church, but you'll experience first, second, and third-generation disciple-making.
2. Track 2 will help a church build on the conference's Intentional Discipleship workshops.
3. Track 2 doesn't use a cookie-cutter approach. You will bring to the process the disciple-making teaching and components (e.g., scriptures) appropriate for your context. (You can use resources provided by Disciples Made for a fee if you wish.)
4. You will learn five key components to intentionally make disciples in any group environment.
5. You will learn five key components to transitioning your church into a disciple-making culture.

6. You will have a monthly session (done virtually) with other Track 2 participants during which the concepts will be reinforced through bite-sized teaching and actual examples.
7. For part of that session, you will be a part of a smaller cohort (like the one you were in) to provide you with support, best practices, prayer, and accountability.
8. Track 2 is team led; you're encouraged to have up to four key leaders from your church (assoc. pastors, staff, laity) attend the monthly sessions with you.
9. You will have a facilitator/coach to guide you through the entire process.
10. Churches completing the eight-month process will be eligible to apply for a Church Development grant to help start a new worship service, Fresh Expression, or new faith community—second campus, off-site congregation or new church.

When will it begin? Track 2 begins with a two-day retreat via ZOOM, led by Disciples Made leaders, September 30-October 1st. The process continues with monthly ZOOM sessions October-May 2021.

Cost? The cost to participate is over \$1,000 but the Indiana Conference is covering over half of the cost, so **the church's portion is only \$500**, which can be paid in monthly payments

Local Church Commitment: Your Church Council must approve the church's participation in Track 2 prior to registering.

Need more information?

- Go to the "Track 2" section of the [Multiplication Network web page](#) for a number of resources
- Get a taste of the Disciples Made approach by listening to its podcast at https://www.podbean.com/media/share/pb-9bp32-dfe6c7?utm_campaign=w_share_ep&utm_medium=dlink&utm_source=w_share
- Interested in the theological compatibility of Disciples Made with our Wesleyan theology as well as our concern for diversity? Go to https://www.dropbox.com/s/5weuoey70dtpd8v/zoom_0.mp4?dl=0
- Contact Ed (ed.fenstermacher@inumc.org) if you'd like someone to explain the process to your Church Council.

How to register:

Go to [REGISTER NOW](#) to register. A deposit of \$200 will be required. Your church will be invoiced \$100 per month October, November, and December for the balance, or you can pay the entire amount at the time of registration.

Questions? For more information contact Ed (ed.fenstermacher@inumc.org).

Registration deadline: **September 15, 2020**

<p>Note: Although Track 2 actually includes three consecutive years of training, you are being invited to sign up only for year 1. Even if you don't continue years 2 and 3, you and your church will significantly benefit from this experience!</p>
