

## COUNCIL ON INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP

The Council on Intentional Discipleship (CID) is the Annual Conference’s equivalent structure to the Conference Board of Discipleship. Guidance for this committee is detailed in ¶630. This paragraph of the Discipline is comprehensive and extensive, but the CID does not intend to duplicate efforts where there are established ministries and Conference programs. Some of the suggested responsibilities of this committee are:

- To help congregations and districts communicate the “redeeming and reconciling love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ to persons of every age, ethnic background, and social condition; (¶630.1.a)”
- “To foster and promote a holistic approach to the development of Christian disciples (¶630.1.b).”
- “To recommend annually, in consultation with the Board of Ordained Ministry, to the conference and the bishop in charge the appointment of certain effective members of the conference as general evangelists...(¶ 630.3.f)”

There are many other responsibilities that cover everything from spiritual formation, children’s ministry, camping, and disabilities education. Where there are existing ministries in the INUMC to address these responsibilities, the CID will support and augment these efforts where possible. But where there are gaps in addressing these responsibilities, the CID will endeavor to equip the membership and congregations of the INUMC to contextually meet those needs with the love of Jesus Christ. The goal of these endeavors will be simple: *to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

During 2023, the Council worked on advising the startup of Intentional Discipleship study groups in interested local churches. These study groups involved approximately 10 hours of contact time and utilized Rev. Steven Manskar’s book “Accountable Discipleship.” The Council is also working on recruiting individuals who are interested in leading groups through this material in the future. This team also contributed to the creation of a jotform survey for individuals who are interested in being a part of a Wesleyan-style Class or Band meeting. Discussions continue on how to expand and grow efforts to increase the number of people engaging in activities that move them in the direction of intentional “all in” discipleship to and with Jesus Christ.

If anyone is interested in contributing to the vision and work of this committee, please reach out to Joel Troxell, Associate Director of Leadership Development, at [joel.troxell@inumc.org](mailto:joel.troxell@inumc.org).

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