



**2012 Update:  
The Church Leaders' Guide  
to Connecting  
and Setting Goals**



Vital Congregations Promo



The Vital Congregations Invitation

The mission of The United Methodist Church is to "Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." (Matt 28:18-20 & Matt 22:36-40) This mission is achieved through vital congregations that equip and empower people to be Disciples of Jesus Christ in their homes and communities around the world.

To learn more about the project, [click here](#). [Call to Action FAQ - Setting goals to grow vital congregations](#)

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Vital Congregations Are:

- Spirit-filled, forward-leaning communities of believers that welcome all people (Gal.3:28)
- Places where Disciples of Jesus Christ are made through the power of the Holy Spirit. (Matt. 28:18-20)
- Communities that serve like Christ through justice and mercy ministries. (Micah 6:8, Luke 4:17-21)

A Vital Congregation Has:

- Inviting & Inspiring Worship
- Engaged Disciples in mission & outreach
- Gifted, Empowered & Equipped Lay Leadership
- Effective, Equipped & Inspired Clergy Leadership
- Small Group Ministries
- Strong Children's & Youth Ministry
- [16 drivers of vitality according to CTA](#)

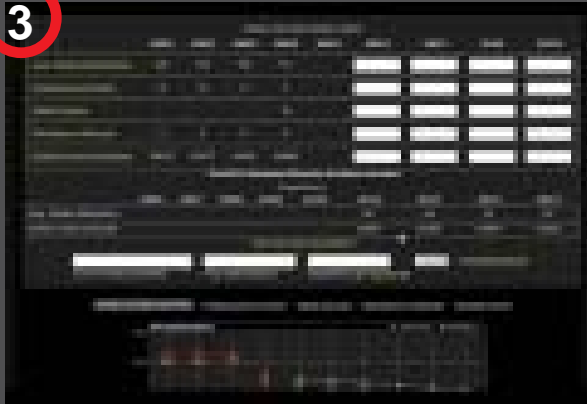
A Disciple of Jesus Christ:

- Matthew 22:36-40
- worships regularly
  - helps make new disciples
  - is engaged in growing in their faith
  - is engaged in mission
  - shares by giving in mission

# Vital Congregations

## Vital Congregations: How to Set Goals

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## Setting Vital Congregation Goals

- [Congregations: Click here to set your Goals](#)
- [How to Enter Your Goals](#)
- [Why Set Goals; What are Vital Congregations Goals; and other FAQ's](#)
- [Cumulative Data by District and Conference \(Log-In Req.\)](#)

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### How To Set Your Goals

- [Vital Congregation Planning Guide: A Strategic Plan for United Methodist Congregations](#) (form may be completed but **NOT saved** and printed online)
- [Review your Congregation's Story](#)
- [Prayerfully consider where your Congregation is today, view your church's demographics](#)
- [Measures Evaluation Tool: A Companion to the Vital Congregation](#)

### For The Congregation

- [A process for Goal-Setting at Charge Conference](#)
- [A Charge Conference Worship Resource](#)
- [Contact your Conference Staff Resources for assistance and direction](#)
- [A Key Questions Resource for Leadership Committees in the Church](#)

### Insert Your Story of Goal-Setting Success

We want you to share YOUR STORIES so that others might gain insight and hope for the possibilities in their congregations. Upload your videos, offer a blog or link to your church's website so that others may hear, see and read the good news of God's kingdom at work!

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Historical Data and Goals

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	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2013	2014	2015	2016
Avg. Weekly Attendance	16	17	17	16	0				
Professions of Faith	0	2	0	0	0				
Small Groups	0	0	2	164	8				
Members in Mission	0	0	0	0	0				
Dollars Given to Mission	2408	1986	2740	2460	0				

