

Church Name:

2010 CHARGE CONFERENCE COMMITMENT
Western North Carolina Conference
“The Power of 3 for WNCC”

	Goals for 2010	Results to date	Goals for 2011
Church Membership			
Worship Attendance			
Mission Teams			

What is your plan to achieve these goals? *(Attach another sheet if needed)*

Please check the following revitalization programs you will use at your church:

- 5 Practices of Fruitful Congregations
- Abide
- Checking Vital Signs
- DS Coaching
- Natural Church Development
- Nazareth Project
- Partner with a new faith community
- Plowpoint
- Turn Around Boot Camp
- Other (Please specify) _____

5 Practices of Fruitful Congregations – Congregations that are using a process from Bishop Schnase's book and website to focus the church's ministry in five key areas: Radical Hospitality, Intentional Faith Development, Risk Taking Mission and Service, Extravagant Generosity and Passionate Worship. More information available at www.fivepractices.org

Abide – An initiative in the Marion District in partnership with the Duke Endowment and Ron Crandall's team to help smaller congregations experience renewal in a year-long leadership/learning/practice process. More information available at: <http://divinity.duke.edu/oxford/docs/2007papers/2007-7Crandall.pdf> and from the Marion District.

Checking Vital Signs – a Congregational Self and Mission study designed around paragraph 213 of the United Methodist Book of Discipline to help a local church team renew and rediscover the opportunities for vision and mission in the community around the church as well as identify and address obstacles to vitality. The book and process guide is available through PlowPoint press and District Superintendents are able to help churches identify a coach and help churches begin such a vitality study: <http://www.plowpointpress.com/checking-vital-signs.html>

DS Coaching – Each District Superintendent in Western North Carolina is engaged with three churches in an intentional coaching relationship. The District Superintendent's received training for this coaching initiative through a grant from a private foundation. For more information, speak to your District Superintendent.

Natural Church Development - A congregational self-study and implementation plan designed around the eight quality characteristics of healthy, thriving congregations. Bob Kerr is the conference coordinator for Natural Church Development and helps congregations link to coaches who walk alongside the church health team to study the church's life, develop and implement an action plan for improving the life of the church. For more information: <http://www.wnccumc.org/cgd/naturalchurchdevelopment.htm>

Nazareth Project – A project in partnership with the Duke Endowment Thriving Rural Communities initiative that helps churches in small rural communities address the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations (see above). For more information: <http://www.divinity.duke.edu/initiatives-centers/thriving-rural-communities/nazareth-project>

Partner with a New Faith Community – New Faith Communities are emerging around the conference from house churches, new campuses of existing vibrant congregations, worshipping communities in a new language to congregations alongside people in poverty and even homelessness. Is your church engaged in a partnership with one of these new faith communities? Let us know – contact your District Superintendent and the Office of Congregational Development: ccaron@wnccumc.org

Plowpoint – is a non-profit ministry that has served over 500 churches and thousands of church leaders across geographic and denominational lines. This ministry, called on by leaders of churches in sixteen different denominations and twenty-nine states and three countries has impacted the ministry of pastors and lay leaders in local churches around the world. For more information: <http://plowpoint.org/>

Turn Around Boot Camp (Also known as "How to Get More Members for Your Church") – is a weekend event designed for teams of clergy and (3-9) laity from local churches which would like to renew their Congregation's growth and vitality. Based on the best learning and training that enables new churches to be fruitful in growth and outreach, this boot camp enables teams to start or renew the behaviors of lay and clergy leaders that bring new people into a relationship with Christ and the church. Teams leave the boot camp with a viable action plan and have opportunity to engage a coach to walk with them along the way. Dates in 2011: February 19-20, May 14-15, and November 19-20. For more information: ccaron@wnccumc.org