



New Faith Communities in the Western Pacific Conference

The primary purpose of new faith communities in the Western Pacific Conference (WPCGMC) is to **make disciples of Jesus Christ** who are committed to joining the broader church in spreading scriptural holiness across the globe.

This is not just a mission statement, it is the core purpose, heart, and guiding vision behind starting new faith communities. Every step we take is rooted in this calling.

Missional Startups

Most new faith communities in the WPCGMC are considered **missional startups**, which means they are born out of a deep reliance on God's provision, creative leadership, and grassroots disciple-making. Leaders, whether lay or clergy, should enter this ministry with a clear understanding that **remuneration is not guaranteed**. Financial support is dependent on your own fundraising, as well as the growth and sustainability of the new faith community that may take years. Leaders are encouraged to approach this calling with the mindset of a missionary, willing to sacrifice for the sake of the Gospel.

Multiplication from the Start

In keeping with the mission of the WPCGMC, new faith communities must adopt a **multiplication mindset from day one**. Leaders are expected to begin discerning early on when and where they will plant the next new faith community. This expectation is not about waiting until the community feels "big enough" or "ready." Such a moment may never come, as growth and readiness in the Kingdom often emerge through obedience to the Spirit rather than through human measures of success.

Our focus is not to necessarily build large, self-contained communities but to create vibrant, disciple-making movements that prioritize spreading the Gospel and expanding the reach of Christ's mission. As such, it is expected that every new faith community will launch another new faith community by its third, and no later than its fifth year of existence. This timeline emphasizes urgency in the mission while trusting God's provision for resources, leaders, and opportunities.

What to Consider Before Saying Yes

Starting a new faith community is a calling that requires prayerful discernment, deep reliance on the Holy Spirit, and a willingness to step into the unknown. Before considering this path, ask yourself:

- Am I prepared to lead with bold faith, trusting God to provide as I follow His call?
- Do I feel called to make disciples and equip others to do the same?
- Am I ready to embrace the challenges, messiness, and joys of starting something new for the Kingdom?
- Do I have a passion for multiplication and a willingness to prioritize mission over personal comfort or control?
- Can I align with the theological and missional commitments of the Global Methodist Church and the Western Pacific Conference?
- Do I have other income sources or am I prepared to find income sources outside of my ministry to support my livelihood?

If you can answer "yes" to these questions, then we encourage you to continue seeking God's guidance and take the next steps in discerning your role in starting a new faith community.

Final Encouragement

Planting a new faith community is one of the most rewarding yet challenging endeavors in ministry. It requires vision, perseverance, adaptability, and an unwavering focus on Christ. At the WPCGMC, we are committed to walking alongside you as you discern and live out this calling. Together, we can spread scriptural holiness and bring the light of Christ to new places, making disciples who make disciples.