

RE:VITALITY

CONNECT TO DISCIPLE

Engaging the Nonchurched People in Our Community

OVERVIEW

Connect To Disciple uses a four-part process of “Build Awareness, Create Connections, Nurture Relationships, Make Disciples” to guide and equip congregational leaders in improving the congregation’s outreach to the lost people in their community. The workshop provides tools, including the Outreach Funnel and Outreach Pathways, to aid the congregation in creating and implementing planned and intentional actions to reach out to nonchurched people, and move from making connections to making disciples.

The desired outcomes of *Connect To Disciple* include:

- A better understanding of outreach and its centrality to the congregation’s mission and purpose;
- The identification and assessment of the congregation’s current outreach activities; and
- The ability to identify and plan congregational activities for effective outreach.



APPROACH



Connect To Disciple begins with capturing and evaluating the “as is” outreach of the congregation. Through this exercise, the participants begin to assess what makes for effective outreach and how their current outreach efforts can be enhanced. Additional exercises lead participants through identifying gateways for outreach, evaluating current and potential outreach activities, and developing Outreach Pathways to plan the intentional actions the congregation will take to implement effective outreach activities.



THE CONNECT TO DISCIPLE PROCESS

The process for Connect To Disciple is centered in the “Build Awareness, Create Connections, Nurture Relationships, Make Disciples”. Based on 1 Corinthians 3:6–8, “I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth,” this approach is described as “we plant, we water, God gives the growth.” Congregations are free to use the Outreach Approach as it is presented or to modify it to meet their context and circumstances.

CONNECT TO DISCIPLE TOOLS

The Outreach Funnel is a graphical depiction of the “Build Awareness, Create Connections, Nurture Relationships, Make Disciples” Outreach Approach. It is used in the exercises to help participants visualize how the outreach approach works and to evaluate the congregation’s “as is” outreach efforts.

Outreach Pathways capture how the congregation intends to guide a person from a point of connection into the Word and Sacrament ministry of the congregation where the Holy Spirit makes disciples. A pathway identifies the “who?” and the “what?” of an outreach activity in a sequence that reflects the Outreach Approach.

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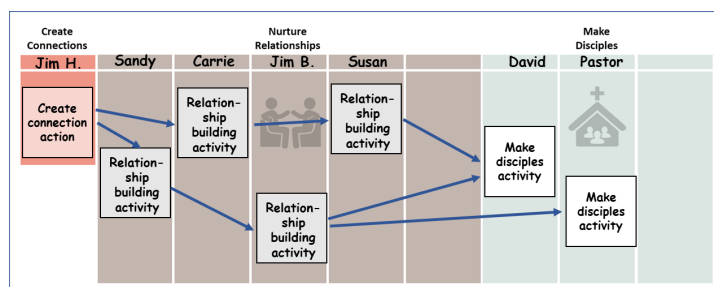
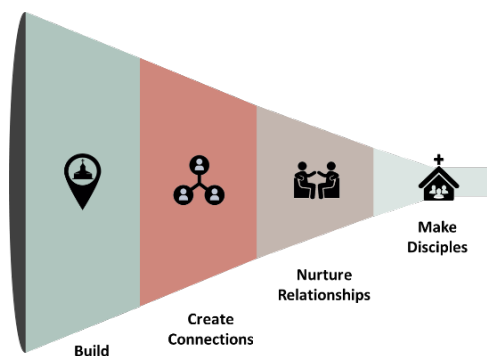
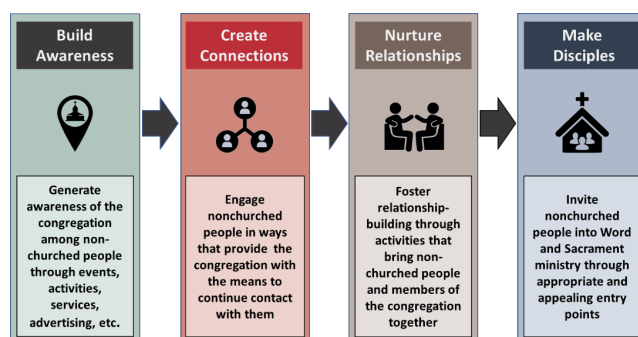
Connect To Disciple is made up of a six-part workshop that includes video-based instruction, a detailed case study, and exercises that guide the participants through the outreach process by creating actual Outreach Pathways for implementation.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Connect To Disciple is designed to equip leaders of the congregation who are involved in aspects of ministry that seek to reach people in the community with the Gospel or that can be readily modified in order to be more outreach-oriented. Participants are committing to developing Outreach Pathways for their ministry areas and incorporating those pathways into the work that they are doing.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

Connect To Disciple is available at no cost to LCMS congregations through the LCMS Office of National Mission.



GETTING STARTED

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