

# ON FIRE FOR MISSION FOCUS DOMESTIC MISSION

## **Discipleship & Renewal Worksheet**

### **VISION—What do we see?**

Take a few moments to silently think and pray about your vision for discipleship and renewal in your congregation.

### **Questions you may want to consider:**

What new discipleship and outreach ministries would you like to see in your congregation?

Is there a particular demographic that you would like to reach?

What new outreach ministries would you like to see?

### **Share your vision with your table mates.**

### **MISSION—What will we do?**

*In light of the vision you received, take some time to discuss possible actions steps you could take to make the vision a reality.*

### **Questions you may want to consider:**

What do I see as the top priorities in my vision for discipleship and renewal?

Are there specific ministries that we might want to consider in order to better reach those outside of the the church?

In what new or creative ways might we reach out to those in our community with the Good News of Jesus by word and deed?

What actions might we take to encourage discipleship in our congregation?

Would our congregation benefit from the NALC Life to Life Experience, Small and Rural Church workshop, Hope for the Older Adult Bible or Fresh Eyes for Mission retreat?

### **Means—What will we need**

*Pick one or two action items from your mission worksheet and write down what you will need in people and resources in order to make the vision a reality.*

### **Things to consider:**

Who will present our vision for discipleship and renewal to the Church Council and congregation?

What persons or committee will take the lead in implementing the action plan?

What physical resources will we need?

What will be the timeline for implementing the plan?

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## Church Planting Worksheet

### **VISION—What do we see?**

*Take some time to silently think and pray about your vision for a possible new church plant?*

### **Questions you may want to consider:**

Has your congregation ever considered planting a new church?

Is there an area of our community that is not being reached with the gospel?

Is there a particular demographic we would like to reach?

If we move forward with planting a house church or mission congregation, what would we like to see in five years?

### **Share your vision with your table mates.**

### **MISSION—What will we do?**

*In light of the vision you received, take some time to discuss possible actions steps you could take to make the vision a reality.*

### **Questions you may want to consider:**

Might God be calling us to start a mission congregation?

Might God be calling us to support an existing mission congregation?

Do we have congregational members who have relocated that might be interested in starting a house church?

If so, how might we encourage, help and support them?

Would our congregation benefit from the NALC Life to Life Experience, Small and Rural Church workshop, Hope for the Older Adult Bible Study or Fresh Eyes for Mission retreat?

**Means—What will we need?**

*Pick one or two action items from your mission worksheet and write down what you will need in people and resources in order to make the vision a reality.*

**Things to consider:**

Who will present the action item to the Church Council and congregation?

What persons or committee will take the lead in implementing the action plan?

What physical resources will we need?

What will be the timeline for implementing the plan?

# THE FIVE W'S AND H OF CHURCH PLANTING NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Who** will plant the church?

- Other Churches (partner church model)
- Mission Districts
- Groups of Individuals

**What** will the church plant look like?

- Bible Study Group
- Missional Community (coffee shop)
- House Church
- Traditional Congregation

**Where** will the church be planted?

- Growing Or Underserved Area
- A Concentration of Believers Gathered
- Niche- Youth, Older Adults, Multi-National

**When** should the church be planted?

- Now! To make disciples and share the Gospel of Jesus
- When preparations are made

**Why** plant the church?

- Scriptural—The church in Antioch, Paul's Ministry (Acts 13)

Matthew 28:19-20- "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. And teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you, and I will be with you always until the end of the age."

I Corinthians 3:6- "I (Paul) planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth."

Romans 16:5- "Greet also the church in their (Prisca and Aquilla) house"

**How** do you plant the church?

- Prayer
- Identify An Area
- Who will lead? Lay? Clergy?
- Advertise in Local Media/Social Media
- Have Meeting for Interest
- **\*\*Develop A Core Group of 5-20 people\*\***
- Locate A Place to Worship-funeral home, community center, church, house
- Determine Worship Style
- Center on Discipleship
- Getting to know the community and letting them know about the new church.
- Monetary resources