

**Making Disciples Project
Requirement for Full Membership
in the Minnesota Annual Conference**

“They shall have presented a project that demonstrates fruitfulness in carrying out the church’s mission of “Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World”.” (Ordination requirement - 2012 BOD ¶335.7)

To further this mission, as a candidate for full membership in the Minnesota Conference you are being asked to report on a significant disciples making initiative that you have led during your time as a Provisional Member of the Minnesota Annual Conference.

Reports of this project will include two parts:

1. A written report on a disciples-making project that you initiated during the provisional period to demonstrate fruitfulness in carrying out the church’s mission of “Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” This written report needs to be completed **before** your site visit prior to coming to the board for your full membership interview and sent to the site visit team no later than one week before the visit.
2. A written report by the BOM Site Visit Team following a discussion about the project and its outcomes with you and people involved in the project during the time of the site visit.

Following are suggested project possibilities, but **you are free to choose any project that you have already initiated or will be initiating during your provisional membership period. Please note** that the project should be something you have never done before and should have some element of risk attached to it.

- Launching a new worship service and/or any work done to existing services to vitalize worship services.
- Starting a new church or satellite ministry.
- Launching a major outreach project to address a social justice issue.
- Beginning a small group ministry to reach un-churched persons.
- Leading a mission trip.
- Leading a long-term Bible study, targeting a new population.
- Starting a new member class where persons were intentionally led to a profession of their faith and were integrated into the life and work of the congregation.
- Directing a major musical or theatrical production in which the public was invited to participate.
- Starting a new music ensemble for potential new Christians.
- Starting a prayer ministry
- Starting faith-formation oriented retreat or workshops

The Provisional Member’s Written Report will include responses to the following questions:

- a. **What is your understanding of making disciples for Jesus Christ?** (Use Biblical references, theological resources, and personal reflection in your response.)
- b. **Describe the specific project you initiated and led in which you were intentional about making disciples.** How did it include something you have never done before? What was the element of risk involved? Be specific in describing your role in the project.

- c. **Why did you choose this project?** What was the vision for this initiative? How did you determine and communicate the vision? How does this ministry help make disciples of Jesus Christ?
- d. **What resources and tools did you use and why?** How did you engage new leaders in the initiative? How did you train and equip them? How did you celebrate the successes and debrief the mistakes? How did you and your leaders grow as disciples and in your ability to make disciples? Did you have a mentor working with you on this project? If so, how did this person work with you and your leaders? Did you have a budget for this ministry? If you had a budget, describe how you managed the budget.
- e. **How did you measure fruitfulness of the project?** What were the results? What worked well and what did not?
- f. **How did you involve your congregation in the planning, implementation and evaluation of this project?**
- g. **How did you care for yourself in the midst of the project?** How did you grow spiritually? How are you a different disciple now than you were before?
- h. **What did you learn overall from this initiative about making disciples?**
 - What specifically would you do differently if you were to undertake this project again? What would you be sure to repeat?
 - What did you learn about yourself as a leader?
 - What did you learn about growing disciples?
 - What measurable fruit do you think you can bring in the future based on what you learned from this project?