

THE PLAYBOOK

The United Methodist Church in the Western North Carolina Conference
Based on questions posed by Patrick Lencioni in The Advantage

OUR MISSION (*Why do we exist?*)

“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world” (Book of Discipline)
The “**Carolina Revised Version**” - Follow Jesus, Make Disciples, Transform lives and communities

OUR CORE VALUES (*How do we behave?*)

John Wesley’s three General Rules guide our actions and behavior

(1) Do no harm (2) Do good (3) Stay in love with God (“*practice the ordinances*”)

At the core of our Wesleyan heritage, we are going on to perfection

Moving from “almost” Christians to “altogether” Christians, by loving God and neighbor
HOLINESS in heart and life

OUR PURPOSE (*What do we do?*)

Our primary focus is to cultivate vital churches fully engaged in accomplishing the mission of God

Note: *Vital congregations are essential to move us toward “making disciples of Jesus Christ”*

OUR STRATEGIC ANCHORS (*How will we succeed?*)

- We will succeed by partnering, connecting and serving SO THAT together we will move toward achieving the *Power of 3* goals (*signs of vitality & health*)
- We will succeed by increasing the number of healthy, alive churches fully engaged in the mission of God SO THAT God’s Kingdom may “come on earth as it is in Heaven”
- We will succeed by building Christ-centered relationships with people both inside and outside the church SO THAT lives and communities are transformed

OUR IMMEDIATE PRIORITIES (*What is most important right now?*)

- To create and develop resources that focus on moving churches toward health and vitality
- To encourage and empower the emerging missional networks in each of the eight districts as signs of hope and healing
- To design processes and events that equip servant leaders to be spiritually alive and missionally focused
- To challenge churches, networks, and new faith communities to engage with younger and more diverse people within the community
- To advocate for and promote shifting from an emphasis on membership and program to a disciple-making system