

Disciple Ministry Plan

Name _____ Effective Dates _____

The Role of the Disciple

Disciples share Christ's peace with those who need transforming ministry and help create inclusive communities full of God's boundless love and grace.

Disciples:

- *Represent Christ primarily as ministers...* who express the nature and love of God by growing in Christ-like character, love, concern, generosity, and mission.
- *Especially proclaim and promote...* Jesus Christ through covenant relationship with God and the faith community.
- *Particularly minister with...* individuals, households, families, and communities by nurturing right relationships with God, self, others, and all creation.
- *Support sacramental ministries by...* engaging in sacramental living and preparing spiritually to participate in the sacraments.
- *Promote community by...* engaging in activities that uphold the Worth of All Persons, caring for the congregation so it is welcoming, and inviting others to join in fellowship.
- *Promote justice and peacemaking by...* participating in partnership with the poor to overcome injustice and poverty.
- *Create ministry partnerships with...* other disciples, priesthood, pastors, and mission center officers.

Disciples should:

- **Know...** the story of Jesus and how it can be lived out through Community of Christ. Understand what it means to promote justice, generosity, and peacemaking as disciples of Jesus Christ.
- **Be...** a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. Model the nature and love of God through intentional spiritual formation, sacramental living, and right relationships with God, self, others, and all creation.
- **Do...** Invite others to take part in sacred community, engage in activities upholding the Worth of All Persons, and create a welcoming congregation.

Ministry Needs and Opportunities Around Me

With your pastor or designated congregational leader, discuss ministry needs in the congregation and community and how they connect to your discipleship.

Congregational needs and goals should affirm and promote Christ's mission of invitation, compassionate ministries, justice and peacemaking; helping prepare ourselves and others for Christ's mission; and partnering with other disciples in living out Christ's mission.

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Based on the needs around me, how can I...

...represent Christ as a follower of his teachings as I understand them, and one who strives to embody those teachings in my daily life?

...proclaim and promote communities of joy, hope, love, justice and peace?

...support congregational ministries and activities through involvement, and lifting up Mission Initiatives?

...support sacramental ministries through personal preparation and participation to enhance the Spirit, and by offering welcoming and safe space for all to participate?

...promote community by encouraging development and nurturing of a healing, redeeming, and prayerful environment?

...promote justice and peacemaking by working for economic justice through meeting the needs of the poor, the sick, the helpless, and the unloved?

MY CONTINUED DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION

Training and/or study plans:

Spiritual practices to use and develop:

Ways I will model generosity (including being a regular contributor to mission tithes, both local and worldwide):

Possible ministry partners:

Disciple signature: _____ Pastor or designee signature: _____