

Sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with those who do not know him is the way we practice evangelism as Cumberland Presbyterians.

We also have two ways to promote diverse and innovative methods to plant new churches: new church development and new worshiping community. They differ in the expected outcomes and length of commitment.

A New Church Development (NCD) is a partnership with the intention of creating a new organized congregation.

A New Worshiping Community (NWC) is a partnership with the intention of becoming a sustainable community. This could include a worshiping community of a local church or a continuation of an outreach in some form other than an organized congregation.

A new worshiping community or new church development may be initiated by an individual leader, existing congregation, presbytery, or the Missions Ministry Team.

EVANGELISM & NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

The Missions Ministry Team is committed to starting new churches as an effective means of evangelism and church growth, providing regular contact, administrative and financial support, and supervision.

Cumberland Presbyterian new church development creates and includes groups that are focusing on the use of technology to meet, communicate, worship, and fellowship digitally. New church development and even existing congregations are utilizing shared spaces with other churches, people's homes, and apartments, public and rented spaces.

This shift in worship spaces no longer focuses on costly and permanent structures and facilities that have often hindered new churches. While new church development is moving away from the primary first step of the construction of a new facility, other factors remain. Securing a space to worship and meet, access to technology, and items needed for worship such as materials for the sacraments and music are ever present.

Financial support to help in the beginning years of a new church development or a new worshiping community to focus on mission, ministry and discipleship comes in part from local congregations, presbyteries and Our United Outreach which is the unified budget of our denomination.

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