



**Is  
your  
congregation  
ready for  
transformation?**

“Congregations can  
do just about  
anything...but stay  
the same.”  
George Bullard



## *Life Cycles of Congregations*

Congregations have a life cycle, like all living things; birth, then growth, then stability. At stability, you can either redefine the ministry, or the congregation declines.

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## **Transforming Congregations**

*for the 2020 Vision  
of the Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)*

### **2020 Vision**

**A thousand new  
congregations and  
1,000 renewed  
congregations  
being and sharing  
the good news of  
Jesus Christ ...**

## Definition of Transformation

*Transformation is the intentional spiritual journey that a congregation undertakes systemically in order to realize what God has called it to be as church and to do in mission in today's world.*

- ▶ This journey is spiritual because transformation is the work of God. It is about listening to God, deepening our relationship with God, and acting upon what we discern is God's will.
- ▶ It is systemic because it is about everything a congregation is and does, not just one aspect of its program. It is connected denominationally and to the whole church
- ▶ This is a strategic journey because it addresses change in an intentional process of action steps.
- ▶ Since communities of faith are an integral part of the entire web of God's ecology, the transformation of congregations is a piece of God's transformation of all creation, addressing the pressing needs for stewardship of the world.
- ▶ Transformation is a continuous process. One cannot point to a finally transformed congregation, but we can all be on the way. The journey is our home.

# Is Your Congregation Transforming?

DHM is seeking your help to provide a comprehensive list of congregations who are now in the transformation process. Congregations who are involved in the transformation process have valuable information and insights to share. If you are in the transformation process and willing to share your support, wisdom and insights we would like to add your congregation to our list. Register your congregation now as one of the 1,000 being transformed to realize the 2020 Vision of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

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## Add My Congregation!

Yes, please add my congregation to those in the process of transformation:

*Date Congregation Began Process*

*Congregation*

*Congregational Contact:*

*Address:*

*City/State/Zip*

*Phone*

*Email Address*

*Resources used in the process:*
