

CHARACTERISTICS OF A TRANSFORMATIONAL CONGREGATION

Transformational congregations have ten *characteristics* in common. How many does yours have?

In the boxes to the left below, check the characteristics your congregation already exhibits

Then take some time with your leadership to decide which characteristic your congregation will work on this year. Check its box to the right.

⬇ Our congregation has:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A solid commitment to our faith as a congregation, and to helping people develop their personal faith lives. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Authentic, relevant worship opportunities. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant, relationship-building small groups. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A variety of opportunities to engage mission on Jesus' behalf. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Core leadership that equips people to become disciples and facilitates leadership potential. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intentional lay training and deployment. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry and mission opportunities based on spiritual gifts. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Streamlined organizational structures that can release and multiply ministries based on the Mission, Vision, and Values of our congregation. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permission-giving policies for ministries and missions. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Solid stewardship that lets us adequately fund ministry. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

This year we will work on: **⬆**

YES!

Count us as a *Transformational Congregation!*

We've chosen three options that will help us realize the transformational characteristic we've chosen to work on this year, including one from the BASIC OPTIONS list.

Congregation:

City/Town/Village:

Contact Person:

Relationship to Congregation:

Contact's Phone:

Contact's Email:

Signature of Congregational
President/Moderator/Chair

Signature of Minister

Date

BE COUNTED AS A TRANSFORMATIONAL CONGREGATION. . .

It's easy as 1-2-3:

1. Choose which characteristic of a *Transformational Congregation* (on the reverse side) your congregation will work on this year. Go ahead, go for one you don't already have!
2. Select three of the transforming options in this flyer that your congregation or its leaders will work on this year. Be sure to include at least one from the "BASIC OPTIONS" list.
3. Have your congregation or administrative team (i.e., your Board, Council, Executive Committee, etc.) affirm your congregation's commitments and sign this sheet, sending this

EACH CONGREGATION COMMITTING TO THREE TRANSFORMATIONAL OPTIONS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF TRANSFORMATIONAL CONGREGATIONS PROVIDED ANNUALLY TO OUR DISCIPLES HOME MISSIONS OFFICE IN INDIANAPOLIS AND WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT AREA ASSEMBLIES AND OTHER EVENTS.

To help you live into your commitment to being a fully transformational congregation, your NE Area Congregational Support Team has identified a number of tried-and-true activities, ministries, and other options that can lead to congregational vitality, viability, and sustainability You'll find these in the rest of this flyer.

Some of these suggestions are "basics" that are necessary for sustainable transformation (like a prayer group). Others will increase the likelihood of thriving through the transformational rough spots. Still others maximize ministry and mission potential.

Committing to just one option will no doubt have an effect on your congregation. Committing to two will surely make a small difference. But we want to challenge you to consider *three* . . . and become a Transformational Congregation of the NE Area!

