



Five Key Resources for Supporting New Worshiping Communities

Assessment

Discerning Missional Leadership Assessments are recommended for everyone leading or considering leadership of a new worshiping community. The assessments take place around the country in small groups, typically lasting 3–4 days, and are available to help leaders discern how they might sustain or prepare for this important ministry.

During the Missional Leadership Assessment, participants will take part in spiritual reflection and missional theological instruction about ministry context, do some team-work exercises, get insights on leadership style, and take part in an in-depth behavioral interview. All participants will leave with concrete advice about next steps and a recommendation from the assessment team of, “it’s a fit; it’s not a fit; or it’s a potential fit in the future.”

Additional information: <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/1001-2/assessment/>

Apprenticeship

Apprentices will have the experience of starting something new while working alongside experienced mentors. An apprenticeship is a chance to start something new with the support you need to do it well. It’s an opportunity to build community with a diverse, national cohort of peers, all while living missional practices in a local context.

Additional information: <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/1001-2/apprenticeship/>

Coaching

Coaches meet regularly with new worshiping community to ask great questions, help in the discovery of gifts, and enable the leader’s discernment of the way forward when he or she encounters roadblocks and challenges. The 1001 network of new worshiping community coaches includes experienced pastors and new worshiping community leaders from across the denomination and representing most major cultural and language backgrounds.

The typical cost of a coach is \$1,500/year plus the expenses of a site visit. We recommend one site visit per year (preferably in the first quarter of the coaching relationship) to tour the ministry context and to meet with leaders/core group/stakeholders/presbytery teams. In addition to the site visit, the coach and NWC leader will schedule monthly phone calls.

More information: <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/1001-2/coaching/>

Training

A new set of practices and skills will be needed by the leaders of new worshiping communities.

The 1001 training strategy includes:

- Annual national conference where NWC leaders and their supporters gather to learn from experienced leaders and from each other
- Regional workshops and conferences led by regional associates and coaches
- Mid-council sponsored presentations and conferences
- On-line training
- Cohorts for NWC leaders
- Retreats for spiritual renewal
- Print resources such as *Starting New Worshiping Communities* (available in English, Spanish, and Korean)

More information: <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/1001-2/training-cohorts/>

Grants

Grants are provided to participants in the 1001 New Worshiping Communities in three levels.

The New Worshiping Communities Seed Grant provides \$7,500 to help start a 1001 community. After the first year the ministry, communities are eligible to apply for an additional \$25,000 Investment Grant, followed by the possibility of a \$25,000 Growth Grant. Both the Investment and Growth grant require dollar matching from a mid-council, congregation or in-kind support.

All new worshiping community leaders are eligible to apply for a Health Insurance Grant, worth \$1,500 per year—twice renewable.

More information: <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/1001-2/mission-program-grants/>