

Missional Church Learning Experience

Church Covenant and Application

Your church is invited to participate in an 8 month experience designed to introduce churches to the missional church movement to help them become more effective in demonstrating Christ's love to their communities. Your church will be a part of a Learning Community of churches that receives 3 in-person training sessions; supplemented by 4 technology sessions. You will practice the missional principles using a 4 step process to help you design and implement a small community engagement to practice healthy repeatable patterns for further community ministry. You will share your experience with other church teams in the MCLE Learning Community.

This covenant represents mutual commitments by your local church, your local association of churches **ABC/IN-KY** and the American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) toward the pursuit of a Missional Church ministry emphasis. Together with God's leading we can attain the goal of increasingly effective ministry.

The ABC/IN-KY agrees to:

1. Provide a local Coordinator to work with the MCLE Facilitator toward an effective Learning Community.
2. Convene a MCLE Learning Community of 6-12 church teams for an 8 month period.
2. Support your church's participation in the MCLE (*Missional Church Learning Experience*) with regular communication.
3. Provide host arrangements and worship, during the session dates:

Session 1 – “Getting Started on the Future” ___October 11, 2014

- Conference Call #1 (1 hour) _____TBD, 7:00 p.m._____
- Conference Call #2 (1 hour) _____TBD, 7:00 p.m._____

Session 2 – “Healthy Repeatable Patterns” _____Jan 31, 2014

- Conference Call #3 (1 hour) _____TBD, 7:00 p.m._____
- Conference Call #4 (1 hour) _____TBD, 7:00 p.m._____

Session 3 – “Telling God's Story” _____April 18, 2015

American Baptist Home Mission Societies agrees to:

1. Provide a trained MCLE Facilitator for all sessions.
2. Work with the local Coordinator and the **ABC/IN-KY** to support participating churches between the training events.
3. Share your church's learning experience with other churches for the good of all.

Covenanting Congregation agrees to:

1. Form a Mission Team to learn on behalf of the congregation, consisting of:
the pastor (or appointed leader),
three lay leaders,
a young adult (14-29)
2. Provide this agreement, signed by the mission team members, designating their willingness to make an 8 month commitment to the MCLE process.

3. Attend all 3 in-person sessions and 4 technology sessions.
4. Complete the 4 step process to practice healthy repeatable patterns for community ministry.
5. Using the results of the 4 step process, design and implement a small, interactive community involvement to practice missional principles; investing appropriate church resources.
6. Share what your team learns from this experience with the MCLE Learning Community, your association of churches and with the American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS).
7. Commit to a level of financial participation that demonstrates a willingness to invest in the program. A registration fee of \$150.00 will be required of all participating congregations. In addition, if your church is not supporting the wider ABC mission through United Mission or other direct ways, you will need to include that in your budget or through special offerings.
8. Send your check for \$150.00 (payable to ABCINKY) along with your signed covenant to: Attn: Jennifer Greene, ABC/IN-KY, 1350 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis, IN 46202. **Deadline: August 16, 2014**

NAME OF CHURCH _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

1. Pastor or Appointed Leader Name (please print), _____

Signed: _____ e-mail: _____

2. Team Member Name (please print): _____

Signed: _____ e-mail: _____

3. Team Member Name (please print): _____

Signed: _____ e-mail: _____

4. Team Member Name (please print): _____

Signed: _____ e-mail: _____

5. Young Adult Team Member Name (please print):

 Signed: _____ e-mail: _____

Received by MCLE Coordinator: _____

Date: _____