

TRANSFORMING CONGREGATIONS NETWORK COVENANT

PART I: PASTOR LEADER

It is my intent to fully and actively participate in the Transforming Congregations Network (TCN). As a member of TCN, I commit to the following activities:

1. Learning Community

As a member of the Pastors' Learning Community, I commit to:

- Attend all monthly Learning Community meetings over a 24-month period and stay for the entire meeting. Missing more than one meeting, or coming to a meeting unprepared (without homework assignments done) in a 6-month period will jeopardize continuance in the Learning Community.
- Complete each homework assignment, including reading one assigned book for the next Learning Community meeting and the assigned activities from the current module.
- Spend thirty (30) minutes a day in prayer, with 15 minutes of that time focused on making new disciples.
- Participate in an annual District TCN retreat.

As Pastor Leader of my church, I commit to:

- Start a Learning Community with my church leaders within 60 days from my first Pastors' Learning Community meeting.
- Bring church leaders to TCN training events.
- Initiate a "prayer team" that meets for at least 45 minutes each week to pray for the Pastors' Learning Community and the Leader Learning Community, with a focus on seeking God's help to bring new vision and passion to our congregation to reach those who need to know Christ as their Savior.
- Begin *Groups Ablaze!* in my church within 60 days of completing the Motivation for Mission module.
- Begin the TRIAD strategy within 30 days of completing the Transformation through Triads module.

2. Church Consultation

As Pastor Leader of my church, I commit to:

- Schedule a Church Consultation weekend for my congregation within the next 6 months.
- Be responsible for my congregation to complete its Self-study and make arrangements for the Church Consultation weekend.
- Upon acceptance of the Consultation Report, be responsible for my congregation to fulfill all the objectives prescribed in the Consultation, in a timely fashion.
- Be responsible for scheduling 4-6 net-fishing events sponsored by the congregation to reach out to its community for the purpose of making new disciples.

3. **Personal Trainer**

As Pastor Leader of my church, I commit to:

- Meet with my Personal Trainer, either electronically or in person, every month for 1 year.
- Complete a weekly Time Log and send it to my Personal Trainer, until he signs off on it.
- Complete a monthly Vital Statistics report form.
- Fulfill any other directives given by my Personal Trainer.

In addition, I understand that failure to fulfill any of my commitments listed above may result in immediate dismissal from the Transforming Congregations Network and any or all of the benefits that pertain to it.

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PART II: TCN Partner DISTRICT

The TCN Partner District of the LCMS, as a supporting partner in the Transforming Congregations Network, agrees to provide to member TCN congregations, the following resources:

1. The Facilitator for the Pastors' Learning Community;
2. All required books and resources for the Pastors' Learning Community;
3. Resources for the Church Leaders' Learning Community;
4. Planning and resources for the annual District retreat;
5. Speakers and activities for the Lay Training events;
6. Preparation materials for the weekend Church Consultation;
7. The Consultant(s) for the weekend Church Consultation;
8. The Personal Trainer for the Pastor Leader;
9. Training for the congregation's Board of Directors;
10. Quarterly meetings with the congregation to communicate progress and answer questions.

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