




# SIGNS OF STRUGGLE


- Sign 1      **The building as barrier**
  - Sign 2      **Sleepy Sundays**
  - Sign 3      **Little to no online presence**
  - Sign 4      **Lack of community outreach**
  - Sign 5      **No professions of faith**
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# BUILDING BARRIERS






# SLEEPY SUNDAYS

- Services on autopilot
  - Lack of attention to newcomers
  - Insider language
  - No opportunities to sign in
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# NO ONLINE PRESENCE

- Assumption that people will return to in-person worship
  - No web site or outdated site
  - Outdated social media
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# NO COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Should have at least one outreach event in the community that's not in your building
  - Church leaders should be connecting with community leaders
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# Revitalize your ministry!



The Wisconsin Conference exists to equip you on your disciple-making mission, expanding ministries, starting new churches, and advocating for justice for the mission.

## Initial Consultation

Working directly with clergy and church leaders to take steps towards health and vitality. Individualized based on the needs of the church.

## MissionInsite

Churches have free access to demographic, community, and cultural data that can help plan for outreach and mission ministries.

## Instituto de Desarrollo Congregacional (IDC)

Similar to ICD (below), this is an opportunity for Hispanic and Latino churches to learn more about ministry in the UMC and to identify where God is calling us to respond while aligning with the needs of the world and church.

## Institute for Congregational Development (ICD)

A ten-month process of development and reflection centered around "The Seven Seasons of Church Planting" (Produced by Path One of United Methodist Discipleship Ministries). These seven seasons help plant a new church or develop new ministries.

## Clergy Support

Offering resources and support to help clergy be intentional in bringing strengths to their ministry.

## Missional Church Consultation Initiative (MCCI)

A comprehensive process of revitalization for churches and pastors who have been nominated by their District Superintendent and invited by the Bishop to participate in a 12-18 month process of learning and growth. A new group will be starting this fall.

## Fresh Expressions

Leadership from the nationally known program, Fresh Expressions are brought to Wisconsin to help our churches and leaders develop pathways that will introduce us to relationships with new people in our world.

## Church Planting

A comprehensive process of identifying areas for new ministries in partnership with district leadership and Conference leadership. We are currently supporting twenty new ministries.

## One-Time Trainings

Recent programs include Breakthrough Prayer, Using Artificial Intelligence, Dynamite Prayer, and other trainings related to vision/funding ministries and congregational development in partnership with the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation.

Learn more by contacting Scott Carlson, [scottcarlson@wisconsinumc.org](mailto:scottcarlson@wisconsinumc.org)



# DEVELOPMENT **RESOURCES**



- **Mission Insite**
- **Assessment process**
- **Portico**
- **Trainings**
- **Teaching Tuesdays**
- **Individual consultations**

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