

## 2018 CHURCH CONFERENCE AGENDA

¶ 120. *The Mission*—The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Local churches and extension ministries of the Church provide the most significant arenas through which disciple-making occurs. *The Book of Discipline 2016*

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### GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER *Pastor, DS, Lay Leader*

VIDEO: <https://animoto.com/play/oJuNtknU8l7MwmVSCouJkA?autostart=1>

CELEBRATIONS: Shared stories of how we have followed Jesus this year *Church Members*

### STUDY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURAL EXAMPLES OF DISCIPLES BEING MADE

*Church Members*

- An Exploring Disciple: “Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” - John 1:46 (full story in John 1:43-51)
- A Searching Disciple: “Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night.” - John 3:1-2a (full story in John 3:1-9)
- A Beginning Disciple: “She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying.” - Luke 10:39 (full story in Luke 10:38-42)
- A Growing Disciple: “Now while Peter was greatly puzzled about what to make of the vision that he had seen, suddenly the men sent by Cornelius appeared. They were asking for Simon’s house and were standing by the gate.” - Acts 10:17 (full story in Acts 10:9-17)
- A Maturing Disciple: “Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you...- Acts 17:22-23 (full story in Acts 17:22-34)

MESSAGE and RESOURCE FROM THE DS

HOLY CONFERENCING – *In small groups, take time to discuss the following:*

- How/when did you become a disciple? How is it different than simply going to church?
- How do you experience growth as a disciple?
- Which step of disciple-making does this church do well? Which steps need more attention?

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

POSSIBILITIES FOR MINISTRY – sharing ideas from small groups

SONG – “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

I have decided to follow Jesus (3x)

No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me (3x)

No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow (3x)

No turning back, no turning back.

ORDERING OUR LIFE FOR MINISTRY — *Leadership Nominations & Election \* Clergy Compensation \* Ministry Recommendations \* Add'l Business*

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING