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**One Mission. Multiple Expressions.**

Jesus was very clear: go and make disciples. While the mission is clear, the various ways to actually make this happen in our communities can bring mixed results. Cultures are different. People are different. Neighborhoods are different. Personalities vary. No one single approach can reach all those God is calling to Himself.

The Missionary Church recognizes this. From a common mission and mandate to make disciples, the Missionary Church has established multiple networks and varied expressions to help pastors, church leaders, church planters, and organic disciple makers live out this mission. While the approaches may differ, the mission is the same: make disciples who make disciples. Any network is welcomed that can demonstrate this mission and see multiplying communities and disciples.

Within our regions around the country, four main expressions of disciple making networks exist. Others will be added in the future, but this summary can give regional leaders a glimpse of each of the major networks. The goal is to help regional leaders be aware of the networks and know which network might best support the disciple making movements happening in that region.

**Xellerate Network**

*The Xcellerate Network* is an aggressive church planting disciple making expression. Church planters are trained and encouraged to identify and raise leaders who can plant a network of churches.

The “engine” of the Xcellerate Network is a process they call Xcellerate. X groups consist of three to six people that are a combination of believers and those these believers have connected with who are seeking to discover Jesus. As new believers or those seeking Jesus are added, these groups split to form new X groups.

Church plants organize around these X groups. Multiple X groups gather twice a month for encouragement, training and equipping. These gatherings last about two hours. The first hour centers around the spiritual conversations those in X groups are having. If members in X groups are struggling with connecting to those apart from God, time is spent looking for ways to remove any barriers keeping them from connecting. The second hour is hearing teaching from the leader and discussing assigned reading materials that relate to making disciples who make disciples.

The gathering of X groups typically consists of two years of training, called semesters. New disciples joining a gathering during the first year are expected to start their own X group. Those who do form X groups are invited to join the second year of training.

Leaders of the gathering are looking for X group members who demonstrate effective disciple making. These are invited to a discovery process to see if they may be candidates for planting a missional community or church.

Church planting training consists of three levels: Xcellerate 1, which is an overview of the disciple making process, Xcellerate 2, which is training in the Xcellerate process and Xcellerare 3, which is the church planting process.

Xcellerate 1 provides a framework for church multiplication through five principles: Embrace the Mission of Jesus; Change What You Care About; Identify the Discipleable; Intensify Multiplication, and Launch Communities.

A relational network exists for training and equipping church planters using simulcasts and cohorts of church planters meeting regularly.

**Table Network**

The Table Network utilizes a contextual model in their commitment to launch disciple-making movements.  The church families within the Table Network range from smaller churches forming in homes, restaurants and bars to larger church families made up of missional communities spread throughout their context with weekly worship services that provide a place for all to gather/celebrate.

With a heart to see a shift in what the church is saying and doing in the West, the Table Network’s primary values are freedom and family. FREEDOM: our dependence on Jesus defines us and frees us to stop pretending we are impressive. We call it grace, an invitation to rest in the finished work of Jesus as we wait, watch, and walk in the fruit He bears in our lives.  FAMILY: Jesus rejects no one. We are free to offer others a place to belong on their way to belief, and we are free to see new church families form and flourish along the way.

The “engine” of The Table Network is centered around what they call A Rhythm of Life in 3 Spaces.  The 1st Space is about planting the Gospel in the places we GO to...where we live, work, and play.  The 2nd Space is about CONNECTING further with those who are open to us and the things of Jesus.  The 3rd Space is about PAUSING with those who are hungry to follow Jesus...encouraging and equipping them to make disciples alongside others.  With a commitment to see new church families form amongst those outside the faith, they set their context to always serve as the filter for where, when, and how these spaces take root and shape.

A highly relational network consisting of training, coaching and regional gatherings keeps leaders connected, informed and equipped.  The process works through four phases: Awake, Disciple, Plant and Multiply. The process starts with a one-day training event and a leader assessment. Then leaders move through the three other phases with what The Table Network calls cohorts, cadres and collectives. Regional Table Network leaders help fuel the multiplication process in their areas.

**Field U.S.A.**

*Field U.S.A. (FUSA)* is an organic disciple making expression.  FUSA groups meet in homes, apartment complexes, work places, on-line, chapels and any place people can gather for community.  FUSA uses an adapted Training for Trainers (T4T) approach consisting of Four Fields:

Field One: Connect (Prepare New Fields).  Build relationships with those far from God.  Invite those that respond on a journey to discover Jesus.  Key skills involve finding Persons of Peace and spiritual conversations.

Field Two: Rescue (Plant God’s Story).  Share the gospel through Biblical stories called Stories of Hope.  Invite those that show interest to accept Jesus as Savior.  Key skills are Stories of Hope and a gospel presentation appropriate to your missional context, like telling your story, the three circles, etc.

Field Three: Equip (Cultivate Disciples).  New believers are instructed in the Commands of Christ and helped to grow in their relationship with Jesus.  As soon as possible, new believers are put in a small group that uses the three thirds process to ground believers and begin the multiplication process.  The first third is looking in, asking accountability questions and developing relationships.  The second third is looking up, hearing God’s vision through biblical stories.  The third area is looking out, practicing skills and storytelling to share with those far from God.

Field Four: Launch (Gather to Scatter).  When a group reaches a point of maturity, they recognize themselves as a church and begin to mobilize to go back into Field One and multiply other new believers, disciples and churches.

A relational network consisting of training, coaching, learning communities, regional summits and social media keeps leaders and disciples connected, informed and equipped.

**On Mission Network**

*The On Mission Network* focuses on existing churches to help them recapture the mission of Jesus and multiply missional communities. The framework for helping a church refocus uses similar principles taught in Generate 1: Embrace the Mission of Jesus, Change What You Care About, Recognize the Responsive, Intensify Multiplication and Launch Missional Communities.

The primary “engine” introduced in the training for helping an existing church make and multiply disciples as well as missional communities is an adapted approach from Field USA’s Four Fields and Real Life Discipleship from Jim Putnam. Pastors are encouraged to form a “huddle” of a few leaders to begin the disciple making journey of connecting with those far from God, inviting those who respond to discover Jesus, providing intentional spiritual growth for the believers and teaching skills to help those in the church connect with people far from God, thus continuing the cycle. In addition to this approach, the generic disciple making tools and principles available through the network allows church leaders to use most any approach or model for making disciples who make disciples.

Pastors and church leaders are taught the process through two levels of training: On Mission Basic and On Mission Advance. These training events are held on a Friday evening and during the day on Saturday so leaders in the church can participate with the pastors. One of the areas taught in Advance is “how to change your church without blowing it up,” a need that is not inherent in a church plant. Another level of training is available called On Mission Primer, which is a one-day training event designed for a local church.

Pastors going through the training are placed in clusters, which meet online monthly, for ongoing encouragement and equipping. A portion of these clusters is discussing barriers that are keeping pastors from seeing the necessary changes to create a disciple making environment. Individual coaching is also available on an “as-needed” basis.

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Other networks like Folklore (Chicago) and Cultivate (Minnesota) use approaches similar to those listed above. Contact Generate Ministries for information on these and other networks being established.

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1. **Similarities Between Expressions**

* *Embrace the Mission of Jesus*
* Disciple making is for everyone
* We are to be the church, not just go to church
* Starting small
* Making disciples the way Jesus made disciples (the Words and Ways of Jesus)
* Power of the Spirit for guidance
* It’s about making disciples, not planting churches
* *Changing What You Care About*
* Discipleship vs. Disinfection
* People vs. Events
* Proximity and Presence vs. Programs
* Multiplication vs. Addition
* Creating tension vs. giving all the answers
* Living the Bible vs. Bible studies
* Reaching messed up people vs. religious people
* *Spiritual Conversations*
* *Gathering and Scattering*
* *Initial Training Framework*
* **Xcellerate:** introduction to xcellerate process
* **Table Network:** introduction to concepts of Freedom, Family and Living in Three Spaces
* **Field USA:** introduction to Three-Thirds Process and Discipleship Cycle
* **On Mission:** raising the spiritual temperature of the established church

1. **Primary Focus of Each Expression**

* **Xcellerate:** conventional church planting; structured xcellerate gatherings
* **Table Network:** missional communities; reproducible leadership guides; cohorts for coaching and implementation
* **Field USA:** Organic house gatherings; disciple making tools; structured gathering
* **On Mission:** established churches; tools for raising the spiritual temperature of the church; tools for developing leaders

1. **Unique Advanced Training Areas**

* **Xcellerate:** church planting; diagnostic icons
* **Table Network:** reaching the 70% who will not attend any kind of established gathering or church; Living in 3 Spaces; Freedom and Family
* **Field USA:** Three-Thirds Process; Creating a gathering from scattering; T4T advanced topics
* **On Mission:** changing your church without blowing it up