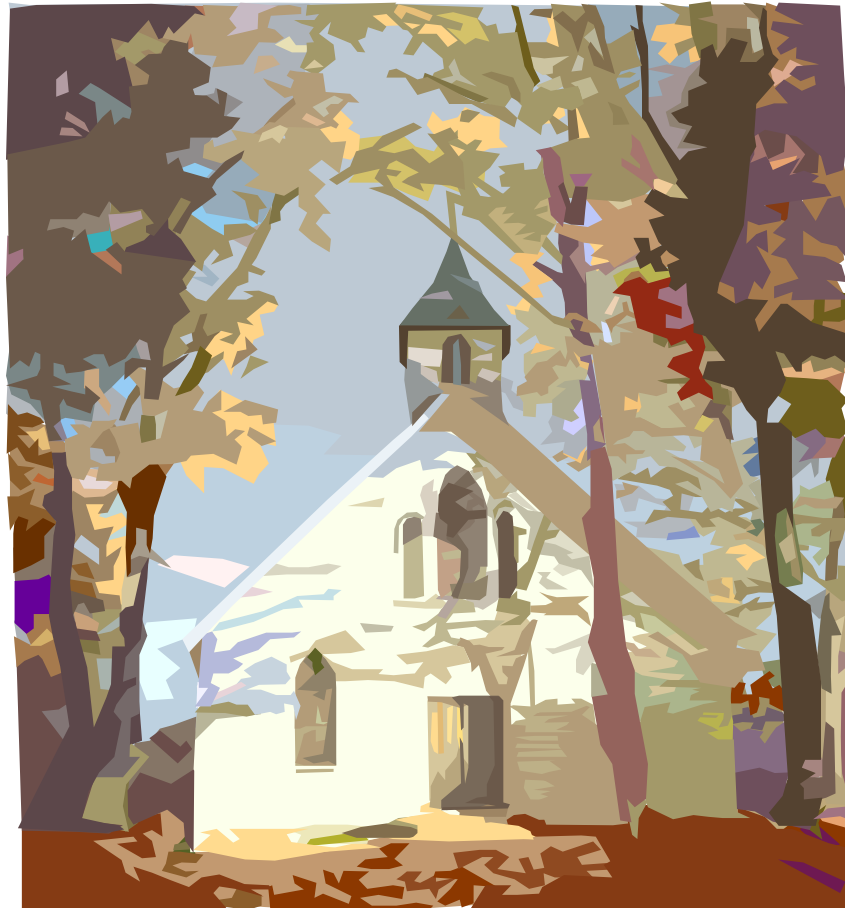


Equipping the Local Church Link



VITAL CONGREGATIONS



New Platform for Ministry



Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

- To move from a downward trend to an upward trend—to the glory of God.



Healthy Church Workshops

Glacial Lakes Ministry Team Areas

Prairie Hills Ministry Team Areas

Wishek, Lehr, Napoleon, Washburn/Turtle Lake



Visioning Workshops

Huron 1st, White River, Kimball PP, Dickinson, Minot Faith,
Rapid City South Maple

Bringing Mission Statements to Life

- Where have we been?
- Where are we now?
- Where are we going?
- How are going to get there?



Local Church Leadership Workshops

For:

Administrative Boards/Church Councils

Trustees

Worship Committees

Mission Committees

Nominating Committees

And so on...



Turn Around Boot Camp



Co-Sponsored and Hosted by Watertown 1st UMC



Edgeley /
Kulm /
Nortonville

RC -
Knolly
He

RC - Rapid
Valley

Grand Forks
Wesley

ONLINE RESOURCES

Worship Design Studio



MissionInsite

MISSIONINSITE 
Innovating the Standard in Church Demographics

Bishop's Laity Gathering

Worship Alive!

w/ Marcia McFee

July 30 and 31

Sioux Falls-1st UMC

Bismarck-McCabe UMC

Empowering Laity



The Dakotas Conference Goal is to Grow By One!

OUR REALITY!

In 2010 statistical reports, preliminary numbers indicate worship attendance down 2.5% for a total of 19,550. Membership down 2.5% for a total of 37,630. This is very consistent with the previous five years. This is the 42nd straight year of decline in membership and the 11 straight year of decline in attendance.



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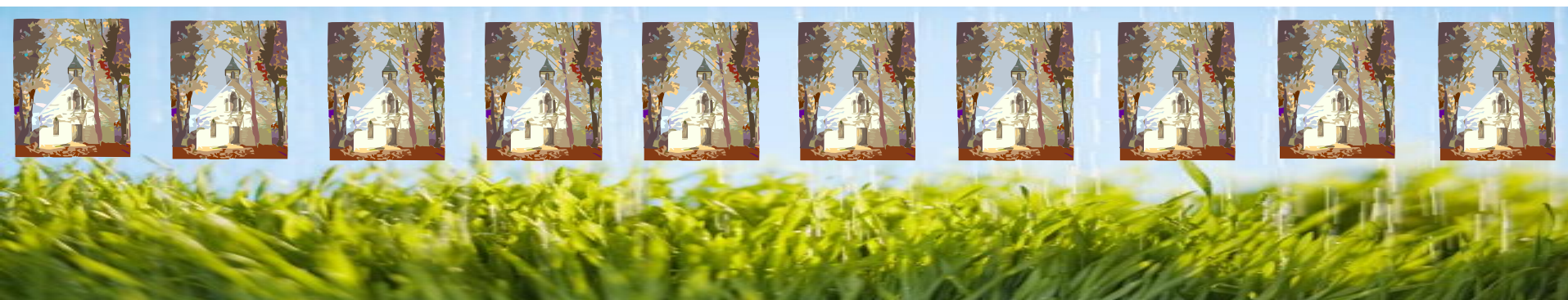
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 - Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations Survey

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Exciting things are
already happening
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Show conference churches' video.

White River UMC just added 24 new members! That's a 24% increase.

Prairie View's worship attendance had slowly declined to 58 in 2008 between the four churches. Now their average is 89 or a 71% increase.

Kimball's attendance has grown from 60 in 2007 to 95 in 2010. Baptisms went from 1 a year to 10 in 2009 and 5 in 2010!

Watertown Cornerstone eighth year as the largest church in terms of attendance. Most baptisms each year since 2003. Largest VBS last two years.

North Sioux City ARK, after being decimated by a financial crisis in 2006, has gone from paying 3% of apportionments to paying in full and has grown steadily in attendance.

Fargo First has highest attendance since 1986.

Fargo Calvary had averaged around 200 in attendance until 1997. Has steadily grown to 340 in attendance.

Humboldt records highest attendance since 2007 despite their church building burning down.

Aberdeen First has paid off over \$1 million in debt between 2009-10 and have gone from paying 42% apportionments in 2008 to paying 100% in 2010.

Huron Riverview became debt free in 2008 and have paid apportionments in full each year since paying off debt.

Huron First has grown from 14th largest in attendance (319 in 2002) to 6th (425 in 2010)!