

## *Congregation's Report*

*“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...’” Matthew 28:18-20 NRSV*

What if our churches intentionally ensure their ministries make an impact in all phases of the disciple-making system? From now until 2020, the Mississippi Annual Conference will be focusing on making disciples. This is our Great Commission, as well as the heart of the Mission Statement for the Mississippi Annual Conference. This year the Vital Congregations Committee is asking every church to pray over and discuss in small groups the following questions so they may discern where we are as a conference in adhering to the call of discipleship.

Question 1c in particular, asks everyone to reflect upon the ministries that you are already doing and evaluate how God is leading each congregation in making disciples. For example, make a list of all the ministries your church initiates: food pantry, a community Vacation Bible School, small groups, mission trips, Sunday School, etc. Ask how does each ministry help us make disciples? Under which column does each ministry fit? There is no right or wrong answer. These questions are a way to be more intentional with what we are doing and why, which will bring to light the areas where the church is fruitful and other places that could use more attention. The Vital Congregations Committee will read your responses in order to recommend ways to align conference ministries so that vital congregations are at the center of our lives together. Pastor, please gather with laity from your congregation to discuss the follow questions:

Church \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ GCFA # \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_

1a. Every church has a unique calling to make disciples in your community. Do you make disciples in your community using an intentional system? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

1b. If you answered **yes**, describe in detail your disciple-making system.

