New Church Ministry Coaching FAQs

1. ***What is coaching with New Church Ministry (NCM) Coaching?***

Coaching is an opportunity to support New Church Ministry leaders and pastors through prayer, encouragement, active listening and strategic questioning as they move through various stages of the new church process.

1. ***How is coaching different from mentoring or counseling?***

According to Gary Collins, author of *Christian Coaching,* “…mentors share expert knowledge about vocational or spiritual issues…Counseling or therapy deals mostly with a person’s past and trauma and seeks healing…Coaches stand alongside the people who are coached, helping them envision their future direction, guiding as they formulate their goals, and encouraging them to take action steps” (Collins pgs. 19-20).

1. ***Who is eligible for a Coach?***

A Christian Church (Disciple of Christ) New Church Ministry leader/pastor who has completed a Church Planter Assessment, attended Leadership Academy (or an approved equivalent), and received Regional endorsement.

***4.***  ***Who is a New Church Ministry leader/pastor?***

A New Church Ministry leader/pastor is one who is actively seeking standing or maintaining standing (Commissioned and Ordained) within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and actively pursuing a Congregation in Formation or Affiliation status with his/her local Region/Area.

1. ***What steps do I need to follow to get a NCM Coach?***

First, attend Leadership Academy (or an approved equivalent). Upon completion of Leadership Academy (or an approved equivalent), you will receive a Welcome Letter and Project Application from Rev. Dr. Joi Robinson, Associate Minister of New Church Strategies and Director of the Coaching Program. Finally, return the completed Project Application to the Associate Minister of New Church Strategies at [jrobinson@newchurchministry.org](mailto:jrobinson@newchurchministry.org).

1. ***How often do I/we meet with my Coach?***

**You initiate a call to your coach** once a month for 60 minutes by phone or digital video service (i.e. Zoom, GotoMeeting, etc.) for 12 months. At least four times a year, you and your Core Team together will meet with your coach for 60 minutes.

1. ***How long do I/we have a NCM Coach?***

Coaching is a year-long commitment with the covenant renewable after the completion of the first year (pending launch).

1. ***What happens at the end of my/our time with the NCM Coach?***

If you choose, you may extend your coaching sessions for another 12 months. If interested, please contact Rev. Dr. Joi Robinson to express your interest in an extension. Every three months, you will receive a New Church Coaching Ministry Feedback Form and will be requested to provide feedback about your coaching experience. (NOTE: Continuing the relationship with your current coach is contingent on the availability and willingness of the coach.)

If you have any further questions, please feel free to visit our website at [Coaching from New Church Ministry - Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)](https://newchurchministry.org/services/coaching/), watch our Youtube video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ujiHbn-a0UQ>, or contact Rev. Dr. Joi Robinson at [jrobinson@newchurchministry.org](mailto:jrobinson@newchurchministry.org) or at (317) 713-2529.