



## New Church Ministry Coaching FAQs

### **1. What is coaching with New Church Ministry 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.

### **2. 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).

### **3. 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.

### **5. What steps do I need to follow in order to get a NCM Coach?**

First, contact Terrell L McTyer, Minister of New Church Strategies, at [TMcTyer@newchurchministry.org](mailto:TMcTyer@newchurchministry.org) to indicate your interest in receiving a coach. He will introduce you to Dr. Joi Robinson, Minister of Coaching, who will send you a New Church Pastor Information Form for you to complete. Finally, return the completed form to the Minister of Coaching at [jrobinson@newchurchministry.org](mailto:jrobinson@newchurchministry.org).

### **6. How often do I 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.). When circumstances allow, you are welcome to meet in person with your coach.

### **7. How long do I have a New Church Ministry Coach?**

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

### **8. What happens at the end of my time with my Coach?**

If you choose, you may extend your coaching sessions for another 12 months for a fee of USD\$1000. If interested, please contact Joi Robinson to express your interest in extending your coaching sessions. When your sessions end, you will receive a New Church Coaching Ministry Evaluation form and be requested to provide feedback about your experience with your coach. (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](#), watch our YouTube [video](#), contact Dr. Joi Robinson at [jrobinson@newchurchministry.org](mailto:jrobinson@newchurchministry.org) or call (800) 274 – 1883.