



Covenant Agreement



For South Carolina United Methodist Churches Participating in the Forward Focus Initiative

The Covenant

- 1) This is a voluntary agreement to study the past, present and future potential of _____ Church/Charge in the _____ District of the South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church.
- 2) The Pastor and Lay Leadership are committed to a minimum of three- to five-months' exploration of the church's history, present ministry contexts, and future potential to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."
- 3) Each church and Pastor and Leadership Team will commit to pray for the process regularly.
- 4) Each church will, at minimum, recruit and train a Prayer Team and a Forward Team to facilitate the process for the three- to five-month period.
- 5) Each church, through its Forward Team, will share key insights and meeting times with the Congregation to keep all persons apprised of the process.
- 6) The Forward Team will encourage participation of all members and regular attendees of the church or charge to participate in Congregational Meetings.
- 7) The Forward Leader assigned by the District Superintendent will be trained to help facilitate the Forward Focus Process.
- 8) The Forward Leader will have a Congregational Specialist resourcing/coaching him/her during the process.
- 9) Upon completion of the assessment, the Forward Team, in consultation with the Forward Leader, Pastor, Congregational Specialist, and/or District Superintendent will identify next steps.

Signatures of those entering into this Covenant Agreement:

Local Church Lay Chairperson _____ Date _____

Local Church Senior Pastor _____ Date _____

Assigned Forward Leader _____ Date _____

District Superintendent
of Charge or Church _____ Date _____