

# Discovering the Possibilities

Discovering the Possibilities is a facilitated process designed to assist congregational leaders understanding the realities of their ministry context and current ministries, and to begin discerning possibilities for their future in ministry. We believe that every congregation has the potential to be faithful and fruitful in ministry. Statistics are clear, however, that this is not the current reality for many of our congregations. Discovering the Possibilities is a process designed to give congregations a realistic sense of what fulfilling their ministry potential might mean.

### Data Gathering

Church leaders gather information about the congregation's ministry

### **Current Realities**

The congregation examines its history, current ministry practices, resources and facilities

### Ministry Potential

The congregation discerns opportunities for ministry in its community and possibilities for the future

## Reporting Findings

The facilitator summarizes the findings and makes recommendations in a written report to the congregation

### **Data Gathering**

Prior to the workshop the church will provide to the facilitator information that has been gathered including: bulletins, newsletters, financial reports, vision & mission statements, charge conference reports, a facility walk-through, Missional Vital Signs (worship participation, professions of faith, number of people in small discipling groups, and giving) for the current year and the last 10 years, the church profile, a calendar of church activities, information about their current ministries and key issues facing the congregation.



### How do you get connected to this unique process?

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# The Discovering the Possibilities Workshop is a 5-hour event consisting of two parts:

### Part A: Current Realities

A series of activities exploring congregational practices, discipleship system, and leadership development

### Part B: Ministry Opportunities

Participants examine demographic information for their ministry context. They will then begin to identify mission opportunities and potential connections for community engagement

### Discovering the Possibilities Report

The facilitator will assemble a written report capturing the findings of the workshop participants and data collected. In addition to summarizing findings in an easy-to-understand fashion, the Report will also suggest recommendations for consideration by the congregation's leaders as they seek to live into their ministry potential