



# HOW TO USE THE **HEALTHY** CHURCH CURRICULUM

## WHAT IS THE HEALTHY CHURCH CURRICULUM?

The **Healthy Church Curriculum** is a resource designed to support you and your ministry team(s) to assess the health of your congregation and to develop imagination and next steps for cultivating healthy church vision and practice. We know that your congregation and context are unique, so this study won't focus on prescribing guidelines, metrics, and next steps. Instead, it will support you to lead your team through a series of conversations, Scripture studies, and guided activities that will encourage personal and communal insight, thoughtful reflection, and courageous vision.

## WHO IS THE HEALTHY CHURCH CURRICULUM FOR?

The **Healthy Church Curriculum** is designed for ministry teams to complete together. This can mean a pastor and their team of Avenue champions or an Avenue champion and their team of Avenue leaders. A foundational characteristic of Healthy Church vision is team-based ministry. The concepts and practices explored throughout this curriculum are best experienced in the context of team-based ministry.

## HOW IS THE CURRICULUM STRUCTURED?

The curriculum is organized in **seven sessions**.  
Each session will:



Identify key objectives.



Include forms of reflection, exploration of Scripture, team conversation and activity, and prayer.



List recommended amount of time for each part of the session – totaling approximately 60 minutes per session.

# WHEN AND WHERE IS THE BEST TIME TO USE THE CURRICULUM?

The purpose of the curriculum is to support you and your team in cultivating Healthy Church vision and practices. Creating dedicated time and space is key to effective use of the curriculum. What is the best time and location for your team to go through this curriculum when everyone can be present and fully engaged? There is not one right answer.

## Some possibilities to consider:

- Meet weekly for seven weeks.
- Gather for a visioning retreat weekend.
- Hold three extended meetings over the course of a month.
- Meet once monthly with clear action steps between meetings.
- Meet in team members' homes.
- Meet in a neighborhood gathering place, e.g. a café.

Discuss with your team. How can you get the most out of this curriculum by meeting at a time and place when you can be focused and engaged? When is the best time to complete the curriculum so that the insights gained can be considered for your MAP and budget for the following year?

## Tips for Participation

Check out the beginning of the curriculum for tips on both facilitation and participation in the Healthy Church Curriculum.



# THE ESSENTIALS:

The Healthy Church Curriculum is a practical tool for teams to inspire imagination and next steps towards Healthy Church vision and practice. Consider using this curriculum with your team to cultivate discernment and intentionality.

