

How to Start Missions Discipleship in the Church

Missions discipleship in the church provides opportunities for everyone—preschoolers through adults—to be involved in missions. Churches that provide missions discipleship encourage people to grow in their faith as they learn about missions, pray for missions, support missions, and do missions.

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- 1. Seek out leaders.** The WMU director leads in organizing churchwide missions efforts such as the annual missions offerings. If the church has any of the age-level missions groups, the WMU director coordinates plans and leadership. Or the pastor or another church leader may lead missions awareness and involvement activities.
- 2. Order resources.** Using WMU resources will help to plan missions involvement and share information that is timely, inspiring, and challenging. *Missions Leader: WMU Planning Guide* is an excellent overall resource to help you get started. Order resources by visiting wmustore.com or calling 1-800-968-7301.
- 3. Plan.** Plan activities and experiences to engage the church in missions. Choose activities that fit the needs of your church. Form a WMU leadership team to plan and coordinate the work of WMU.
- 4. Invite.** Involve your church to engage in missions and equip them to share Christ. Invite people to participate in churchwide opportunities and in age-level groups.
- 5. Work with other leaders to provide multiple opportunities.** Collaborate to offer different ways to involve everyone in the church in missions. Continue to start new churchwide activities as well as age-level groups as needed.
- 6. Communicate.** Keep your church informed about missions activities, groups, and projects.

We're here to help!

If you have questions about starting or leading churchwide WMU, we would enjoy talking with you. Contact churchwide and associational WMU consultant Joy Bolton at jbolton@wmu.org or find links to state WMU websites at wmu.com/statecontacts.

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