

Disruptive Innovation

Planting churches within a dominate American consumer culture requires tools, experience, and learning that have not previously existed in the toolboxes of most church leaders. In our 21st Century post-Christian context, the art of **theological entrepreneurship** can present new gateways, windows, and doorways that lead us to a different expression of being church. **Interested in learning more?**



We are recapturing our connectional heritage through the **Syndeo Project** model, which is contained in a cohort structure. The cooperative work of the Syndeo Project model is invaluable concerning the training and ongoing growth of participating pastors and key staff members. A shared vision, common mission focus, concentrated wake, responsible stewardship, and the power of the connection, all yield the building blocks and foundation for planting vibrant United Methodist Churches. **Interested in learning more? Contact us!**

NORTHWEST ADVENTURE



The Greater Northwest Episcopal Area represents the Alaska United Methodist Conference, Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference, and the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference. It is the largest episcopal area in the United States, serving United Methodists in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, along with small parts of Montana and Canada.

**“Creating new places
for new people.”**

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New Church Development & Revitalization

"When I am with those who are weak, I share in their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. I do everything to spread the Good News and share in it's blessings."

—1 Corinthians 9:22-23, NLT.



Do you feel called to plant a new church?

Creating new places for new people in our post-Christian context, requires innovation, creativity, a unique ability to create something where nothing exists (on every level), a willingness to reconcile strategic risk with bold steps of faith, an understanding that success does not come without failure, and a deep spiritual maturity that is rooted in Scripture.

The **assessment process** for potential church planters consists of 8 phases, which include: (1) Recruiting, (2) Inquiry, (3) Initial Screening, (4) Initial Assessment, (5) In-depth Screening, (6) Assessment Interviews, (7) Assessment Follow up, and (8) Recommendations for Deployment.

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NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT:

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The Greater Northwest (GNW) presents unique settings, whether large metro areas like Seattle or Portland, or the vast landscapes that call to outdoor enthusiasts.



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