

Highly Vital Congregation Factsheet

What does it take for a congregation to become highly vital? The UNY Conference believes that any church that works on and improves their Disciple Making Pathway will naturally grow toward greater vitality. In order to be considered “Highly Vital” a congregation shows growth/increase in four of these five areas of vitality over the period of a year.

Inviting and Inspiring Worship

Vital worship can engage a person on a visceral and emotive level. It is relevant and includes high-quality preaching. In short, vital worship is done with excellence.

New and Growing Disciples

Vital congregations are congregations that are making new disciples as well as growing disciples into a deeper relationship with Jesus.

Small Groups

As congregations grow numerically, small groups are essential for connection and care in the life of the congregation. The rate at which a congregation can grow numerically and remain healthy and vital is in direct relationship to the quantity and quality of small groups.

Engaged Disciples in Mission and Outreach

Vital congregations live out a faith that is actively partnering with God to be agents of transformation in the world. Engagement is through hands-on activity outside the bounds of the local congregation. This is seen through activity in local, national, and international mission and outreach.

Generous Giving

Vital congregations have healthy, biblical, and consistent conversations about a person’s relationship with God and money. Healthy conversations lead to participants of the congregation giving generously financially as well as with other resources.