

# Draft Charter for the Great Northern DPAS Committee

## Vision

- **Ultimate Destination:** Establish nimble, community-centered churches that can effectively adapt and respond to changing contexts. Such an effort involves reimagining the role and function of churches to increase their relevance and redemptive impact within their communities.

## Goals

- **Remissioning for Relevance:** Focus on remissioning churches to be more impactful rather than merely revitalizing existing structures.
- **Fresh Expressions:** Implement a system to reach people beyond traditional church settings, thereby expanding the church's reach for community transformation.
- **Core Competencies Identification:** Determine the essential competencies required for the successful remissioning of churches, and implement a process for acknowledged, faithful completion of churches.
- **Communication and Resource Sharing:** Enhance these across the district to ensure all churches, particularly those in rural areas, feel connected and supported.

## Strategies

- **Collaboration and Strategic Support:** Work closely with the District Superintendent and leverage the District Planning and Strategy Committee to support congregations and develop strategic initiatives.
- **Project Prioritization and Resourcing:** Identify, prioritize, and resource potential remissioning projects.
- **Faithful Completion Identification:** Develop criteria and processes to identify churches that have reached faithful completion, ensuring appropriate recognition and reallocation of resources.
- **Blended Church Ecology:** Develop and resource a strategy for a blended church ecology to assist the inherited church in bringing church activities to people in their community.
- **Enhanced Communication Channels:** Conduct listening sessions and reassess the purpose and function of church circuits to foster better communication and alignment, thereby improving communication and resource sharing.

## Tactics

- **Alignment Meetings:** Conduct monthly meetings on the first Thursday at 5:30 PM to maintain strategic alignment and monitor execution.
- **Robust Communication Strategy:** Implement virtual gatherings and listening sessions to facilitate communication.
- **Training Development:** Identified core competencies for remissioning churches and create training models to assist churches in their implementation.
- **Assessment Process:** Establish a procedure to evaluate the health, vitality, and life cycles of local churches, aligned with established core competencies.
- **Trust-Building Initiatives:** Develop initiatives to build trust and overcome isolation among churches, fostering collaboration.
- **Resource Acquisition:** Secure necessary resources through the District, Annual, and General Conference to fund new initiatives. Investigate other funding and support sources through external organizations.

## Recommendations

1. **Expand Stakeholder Engagement:** Incorporate congregation feedback during planning to better align goals with local church needs.
2. **Set Interim Milestones:** Define short-term milestones for each tactic to measure progress regularly.
3. **Risk Management:** Identify potential risks early and develop strategies to mitigate them.
4. **Regular Strategy Reviews:** Conduct periodic reviews to ensure strategies remain relevant and practical in an evolving context.