

Kingdom Advancement Report

Kingdom Advancement Team Recap for Annual Conference

Are You a Multiplier?

One of our tasks as the Kingdom Advancement team is to help equip both leaders and churches to become multipliers across our conference. And by *Multiplier*, I mean a *healthy disciple-making leader who champions reproduction*. Multipliers are individuals and communities engaged in making disciples, establishing spiritual communities, mobilizing new leaders, and launching churches. When we multiply, we glorify God.

Worth Celebrating

Over the past 12 months the KA team has been hard at work helping to foster a culture of multiplication across our conference. Here are just a few highlights of how that has unfolded this past year:

- 10 Local church leaders have completed Exponential's Multipliers Learning Cohort.
- 24+ Clergy have completed or are in process of completing Narrow Gate's discipleship learning cohort.
- All 20 Connectional Lay Leaders were introduced to multiplication principals at their annual retreat and several clergy thru district gatherings.
- Coaching referrals have been made for local church leaders seeking to refine vision and redevelop discipleship pathways.
- Collaboration has begun among local churches seeking to launch churches and/or college campus ministries.
- Mission Insite Reporting and Consulting provided to multiple local churches and their leaders.
- *Guiding Principles for Church Multiplication* for North Georgia Conference drafted.

More important than numbers are changed lives and perspectives. Here are few testimonials from leaders who have undertaken Exponential Multipliers training:

Exponential Multipliers has given me clarity and language related to the holy discontent I've felt for 10+ years that church is not what it is intended to be. Our churches and individual Christian's principle calling is to make disciples who make disciples - obeying the great commandment and fulfilling the great commission through the great empowerment of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8). I am discovering on this journey practical ways we can build this disciple-making mindset into the culture of our churches and into believers' lives. ~ Greg Foster, Lay leader, Gwinnett GMC

The Exponential Multipliers Cohort has challenged me to think more intentionally about discipleship and leadership development, not just growing programs but multiplying people. It has expanded my vision for ministry by helping me see the importance of investing deeply in others so they can confidently lead and disciple those around them. ~Rev. Laura Hamby, Blue Ridge Methodist Church



This year's Exponential Multipliers Cohort traveled to observe and hear from church leaders who have shifted from attractional church culture to a disciple multiplication culture in various communities across the United States. In honor of our Conference Superintendent's passion for Krispy Kreme donuts, we made a brief stop while in San Diego this past May.

Looking Ahead

As we look ahead, we are seeking to further foster a culture of multiplication of disciples, leaders, churches, and church expressions across our conference. We aim to do this through the following efforts:

- Expanding the number of participants in Exponential & Narrow Gate learning cohorts this fall into next spring.
- Multiplication Training to be offered across the connection offered by graduates of the Exponential Learning Cohorts.
- Grant Process & Application developed for use by local churches looking to collaborate in planting churches and college ministries. We are seeking and anticipate funding coming available to invest in church planting initiatives by local churches.
- Fostering connections among local churches who have discerned a call to collaborate in launching new churches and spiritual communities.
- Coaching made available for church plants and existing churches seeking revitalization.

We are eager to consult, coach, and collaborate with church leaders and local churches looking to revitalize a culture of healthy disciple and church multiplication. We are here to serve you. For more information, contact: Andy Rogers, Kingdom Advancement Team Coordinator

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