
Defining our Mission

The Mb Church of canada

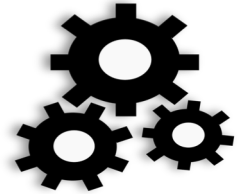
Mission gives definition to an Organization

All relevant pieces of any organization (be it faith-based or not) are derived from its mission. An organization's mission sets the parameters and defines its existence. Therefore, mission demands satisfaction in the way of structure, agenda, funding and metrics. Having a clearly identified mission is essential to health and effectiveness.

Language



Structure/
systems



Outcomes



Matthew 28: 18-20

→ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (NIV)

Describing Language:

For the sake of this proposal and for the purpose of clarity, we will describe the terminologies below to mean the following:

→ **Discipling**

The larger corporate term used to describe the means methods and processes used by the MB Church of Canada to accomplish its mission. This is both a mission call and a measuring stick that builds momentum towards disciple making.

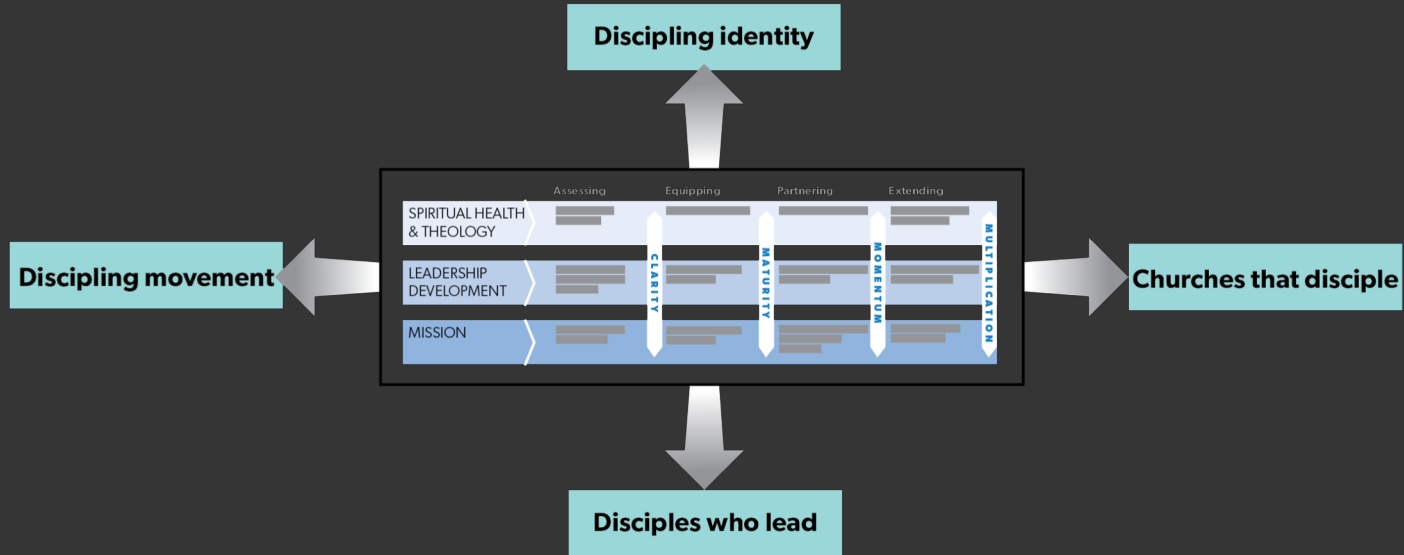
→ **Disciple making:**

The work of an individual follower of Christ and their local church in mentoring a person or people into a life like Christ's.

→ **Discipleship:**

The path an individual takes towards spiritual growth and transformation, reflecting the character of Christ.

The Strategic Framework



Three areas of focus

**Spiritual Health
and Theology**

**Leadership
development**

Mission

Discipling will intersect and inform our work in all three areas.

Four Methods

assessing

Equipping

Partnering

Extending

Four Outcomes

Discipling Identity

The overall characteristics of a disciple determined by the Theological lens ascribed by our family of churches.

Churches that Disciple

Identification of churches with effective, defined disciple making pathways.

Disciples who lead

Supporting and equipping new and existing leaders.

Discipling movement

The extension of the church into new expression both in Canada and beyond.

Why move in this direction?

To reconnect the MB church with our historic Anabaptist/evangelical discipling roots

To elevate discipling as the core function of our mission

To build conviction, develop constructs and establish a discipling culture in all aspects of MB ministry

To inspire the church towards discipling

To resource the church towards discipling

To reassert the need for a holistic approach to mission

To continue to invest in the extension of the church both in Canada and the world. (Mission in Canada and from Canada)

24 Action Steps

Assessing:

Creation and facilitation of an assessment process to be used by churches related to discipleship

Identify the behaviours of a disciple

Create a discernment process for leaders

Create a measuring system that allows for the monitoring of progress

24 Action Steps

Equipping:

Create teaching resources for churches and small groups focused on discipleship

Create STM programs and DNA exchange opportunities for groups and individuals

Re-connect the MB church with our discipling Anabaptist roots

Create opportunities for churches and individuals to engage in holistic mission

Create an informal church-based leadership development

Highlight programs and churches that are engaged in effective discipleship through an Anabaptist lens

24 Action Steps

Create internship and apprenticeship pathways for new leaders

Invest in formal theological education in a more systematic way

Create networking opportunities for leaders to connect and collaborate

Create age-specific training and resources for the discipling of a multi-generational church

Host large gathering events that build inspiration and equip the church for discipleship

Create task-specific training for pastors, cross-cultural leaders, marketplace leaders and new church leaders

24 Action Steps

Partnering:

Intentionally partner with organizations that reflect aspects of our MB mission and culture

Build partnership pathways between churches

Partner existing churches with new mission expressions both in Canada and the world

Invite the global church to contribute and inspire us in discipleship

Create funding partnerships for new projects

24 Action Steps

Extending:

Facilitate initial funding for new projects

Develop support systems including HR resources,
payroll and governance assistance

Create opportunities to tell stories and communicate
needs within our churches