

## Why is discipleship important?

"What you have heard from me, through many witnesses, entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well." —2 Timothy 2:2

"Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ."  
—Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *"The Cost of Discipleship"*

"Every church should be able to answer two important questions:

1. What is our plan for making disciples?
2. Does our plan work?"

—Dallas Willard

## What participants are saying



"The Missional Discipleship Initiative has helped me to focus on my purpose and mission as a Christian instead of being busy and not accomplishing the ultimate goal. . . I realized that many people have a lot of questions and barely anyone is available to listen or share [with them]. What I appreciate about the Initiative is the challenge to be a better disciple, to engage with others . . . and to live and practice life influencing others."

—Daniel Guillet, pastor, Unity Pentecostal Church of God Mennonite, Miami, Florida



"I found the virtual huddle to be a very positive experience. It allowed me to have an ongoing experience with people in three different states. It forced me to read a book and consider material and ideas that I wouldn't have picked up on my own. I highly recommend huddles!"

—Joetta Schlabach, pastor of Faith Mennonite Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota



"The Missional Discipleship Initiative has been a great blessing in my ministry as a pastor. As a result of my work with MDI, we have been able to strengthen the faith of several members of our congregation. Some of them have taken a stronger commitment in their personal relationship with God. Others are deciding to be baptized while committing themselves to using their lives, skills and talents to the service of God. Still others are renewing their personal and family relationships. Thanks to MDI, we have the opportunity to strengthen the pillars and foundations of the church of Jesus Christ today."

—Pastor Ulises Arenas, Iglesia Buenas Nuevas, San Juan, Texas

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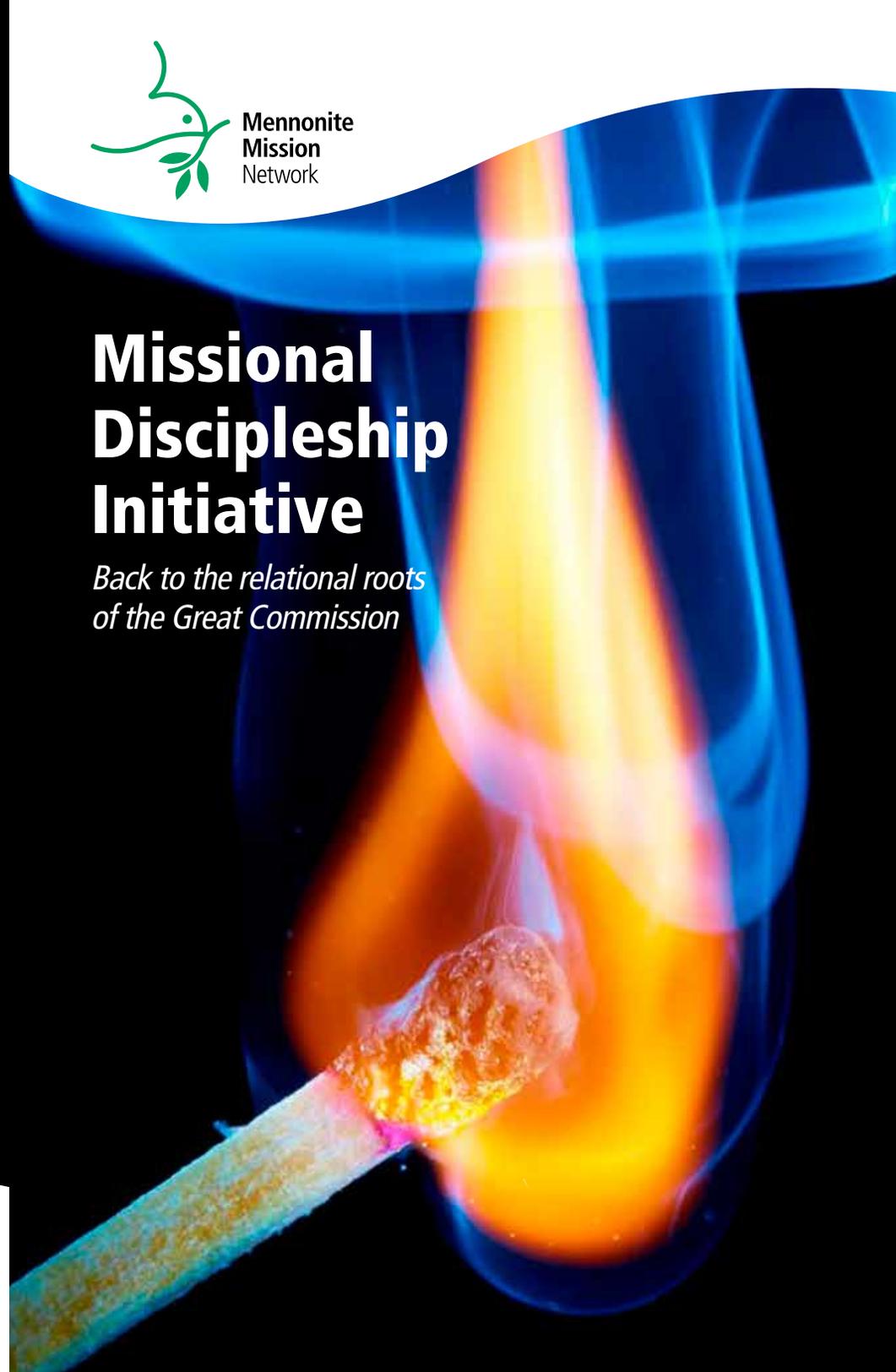
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# Missional Discipleship Initiative

*Back to the relational roots of the Great Commission*





### Spark a culture of discipleship

Are you longing for your church's discipleship culture to be transformed and renewed? Are you looking for authentic relationships within your church? The Missional Discipleship Initiative uses small groups to encourage discipleship and transformation. Because of its relational nature, discipleship spreads to the entire church and results in transformation. Let the Spirit move and spark a culture of discipleship in your church!

### MDI uses...

**Learning huddles**—A group of three to five pastors learning about missional church principles and practices. They meet via Internet twice a month for content, encouragement and support. **A coaching process for leaders!**

**Missional discipleship groups**—A small group that meets on a weekly basis for Scripture reading, prayer, and accountability. **A discipleship experience for everyone!**

**"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."**

—Matthew 28:19

### The goal

The goal of the Missional Discipleship Initiative: To nurture a healthy and multiplivative discipleship culture within participating congregations.

### MDI's implementing cycle



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