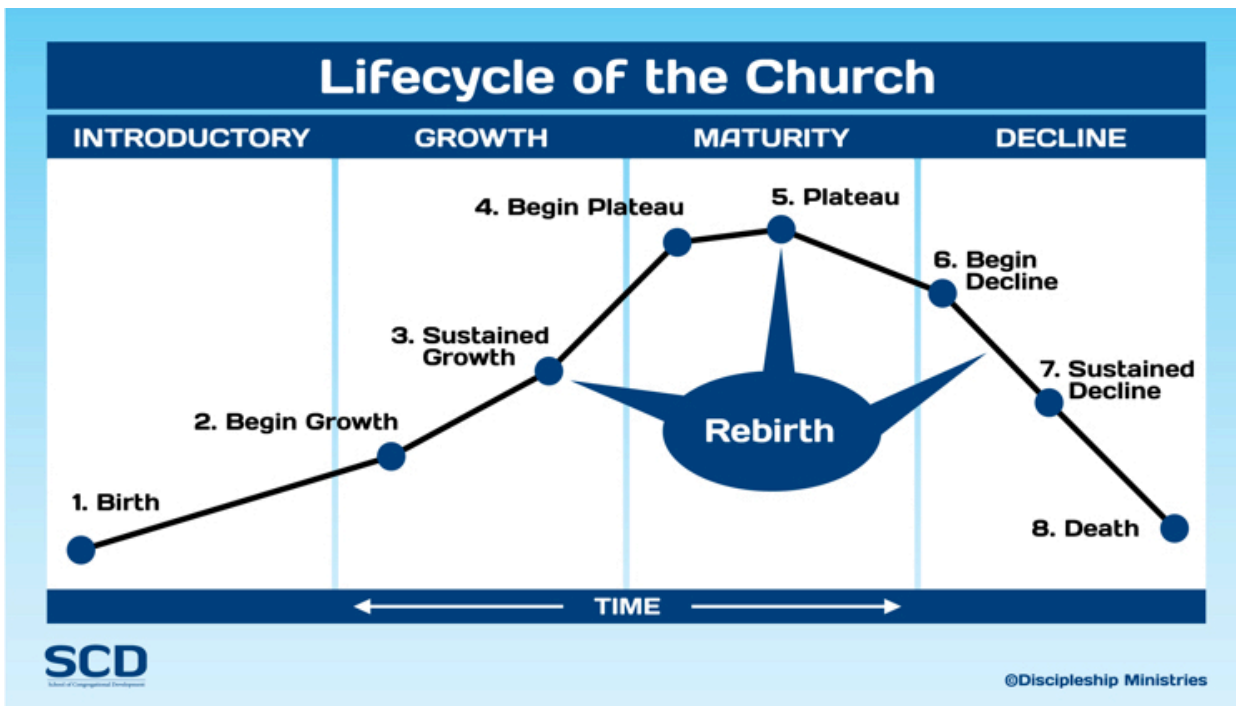


Re-Visioning Methodism to New Beginnings UMC



Re-Visioning Methodism in San Bernardino Project was a 5+ year process beginning when the churches of our region recognized that we had churches in the Begin Decline, Sustained Decline, Death and Begin Growth phases and might be re-birthed in a new, more convectional way.

Through the work of a task force, we determined that we had: 300+ in worship, 9 buildings, 9 parsonages, no-debt and over 1 M. in investments and foundations. We also recognized that we only had 2 Full time clergy, 2 two-point charges, one part-time planter plus two part-time local pastors.

New Beginnings UMC is the Merger of 7 of the 9 United Methodist Churches in the San Bernardino region.

New Beginnings Church UMC is a newly chartered United Methodist Church as of July 1, 2018.

At Launch New Beginnings UMC will include 3 campuses: Downtown (St. Paul's), North (Del Rosa), West (Fontana).

Future New Beginnings will include 4 campuses: Downtown, North, West and East (E. Highland new start 2020).

We will be selling 5 of our properties to raise capital to modernize the downtown and North Campuses. We will relocate the East Campus to a rental property in order to build them a new campus in a better location than existing building which has very high deferred maintenance issues. Build a new campus in East Highland where 6,000 homes are expected to be built.

4 pastors appointed to project. Executive Pastor – David McGlocklin, Pastor of Discipleship – Neil Platon, Pastor of Mission & Outreach – Rafael Deras. There is a search for a church planter to launch our Future East Campus.

Nimble Interim Leadership Team of 15 was chosen for skills and gifts rather than elected for first 6 months. Leadership Team is focusing on transition issues and development of mission/vision and purpose.

Spent our first six Sunday's, traveling to a different existing campus each week in order to celebrate the existing ministry and decommission the sites (including the sites to remain). This served multiple purposes. Allow the existing congregations to get to know one another, have a large group to celebrate and mourn the closing of each church and allowed the new staff to organize and get to know one another.

Our direction is to become a single, four campus, regional multi-site, multi-cultural, and multi-generational church.

Revisioning Methodism Timeline

- 1858 – Founding St. Paul’s in San Bernardino
- 1950’s – Plateau of all churches in region
- 1970’s – Beginning of decline
- 1980’s – Beginning of noticable decline –
*Inland Empire Cluster Council (I.E.C.C.)
Forms*
- 1990’s – Cooperative Parish Model Explored
but DS didn’t support - late 1990’s
- 2010 – Rev. David McGlocklin appointed to
St. Paul’s as interim pastor.
- 2011 – David attends Leadership Institute at
Church of the Resurrection, hears
about the partner church program
- 2012 – DPAS Grants matching fund grant to
take 20 people to Leadership Institute
at Church of the Resurrection, contact
COR about their partnership program.
- 2012 – After attending Leadership Institute,
David is elected to pursue the
possibility of Partnership with COR
- 2013 – I.E.C.C. votes to elect David to lead a
task force on possibilities of more
cooperative ministry.
- ’13-’14 – Taskforce meets monthly looking at
demographics, finances, staffing,
current ministries, property, does a
SWOT analysis.
- 2014 – Task force decides to hire a coach,
interviews 4 coaches and chooses
Paul Nixon
- 2014 – Meets with DS, DPAS and New
Ministries, get their support, but
Bishop stops the project.
- Fall’16 – Project resumes under Bishop Hagiya.
- Fall’16 – Reconnect with Paul Nixon
- Wnt’16 – DPAS Funds coaching
- Win’16 – Executive Team of I.E.C.C. is
empowered to lead process.
- Wnt’17 – Hire Paul Nixon as our Coach
- Mar’17 – Readiness 360 Study of all churches
- Apr ’17 – Readiness 360 Results show that we
are ready for change
- Apr ’17 – Good Friday Funeral for all churches
in the Inland Empire Cluster Council
including a Eulogy for each.
- Apr ’17 – Kick-off Catch Fire study groups and
all pastors preach the same series.
- Jun ’17 – Design team is chosen by Pastors, DS
and Coach, empowered to begin work
after Pentecost.
- Jun ’17 – Joint Pentecost service at Cajon High
School (neutral ground), Design Team
is announced.
- Jun ’17 – Design Team organizes and begins
studying demographics, does
community surveys, hosts prayer
walks etc...
- Sep ’17 – Design Team goes on overnight
retreat to develop a proposed plan.
- Sep ’17 – Preliminary plan is written, submitted
and approved to move forward to
Executive Team, Cluster Council and
Cabinet over a two-week period.
- Oct ’17 – Preliminary plan is presented to
congregation at a special meeting
with DS present. Design Team is
disbanded.
- Oct ’17 – Plan is modified to resolve some
outstanding issues.
- Oct ’17 – California-Pacific Conference New
Ministries EMT, approves funding for
1/2 planters salary.
- Nov ’17 – Final plan is presented to all churches
at a special meeting prior to all
church charge conferences. Churches
choose whether they were ready to
vote or not. 4 churches approve.
- Jan ’18 – All churches vote, results are 6 out of
9 decided to join merger, one needs
more time.
- Jan ’18 – Paragraph 213 study task force
created by DPAS and DS to study one
of the churches that voted no.
- Mar ’18 – Pastoral Team is announced on Palm
Sunday.
- Apr ’18 – New Beginnings interim Single Board
Governance Leadership Team is
formed by invitation.
- May’18 – Church vote to name the church
- Jun ’18 – Annual Conference votes for merger
plan of churches that voted yes. Then
votes to merge church evaluated by
paragraph 213 study task force.
- Jun ’18 – St. Paul’s celebrates 160’ Anniversary
- July ’18 – New Beginnings is officially chartered,
new staff hired & office setup.
- Jul-Aug – Community travels to each church for
a celebration of Ministry and
Dechartering ceremony.
- Aug 19, 2018 – New Beginnings Soft Opening
- Easter 2019 – Public Lauch of New Beginnings