

**ITEM 202  
FOR INFORMATION**

**Subject: New Church Development Team Training**

**Background:**

The Office of Church Growth is sponsoring a new program to guide New Church Development pastors and their leadership teams to work together in ministry to create a compelling vision for being a leader-making church..

Teams of three (the pastor and two lay leaders) are invited to attend a gathering of New Presbyterians with a passion to serve the Lord through the creation of new churches. The gathering is designed for teams, rather than individuals and focus on; Biblical perspective on shared leadership and practical insights on how to develop outward focused leaders in their congregations. Focus will be on group learning, discussions and prayer. Time with your team to contextualize what you're learning for two reasons: part of the time will be for a team to discuss with a coach the presbytery's vision and plans for starting new churches; and we believe that if three people get excited about new directions and ideas the chances of their impacting a presbytery's or church's ministry plan are far greater than if just one person comes.

Some of the presentations will be:

**Discipleship:** Glenn McDonald, author of *The Disciple Making Church*, and the Zionsville Presbyterian Church team will focus on developing a disciple making culture in your congregation. ZPC started 25 years ago as an NCD, and since that time has grown in its understanding and practice of making disciples who make disciples.

**Beyond the ABC's of NCD's:** Philip Lotspeich, Coordinator of Church Growth for the Presbyterian Church USA will lead a workshop on NCD operational realities—the trifacta known as Attendance, Buildings, and Cash. More importantly, Philip will focus on how we address the ABC's in the Spirit.