

NEW CHURCH DISCERNMENT & INQUIRY



The purpose of this checklist is to aid those seeking to start a new Disciples community in Arizona. The process listed below is not exhaustive, but is designed to provide initial expectations and typical steps. Once the new community has been granted “in formation status” by the New Church Ministry Team they can begin the [New Church Charter Checklist](#).

If you are an affiliating congregation, please use the [New Church Affiliation Discernment & Inquiry](#) instead of this checklist.

If you have any questions about or during this process, please contact the Regional Office at any time.

Task

Date Completed

Discernment

- ☐ Meet with both the Regional Minister and President and New Church Ministry (General Church) leadership _____
- ☐ Attend Leadership Academy (LA) or other approved New Church Discernment program _____

Initial Inquiry

- ☐ Provide a detailed written proposal with the following sections: _____
 - ☐ Biographical information about the leaders of the new community _____
 - ☐ A detailed plan for the first several years of the new community _____

- ☐ A listing of the resources needed to accomplish the written plan (including financial, leadership, and other), as well as how those resources might be obtained _____
- ☐ Describe anticipated identity of the new community and how that is responsive to either the local community or targeted community _____
- ☐ The Region will obtain demographic information based off of the intended community or location _____
- ☐ Meet with the New Church Ministry Team to formally request “in formation” status _____