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 <u>New Church Affiliation</u> <u>Discernment & Inquiry</u> instead of this checklist.

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

<u>Task</u>	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:	
\square Biographical information about the leaders of the new	
community	
 A detailed plan for the first several years of the new community 	

\sqcup 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	
\square Describe anticipated identity of the new community and ho	DW .
that is responsive to either the local community or targeted	b
community	
$\hfill\Box$ The Region will obtain demographic information based off of the	
intended community or location	
$\hfill\square$ Meet with the New Church Ministry Team to formally request "in	
formation" status	