

# Instructions for conducting the 2014 the Pastoral & Congregational Assessment

S/PPRC Chairs should facilitate discussions with their S/PPRC (including the pastor) to develop responses to the following five questions set forth by Bishop Ward and the cabinet as the basis for this year's Pastoral & Congregational Assessment.

The Five Questions:

Effective Leaders

1. How are you developing pastoral and congregational leadership?

Healthy Congregations

2. What are evidences of health (physical and spiritual) in the life of your pastor(s) and congregation(s)?

Congregations for Children

3. How are you partnering with schools to engage in missions with children and their families?

Imagine No Malaria

4. How will you demonstrate generosity in your congregation and community as we raise \$1 million dollars for Imagine No Malaria by June 2015?

Unity

5. In what ways will you teach, embody, and express unity in your congregation and in the community around you?

Explanation:

The above five assessment questions are offered so that we might experience alignment of our ministry even as we encourage creativity in response to God's call upon our lives. You will do many things in ministry together in this conference year, and we give thanks for the impact of the witness of every church. These five areas are commitments we all share even as we reach out in additional ways to our communities and the world.

This year's assessment will be accomplished with the pastor and committee working together. In past years, clergy and committees have answered questions separately and have then had shared conversation. These separate meetings are not required this year.

The assessment questions above arise out of our shared priorities that were lifted up at the 2014 annual conference. If you desire to revisit the celebration and articulation of these ministries priorities, the archived sessions of the annual conference are available on the conference web site at <http://vimeo.com/album/2894013>.

If you desire to know more about the five areas of ministry on the assessment please refer to the following links:

1. Effective Leaders: <http://nccumc.org/bishop/files/effectiveness.pdf>
2. Healthy Congregations: <http://nccumc.org/bishop/files/hcoverview.pdf>
3. Congregations for Children: <http://nccumc.org/outreach/congregations-children>
4. Imagine No Malaria: <http://nccumc.org/imagenomalaria>
5. Unity: <http://nccumc.org/plea-for-unity>

To Submit Your Committee's responses To The Five Questions:

1. Go to the Online Data Collection System (OLDCS) web page by typing in the following address or clicking on this link: <https://forms.nccumc.org/>
2. Click the word "continue" in red
3. Type in your church's Login ID & Password and click the "Enter" button. You'll need to work with your pastor on this as he/she has the password.
4. From the Main Menu, click on the "Pastoral & Congregational Assessment" link in red
5. After you type in your responses for the five questions, you must click the "Save" button, found at the bottom of the page.

Deadline:

All assessments must be completed by November 30, 2014.