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**A Discussion Guide for Administrative Council or Church Council**

**(attach additional pages if necessary)**

***11****For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.****12****Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.****13****When you search for me, you will find me, if you seek me with all your heart*.  Jeremiah 29: 11-13

It’s the desire of your Superintendent and our WV Conference leadership to hear about the ministries of your church, both the successes and the (glorious) failures! Please use these questions as a guide for discussion with your administrative council or church council. You may want to designate one person to capture the discussion to answer the questions below. Please avoid one sentence or one-word answers. We really do want to hear from you! Feel free to use additional pages if necessary!

**New Places • New People**

***New Places • New People****is not an event or a program, but rather a way of engaging with our world, our communities, and our neighbors in the places they already are. More than traditional outreach,****New Places • New People****focuses on creating new discipling communities beyond the walls of our buildings.*

Has your church heard of this initiative? If so, how has your church engaged with New Places New People? (Training events, Portico Courses, book studies, etc). If not, what does your church need to engage with this initiative?

Who are the persons in your church or in your local community who might have a special interest in learning more about New Places New People?

**Discipleship**

*Discipleship can be defined as ‘the process of being formed in the image of Christ for the sake of others.’ Our conference encourages each church to develop a discipleship pathway to help the church fulfill its mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

How does your church make disciples of Jesus Christ? Describe the ‘discipleship pathway’ your church uses.

In what ways does your church discuss personal finances and generosity as a crucial component of our discipleship?

**Connectionalism**

*One of the unique features of our United Methodist Church is our connectionalism. This allows us to share ministries and resources locally and globally to better fulfill the mission and ministry of Christ.*

How does your church engage in our connectionalism locally? For example: Charge or Parish ministries

How does your church engage in our connectionalism at a conference or even denominational level?

What do you need to understand or promote our connectionalism more effectively?