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GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH FLORIDA CONFERENCE

MORE DISCIPLES. MORE LEADERS. MORE CHURCHES. MORE LIVES TRANSFORMED.

Multiplication Sightings

Multiplication is happening across the Florida GMC! We're beginning to see more conversations about multiplying disciples, developing leaders, and planting churches. Let me introduce you to **Al Perez and Hoops of Faith** at First Methodist Sebring.

Twice a week, around 50 men of all ages gather in the gym to play basketball. But it's about much more than basketball—it's growing into a church! Through the game, they are building character, developing leaders, strengthening community, and sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

In July, I had the opportunity to participate in a baptism celebration for six young men who had given their lives to Jesus. It was amazing! God is using basketball to reach people across generations, and Hoops of Faith is a fresh, exciting expression of ministry.

Hoops of Faith is multiplying disciples, developing leaders, and looking forward to multiplying this ministry in communities across our state.

Have a gym? You might have the beginnings of a ministry! Reach out to Al Perez to learn more. At the very least, visit **hoopsoffaith.com** and pray for this ministry as it continues to grow and bear fruit.

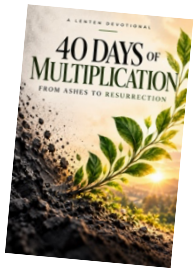
Multiplication Happenings

Save the Date: Church Planting Sunday — February 7, 2027

We're inviting every church in the Florida GMC to consider hosting a **Church Planting Sunday on February 7, 2027**, as we kick off Lent with a conference-wide emphasis on multiplying disciples, multiplying leaders, and multiplying churches.

To help your church participate, our Conference Multiplication Team is preparing resources that will make it easy to join in, including:

- **40 Days of Multiplication: From Ashes to Resurrection** — a Lenten devotional written by our Multiplication Team.
- Sermon outlines to help you preach and teach about multiplication.
- Small-group discussion questions to encourage deeper conversations.
- A short video created specifically for Church Planting Sunday.



Our hope is to see churches across the Florida GMC unite around this shared vision during Lent. Whether your church is already actively multiplying or just beginning to explore what multiplication could look like, we invite you to be part of this exciting movement.

Resources will be available on the Florida GMC conference website beginning January 4, 2027. Start making plans now to join us!

Multiplication Thoughts

Multiplication doesn't begin with planting churches. It begins with making disciples.

If we're going to see a church multiplication movement here in Florida, it must begin in our local churches—not simply by making disciples, but by making disciples who make disciples.

Church multiplication leader Bob Roberts once said: ***"Our time, effort, energy, and focus must be on how the gospel is spreading and how disciples are being made."***

Roberts reminds us that it's often easier to grow churches and organize events than it is to invest deeply in people's lives and equip them to follow Jesus and help others do the same. Yet that's where multiplication begins.

That's why our Multiplication Team focuses on three priorities:

- **Multiplying disciples**
- **Multiplying leaders**
- **Multiplying churches**

These priorities are connected. When we intentionally make disciples who make disciples, we develop leaders who can disciple others. As those leaders are equipped and sent, new faith communities and churches can emerge.

So, here's a question worth asking this month:

How is your church doing at making disciples who make disciples?

Church multiplication movements are discovering that intentional disciple-making is foundational to planting and multiplying churches. Let's take time to reflect on how we are forming disciples who will, in turn, form others.

Because when we multiply disciples, we multiply leaders—and as we multiply leaders, we create opportunities to plant and multiply churches.

Let's keep making disciples who make disciples!

Contact Us

Want to explore what multiplication could look like in your church or community? I'd love to hear from you!

Contact Rev. Ricc Conner at ricc.conner@lmctampa.org.

Together, let's multiply disciples, multiply leaders, and multiply churches across Florida!