



Vital Congregations calendar — January track

Year 1: Relational

Authentic Relationships and the Honest Assessment and Discernment of Congregations

January	<i>Casting Vision — Presbyteries with pastors and church leaders; Pastors with churches</i>
February	<i>Prayer and Planning Meetings, Introductions of Pastor Cohorts, Opening Celebration</i>
March–April	<i>Exploring Seven Marks of Vital Congregations (seven-week churchwide study during Lent)</i>
May–July	<i>Break for Summer</i>
August	<i>Prayer, Planning and Training for Fall</i>
Sept–Nov	<i>Checking Our Marks — Three-session Congregation and Presbytery Assessment (three months)</i>
Nov–Dec	<i>“Show Your Marks” — Report/Capturing Congregational Stories</i>

Year 2: Incarnational

Revitalizing Church in Three Actions: Re-forming, Missional Clustering, Death and Resurrection

January	<i>Prayer and Planning for Vital Congregations</i>
Feb–March	<i>Plotting the Course Think Tanks and Seven-week Study of Rethinking Seven Marks of Vitality (two months)</i>
April	<i>Pray (one week)</i>
April–Oct	<i>Changing Our Marks — Three Actions of Revitalizing Churches (six months)</i>
Nov–Dec	<i>Final Vital Congregations Assessment and Report: “Show Your Marks” (two months)</i>

Template of two-year Vital Congregations Initiative calendar for pastors/church leaders — January track

Planning Year

January–February: Prayer and Planning

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

April 1: Covenant Commitment to presbytery

May: East Coast or West Coast Gathering

June–August: Summer Break/Vital Congregations Facilitators Training

August–October: Initiative Planning and Bible Study of Vital Congregations Seven Marks

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

November–December: Advent Celebration of Vital Congregations

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

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Year I

January–February: Prayer and Planning

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

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March–May: Seven Marks Churchwide Study

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

Summer Break

Fall: Checking Our Marks (Three-Month Assessment)

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

November–December: “Show Your Marks” Campaign

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

Year II

January: Prayer and Planning

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

February–March: Seven Marks Churchwide Study

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

February–March: Plotting the Course (Action Plan)

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

April: Week of Prayer

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

Summer Break

Fall: Changing Our Marks (Six-Month Implementing Action Plan)

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

November–December: Debriefing and Final Assessment

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

Dates: _____ Activities: _____

November–December: “Show Your Marks” Campaign

Dates: _____ Activities: _____