"X" Marks the Spot...

There are four types of established churches in the Covenant: healthy missional, stable, critical moment, and at-risk. Using the ten healthy missional markers as a metric, mark an "X" where you would put your church. Draw an arrow from the "X" in the direction your church is moving.

Rating Guide:
- Healthy Missional: The markers are strong (80-100 percent of the time)
- Stable: The markers are average (50-79 percent)
- Critical Moment: The markers are weakening (15-49 percent)
- At-Risk: The markers are faint or non-existent (0-14 percent)

Ten healthy, missional markers...

Centrality of the Word of God
2 Timothy 3:16
We believe that the Bible is the only perfect book for faith, doctrine, and conduct.

Our preaching and teaching in all settings reflects careful preparation, relevance, and creativity.

Our people are equipped and growing in their ability to study and apply Biblical truth in ways that lead to a scripturally integrated life.

Life Transforming Walk with Jesus
John 3:3, 30; Philippians 1:6
We teach our people how to be attentive to Christ in all circumstances.

Our people understand the radical nature of the message and mission of Jesus that continually deconstructs and reconstructs a person’s life.

Our people are equipped and growing in their ability to use a variety of spiritual growth resources, experiences, and settings.

Intentional Evangelism
Matthew 28:18-20
We are burdened for the spiritual condition of those who do not yet know Christ.

We have identifiable pathways for evangelism to take place in our ministries.

Our people are growing in the ability to build spiritual friendships and are equipped to share their faith as God-limted opportunities arise.

Transforming Communities through Compassion, Mercy, & Justice
Micah 6:8
We are burdened for the hurting people in our community and beyond.

We have identifiable pathways for compassion, mercy and justice ministries to take place.

Our people are equipped and growing in their ability to see and address the hurts and the causes of hurt in our community and beyond.

Global Perspective & Engagement
Acts 1:8
We raise the sights of our members beyond our congregation and community by developing a biblical worldview and often pray for and reference global matters.

We have identifiable pathways to support the cause of Christ globally.

Our people are equipped and growing in their ability to participate in the global dimensions of our ministry.

For more information, contact your Conference Director of Congregational Vitality or visit CovChurch.org/vitality

Compelling Christian Community
Acts 2:42-47
We understand that our love for one another is a powerful testimony to the deity of Jesus.

We love each other as we are, not as we should be.

We share life together beyond the worship service.

Heartfelt Worship
Psalm 138:1; John 4:23
We seek and celebrate God for who he is, what he has done, what he is doing and what he will do.

Worship reflects careful preparation to help give voice to many dimensions of response to God such as adoration, praise, celebration, lament, and commitment.

People leave worship knowing something more about the heart of God and about their own hearts.

Sacred & Generous Living & Giving
Romans 12:1-8
We help people discover, develop and deploy their spiritual gifts.

We regularly, graciously, and unapologetically reach on the importance of financial stewardship in the spiritual growth of the Christian.

We have many examples of lifestyle choices being made on the basis of stewardship and the priority God plays in the lives of our members.

Culture of Godly Leadership
Hebrews 13:7
Our leaders at all levels serve with character, competence, and conviction.
A spirit of collegiality pervades, with our people trusting our leaders and our leaders trusting our people.
We continually identify and train godly leaders for all dimensions of our ministry.

Fruitful Organizational Structures
We can articulate a compelling, Christ-based vision of our church.

We understand that our love for one another is a powerful testimony to the deity of Jesus.

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You shall know the truth and the truth will set you free.
John 8:32