



Stay UMC Response Continued Application

Thank you for participating in a covenant with the Stay UMC Response Team. Answering the following questions will help continue the conversation. Each congregation has its own needs as it responds to a new context as a result of disaffiliation conversations, votes, and actions. That context continues to evolve and adapt! If there has been no change for a question since the last application, please indicate that as your answer. Because we are a connectional church there are resources and relationships that can help in this new context. This application is designed to update the team on how that context has evolved since the first application.

Date of Submission:

Name of Church:

Names of those participating in answering the questions:

1. Where do you currently see God at work in your congregation? What spiritual growth is taking place?
2. What response actions have been taken by the congregation and/or its leaders to address the current new context already (spiritual, strategic, financial, emotional, connectional): *New changes in staff? Adjusting budget? Volunteer leadership changes? Healing Worship Services? Outside strategic consulting? Groups for processing grief?*
3. How would you describe the healing from trauma impact among your congregation?
4. Have there been any changes in worship, Sunday school, small group, or missions attendance? If so, what has that been? Provide accurate statistics if possible - % changes or raw attendance data. What is your current average worship attendance?
5. Has there been any change in tithing and financial stewardship? If so, what has that been? Provide accurate statistics if possible - % changes or raw attendance data.
6. Has there been any change in staff? Departure or replacement of key staff members?

7. Please describe the current posture of the congregation. What is the readiness for a new mindset or innovation? Please share stories or give examples. If this readiness is unknown, is there a current need to discover this? If you are participating in Innovation Lab, please give an update on that experience.
8. How would you describe the well-being and spiritual health of your leaders? What actions have been taken to support the well-being of your staff and leadership?
9. What are the needs of your congregation right now? How urgent are these needs? Please be specific. If you are asking specifically for a financial grant, include the amount and any invoices/quotes that would help provide important information.
10. What else would you like to share with the Response Team? What is important for them to know about your context?

Please send the following documents with your application:

- Share complete historical and projected financial information including a balance sheet and income statement
- Provide details of debt for the church
- Provide details of the church's property/assets