



Pacific Northwest Conference

of the Free Methodist Church

*Igniting a diverse Spirit-fueled movement
that catalyzes the multiplication of disciples,
leaders, and churches.*



THIS IS AN EXCITING TIME TO BE A PART OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE!

It is a great privilege to work with the amazing team of pastors and churches in the Pacific Northwest Conference. We are extremely grateful for the work that the Holy Spirit is doing among us, as we ignite a diverse, Spirit-fueled movement of disciples, leaders, and churches. The stories of life-changing experiences, courageous obedience to Jesus, and the emergence of fresh expressions of church being birthed in our conference are truly exciting to witness, as we move together towards our goal of starting 120 new apostolic initiatives.

We want to express our gratitude to you for following the Spirit's lead in partnering with us to build the kingdom of God. This is a great time to partner with Jesus and each other as Free Methodists in the Pacific Northwest. We invite you to join us in prayer for this Spirit-fueled movement that is happening in our communities and among our churches. Please pray that God will raise up the resources and workers needed to plant new apostolic initiatives throughout our conference.

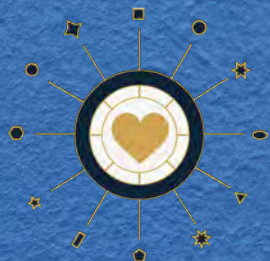
Furthermore, we ask you to consider how Jesus is inviting you to be a part of this movement. Let us know in what ways you are willing to commit to prayer, giving, or planting as we work together in this harvest field. Together, we can create a greater impact and see more lives transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit."

OUR VALUES



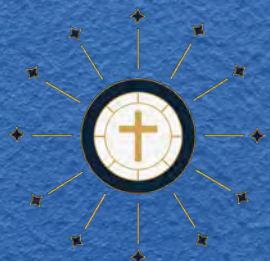
LIFE-GIVING HOLINESS

God's call to holiness was never meant to be a burden, but a gift that liberates us for life that is truly life by delivering us from the destructive power of sin.



LOVE-DRIVEN JUSTICE

Love is the way we demonstrate God's heart for justice by valuing the image of God in all men, women, and children, acting with compassion toward the oppressed, resisting oppression, and stewarding creation.



CHRIST-COMPELLED MULTIPLICATION

The gospel of Jesus Christ—the message He proclaimed, the life He lived, and the ministry He modeled—set into motion a redemptive movement destined to fill the whole earth.



CROSS-CULTURAL COLLABORATION

From the beginning, God's intent was to have a people from every nation, culture and ethnicity, united in Christ and commissioned to carry out His work in the world.



GOD-GIVEN REVELATION

We hold unwaveringly to our conviction that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and our final authority in all matters of faith and practice.

The
Free Methodist Way



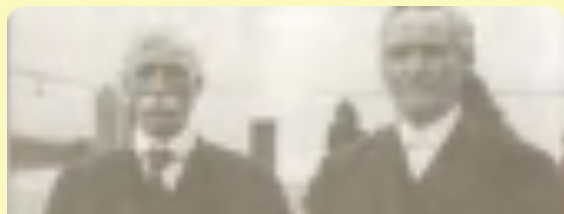
Free Methodists are first and foremost a Kingdom people. Yet throughout church history God has raised up distinct movements like ours to enrich the larger body of Christ. These five values express the distinctions that clarify our sense of what God is calling us to become. We counsel every local church to create a unique culture as they lead a disciple-making, mission-engaging congregation that embraces The Free Methodist Way. For more resources on our values visit, fmcusa.org/thefmway

THE HISTORY OF THE PNWC



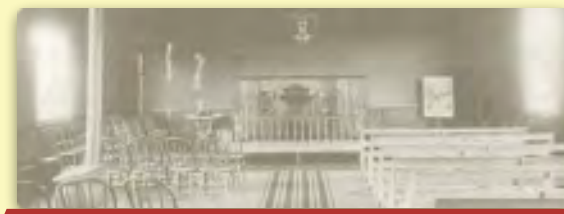
1784 | FRANCIS ASBURY

When Asbury arrived in the American colonies in 1784, there were only a few hundred Methodists in America. Over the next 100 years, they grew to almost 9 million.



1873 | GEORGE EDWARDS

George Edwards was sent as the first FM missionary to Washington from Rochester, NY. In 1875 he organized the first FM Church in Washington.



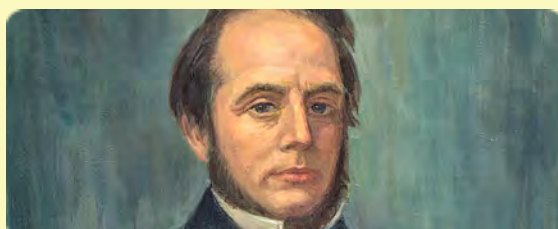
1895 | WASHINGTON CONF FORMED

The Washington Conference was formed with 237 members and 13 churches. The conference tripled in size over the first two decades.



1739 | JOHN WESLEY

God ignited the heart of an Anglican priest and the Methodist movement began. In the half century that followed, over 100k in England identified as Methodists.



1860 | B.T. ROBERTS

A new Methodist branch emerges called Free Methodism. Their missional fervency and social justice convictions led to rapid expansion in the first four decades where 870 new churches were launched by 1899.



1885 | ANNUAL CONFERENCE FORMED

The Oregon and Washington Territory Conference was formed with 12 preaching points and 119 members across the two states and grew rapidly over the first decade before multiplying into three conferences.

A SHIFT FORWARD

A Heritage of Multiplication

The Washington Oregon Conference was formed in 1885 with 13 preaching points and over 200 members. Within the first century, the church started over 60 new churches and had 4,815 members. Our conference experienced a multiplication movement of disciples and churches. This happened in the face of many challenges. One evangelist in the early days referred to Seattle as "old Sodom city." When another leader, Dr. B.S. Lamb, was asked how the church thrived against such challenges he wrote, "Their supreme emphasis on prayer and the empowering of the Holy Spirit is unquestionably the fundamental cause of these early successes." These two values are being re-emphasized today.

2020 A Vision for Multiplication

The Pacific Northwest Conference reproduced itself by giving birth to a whole new conference called the Reach Conference in 2019 under the guidance of Bishop Matt Thomas. That same year the PNWC superintendent, Matt Whitehead, was elected Bishop. Michael Forney was elected as the superintendent of the PNWC and came with a bold vision to multiply leaders and churches. **A new God-given goal was set to start 120 new apostolic initiatives by 2028.**

This bold vision to reach new people with the good news of Jesus will help transform our communities. The state of Washington has one of the highest rates of religiously unaffiliated people at 32% of the population. Atheists and agnostics make up a third of those unaffiliated making this part of the country a challenging place to share

the good news of God's redemptive love. Yet, people are spiritually hungry for something different than what the church has offered in the past. **We are seeking new and creative ways to be in ministry to the people of our state. We will need new ways of being church to help us make disciples in this region.**



We are already making good progress toward our goal. We are currently in conversation with 18 leaders about starting apostolic initiatives in the state of Washington and Alaska. We have 17 initiatives currently in the planning and launching phases of ministry. We have already launched 5 new church plants in our region. We are well on the way to our overall goal, but we still need partners to help start and fund new initiatives.

Where We Stand



OUR COMMISSION

Before the resurrected Jesus ascended to the Father he left his disciples with some compelling instructions, often referred to as *"The Great Commission."*

Jesus' mandate for his disciples was to go and make more disciples, who would then make and multiply more disciples, saturating the globe with people passionately committed to announcing and demonstrating the good news of the Kingdom of God. From there, a movement grew exponentially. We read about the early church rapidly growing and multiplying throughout the Book of Acts and continuing through the first few centuries. Leading religious sociologists contend that over 50% of the population of the Roman Empire were Christians by the year 350 AD. There have been many other multiplication movements in response to Jesus' Great Commission throughout history, including our own Methodist movement in England and the United States in the 18th and 19th centuries.

OUR PROBLEM

In North America today, we find that the spread of the Gospel and the witness of the church has stalled considerably. The majority of churches in the United States has declined or plateaued. Church participation is becoming increasingly less relevant and attractive to those far from God. Missiologist Alan Hirsch suggests that **only 40 percent of the American population is reachable by church as we know it**, and that number is decreasing. The fastest-growing "religion" in the United States is the "nones," those who, when asked what religious affiliation they adhere to, would respond "none." Younger generations (millennials, Gen Z and Generation Alpha) are growing up largely without any connection. **To reach new people, we need to start new churches.**

Matthew 28:18-20

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."



"We have seen a historic move of God in the neighborhood of Belltown/Downtown Seattle in the last 12 months. We are just a church plant, but God has allowed us to steward our resources, our people, and our leaders at Coastline Church for the work of the Kingdom."

Brice Sanders
Coastline Church

"God has been drawing both Snoqualmie Tribal Members and non-natives to our gatherings. On February 12th we hosted a Potlatch with 80 people attending during which a Tribal Elder shared their history, sang and played the drums accompanied by her son and great grandchildren. It was so well received that we are planning another one this summer."

Patti Yetneberk
The Church of
Living Waters



OUR OPPORTUNITY

The climate of our region bares these realities as well. **Across Washington and Alaska, the vast majority of the 8.5 Million residents are outside the reach of a current church.** We celebrate the beauty of our region as we consider the ethnic, cultural and professional diversity, and uniqueness throughout our network! However, we also recognize that in the midst of great beauty, there is also great brokenness.

We believe wholeheartedly that Jesus has sent us to our communities for such a time as this to partner together to expand the Kingdom of God throughout this land. We envision a movement of disciples multiplying disciples, leaders multiplying leaders, and churches multiplying churches.

OUR DREAM 120 NEW CHURCH EXPRESSIONS

While we believe that a Spirit-fueled movement only happens when the Spirit of God supernaturally awakens God's people, we also believe that as the people of God, we are responsible to provide the kindling for the flames of a movement. To that end, we are committing ourselves to the following initiatives:

- **Groundbreaking Prayer**
- **Transformative Leadership**
- **Catalytic Coaching**
- **Igniting Multiplication**
- **Accelerating Missional Movement**

We believe there is a "Great Re-commissioning" of the church taking place in our land today and we want to respond in obedience, trusting that a diverse Spirit-fueled movement of disciples, leaders and churches is on the horizon!

**"Church planting is the single most effective evangelism strategy under Heaven."
- C. Peter Wagner**

Our Mission

IGNITING A DIVERSE SPIRIT-FUELED MOVEMENT
THAT CATALYZES THE MULTIPLICATION OF
DISCIPLES, LEADERS AND CHURCHES.

Our Measures

How will we know if we are accomplishing our vision? Measurable indicators will keep us on mission.

- Spirit Aliveness
- Evangelistic Disciple-making Systems
- Mentoring Pipeline
- Multiplication Steps

SEVEN MISSIONAL ZONES

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Southeast
Scott Hemberry

Southwest
Emily Faley

Metro North
Craig Brown

Northeast
Mike McCune

Alaska
Bryan Sallee

Metro South
Mark Miller



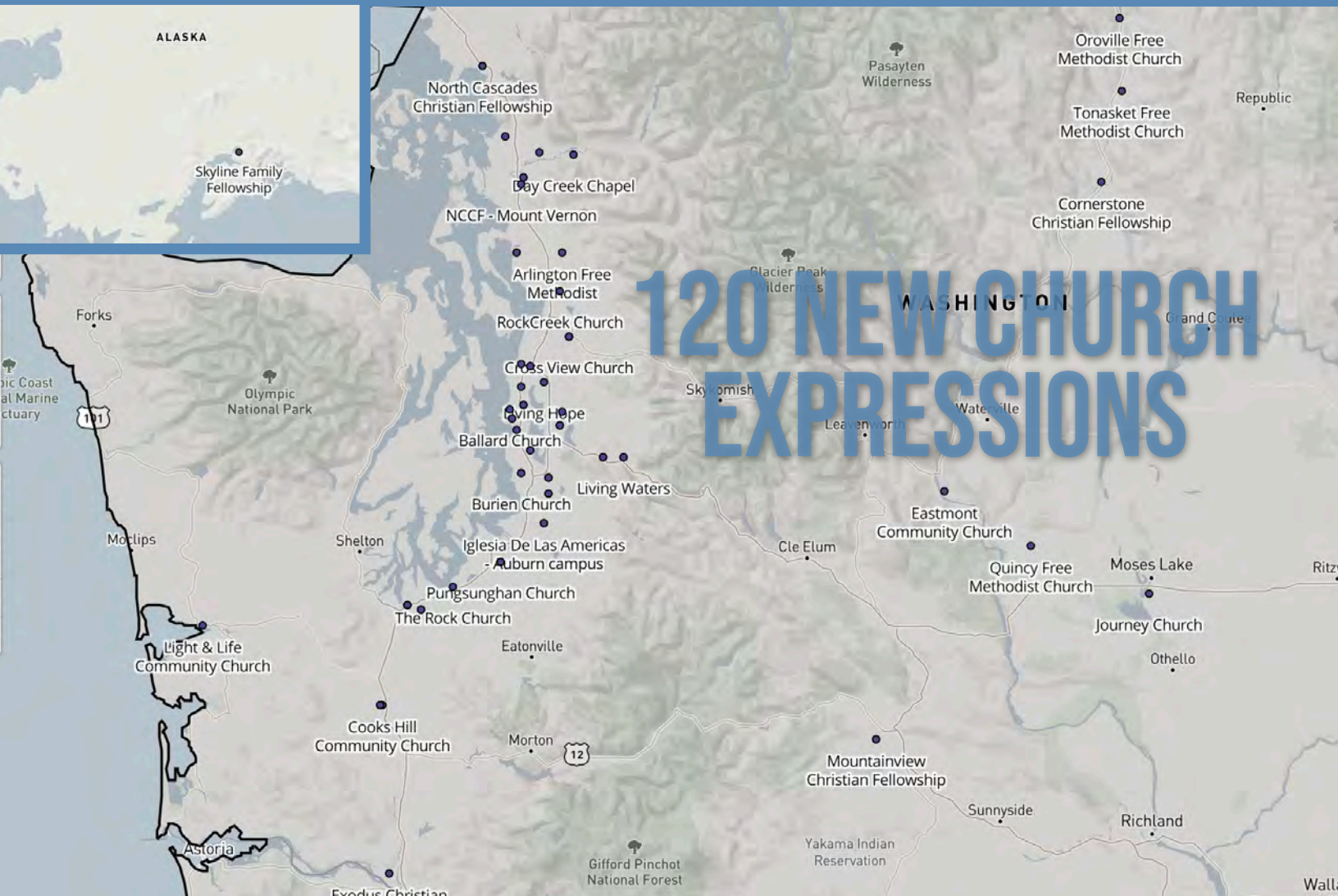
"God called me and our leadership to launch a second church in Seattle for soul salvation. The Lord has given us His vision - Outreach and Fellowship (Acts 1:8, 2:42-47); and His strategy - "Blessing, Loving and Feeding." Church planting is a great blessing and challenging ministry. But it is so easy when you obey and listen to God's voice through your prayer and let Him do the work. Jesus requires a church planter as a seed faith, and He ever grows and bears abundant fruits."

Paul Kim, Pungsunghan Fellowship Church

Multiplication

	2020	2023
Emerging Ministries	0	18
Apostolic Initiatives	2	17
Church Plants	4	5
Fellowships	0	0
Societies	29	27
Campuses	5	4
Affiliating Churches	0	2

A healthy church in every community.





OUR STRATEGIES



Praying regularly and intentionally for one another and for the people and places we hope to serve and reach

Our first step in having a healthy church in every community is to pray in those communities. Our posture is to pray first and ask the Lord of the harvest to lead us (Matthew 9:38). We invite all our leaders to pray regularly and intentionally in our communities through prayer walks and daily intercession.

Action: If you would like help leading a prayer walk in a community, please contact Assistant Superintendent Matt Poole at matt.poole@pnwc.org.



Leadership Development through the Ordination Process, Learning Labs, and Ministry Labs

We believe every leader is a learner. We encourage all our church leaders to be engaged in learning communities that help equip them for ministry in the Pacific Northwest. The conference currently has opportunities for church leaders to be in community with others. We are also in the process of creating learning labs.

Action: If you would like to join a learning community, please contact our administrator Joan Foster at joan.foster@pnwc.org.



Coaching relationships that help leaders move towards fulfilling our missional goals

The PNWC has been busy training dozens of coaches to help leaders move from where they are today to fulfilling their mission and vision in the future. Coaches come alongside and partner with church leaders to ensure they fulfill goals and next steps in ministry. This helps us create an environment of high accountability and low control.

Action: If you are interested in being coached or would like more information on being trained as a coach, please contact Assistant Superintendent Cathy Tastad at cathy.tastad@pnwc.org.



Every church multiplies new church expressions to reach people far from Jesus

We want to assist churches in becoming multipliers of disciples and churches. We dream of creating a movement of multipliers in our conference. We assess, train, and coach called people in making new and diverse disciples. We have created a collaboration center to help new churches launch and are envisioning further collaboration centers.

Action: If you are interested in being part of this movement, please contact Assistant Superintendent Matt Poole at matt.poole@pnwc.org.



Regional Missional Zones foster collaboration and the development of regional visions

The conference has organized itself around seven missional zones. This will help distribute leadership across our conference for collaboration and visioning in each region.

Action: If you are interested in being a part of a missional zone, please contact Superintendent Michael Forney at michael.forney@pnwc.org.

MULTIPLYING CHURCHES

PROBLEM

THERE IS NOT A CHURCH FOR EVERYONE

SOLUTION

WE EMPOWER LEADERS AND CHURCHES TO MULTIPLY EXPRESSIONS OF CHURCH

OUTCOME

AN EXPRESSION OF CHURCH FOR ALL PEOPLE IN ALL PLACES



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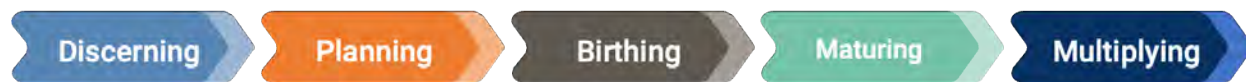
In Partnership with



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THE PROCESS OF PLANTING

The PNWC's process of planting provides basic stepping stones for you to envision how to start a new church expression. Our trainers and coaches are here to walk with you through the process.



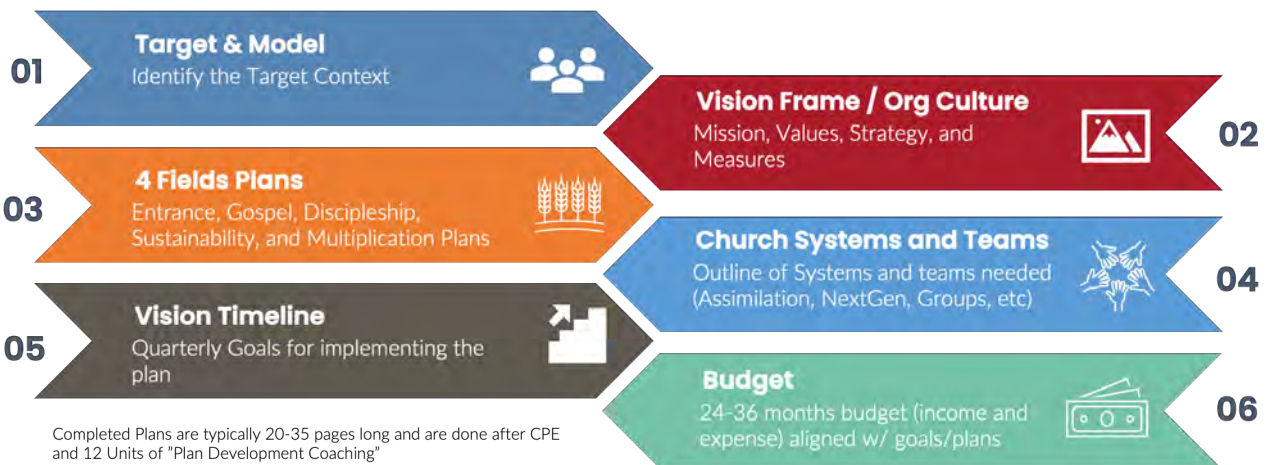
IGNITING NEW CHURCHES FOR ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE.

COACHING

The PNWC, in partnership with Mission Igniter, has a team of trained and certified coaches who walk with planters to develop and implement a strong comprehensive plan for launching a new church.



A strong and vetted start-up plan is vital for the success of sustainable and thriving churches. Our extensive planning process helps planters move their "God idea" to a "God-inspired plan." At the end of Plan Development Coaching, each planter will have a comprehensive plan that covers these six areas and is prepared for a grant proposal with the PNWC Grant Team:



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GET THE SUPPORT EVERY CHURCH PLANTER NEEDS.

PARTNER IN MISSION

JOIN IN FUNDING THE FUTURE OF THE PNWC

THREE WAYS YOU CAN PARTNER FINANCIALLY WITH THE MISSION

MULTIPLICATION GRANTS

The conference has gathered a grant task force to approve grants of up to \$50,000 to called leaders with a plan to start a new initiative or church plant. We are looking for donors to help us continue to make funds available for future ministries of multiplication.

BUILDING CAPACITY

We need to establish additional funding to help build capacity on our team to recruit, assess, train, and coach apostolic leaders in our conference. This fund will help staff the conference and our partner organization, Mission Igniter, to reach our goal of 120 new apostolic initiatives.

MULTIPLICATION ENDOWMENT FUND

We are establishing an endowment fund for the future of church planting beyond 2028. We would love to see our new churches multiply themselves into future generations of disciples. If you would like to be a part of helping us start the endowment, please reach out to one of our superintendents.

HOW TO GIVE

Give online:

MissionIgniter.org/PNWC

Give by mail:

PNWC
PO Box 1639
Snohomish, WA 98291

Planned Giving:

Other giving vehicles are available such as the gifts of stocks or securities and may provide increased tax benefits to you. To discuss these options, please reach out to Dustin (Dustin.Weber@MissionIgniter.org) at 833-709-2251.

JOIN US IN IGNITING NEW CHURCHES FOR ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE!

1

Get the support every church planter needs.

If you have a heart to see a new ministry or church started, set up your free initial coaching session with someone on our team. Email Matt Poole matt.poole@pnwc.org or visit MissionIgniter.org.

2

Financially partner with us to ignite new churches.

Jesus' mission for the church to multiply invites each of us to give what we can.

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