Missio Dei

What is a Missional Community?

A Missional Community is *a core of people who are being transformed by the gospel that commit to living out God's mission together by demonstrating and declaring the gospel in tangible ways to each other and to their world.*

Why An Assessment?

Missional Communities are the primary expression of who Missio Dei Communities is as a church. We be- lieve that the best way to reach our city is to spread gospel centered communities who are intentionally living out the gospel identities (Family, Learner, Servant, Missionary) with a specific people or in a specific place.

There are three essential aspects to a MC, (1) there is a male leader who is called by God (2) to declare and demonstrate the gospel to a specific people group, (3) and form a community of people who live out the gospel identities within that people group/place. This assessment, along with relationships and personal conversations, will be used as a tool to assess potential MC leader's and prayerfully evaluate / coach that leaders competency, character, and compatibility with Missio Dei.

How To Fill This Out:

Short answer: with a pen or using Word. Longer answer: Take some time and prayerfully process through this assessment. It isn't made to be another hoop to jump through, but to help you solidify some of your calling and enable the elders of MDC to better coach you as you lead a community on mission. Pray, Reflect, Write down answers.

Gospel

The gospel is the good news that in and through the person and work of Jesus Christ God is at work to redeem to himself a people and his world. The gospel clearly tells us that it's not what we do for God that makes us acceptable before God but it is what he has already done. Without that message of "good news" we have nothing of substance to offer this world that is any different than over-the-counter pop psychology. So we believe it is absolutely essential that the gospel is the center of life and thus the center of a missional community.

What is the Gospel?

How does the gospel transform lives?

How has the gospel been transforming your life over the past few months?

Describe the last time you communicated the gospel to someone who did not follow Jesus.

Prayer

Prayer is an absolutely essential piece of a missional community's life together and thus must be an established part of the missional community leaders life. It illustrates our deep dependence on God and a need to be moved by His spirit in order to see the gospel take root in our lives, our city, our world. Our own gifts, talents, personalities, and energy will never be enough to see the gospel take root in a culture, it is always the Holy Spirit's work.

Is prayer a regular rhythm of your life?

Have you prayed about starting and leading a Missional Community? What has that looked like?

Have you been praying for the people you want to reach and the people who will go along with you?

How do you normally "hear" from the Spirit?

Mission

The missional community leader is the lead missionary of any given missional community. This shouldn't lead to an arrogant CEO of the MC, but rather a humble man who is living out the call God has put on his life to declare and demonstrate the gospel to/with a specific group of people and is leading others in doing the same.

Who are the people you feel called to declare and demonstrate the gospel among?

Are there people from within MDC who are praying through following you in planting the gospel in that community?

Why do you feel you are being called to reach this people group?

Have you noticed any natural bridges to connect this community to the gospel?

A Few More Questions:.

Do you accept responsibility for leading this MC?

Do you agree to the MDC doctrinal statement? Do you have any questions about it?
http://www.missiodeicommunities.com/about-us/our-beliefs/

Do you agree with the vision and direction of MDC?

Do you believe you meet the qualifications for an elder in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1?

Is your wife in support of this? (If applicable)

What are usually the best times and locations for you to get together for ongoing coaching and training?

Within the prophet, priest, king (Triperspectival) understanding of leadership, where do you see yourself being gifted? Who is going to come alongside and fill up the other perspective(s)?