**NEO District Churches Missional Objectives**

**Church:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Pastor:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**What we measure matters!**

The ways in which we measure our service to Christ, the behaviors we award, the achievements we report, the expectations we project tend to become the practices of local churches. Therefore, it is significantly important to select objectives that are able to stimulate and fulfill our mission.

**Missional Church Awards**

Now and in the years ahead we will be rewarding the following achievements:

1. **“My Heart’s Desire...” Praying Church**

This is a Church that has implemented a “Prayer Plan” whereby it consistently calls its people to intercessory prayer for the lost and for the mission effectiveness of the Church. Personalize what Paul wrote in Romans 10:1, “My heart’s desire and prayer to God for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is that they may be saved.” We pray to the same God Paul did, and when we pray, God literally changes the world, including us!

***How has your church become eligible for this award this year? (Who has been involved? What impact has this made?)***

1. **Acts 15 Church**

This Church has given itself to “discovering new ways to love people” outside the household of faith. As Acts 15 introduces us to a church that is inclusive in its acceptance of others, we seek a practice of developing a new ministry or “way” to love others.

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1. **Antioch Church**

This Church has sent a work and witness team to another location, globally or on NEO District to serve in a particular ministry effort. Antioch was the first ‘sending’ church and is the model for this award.

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1. **Innovative Church**

This Church award recognizes the church(es) that have excelled at ministry/method innovation…finding new methods or structures to facilitate what the Spirit is doing. Jesus reminds us in Matthew 9:17 that new methods/ministries are needed to preserve the new thing the Spirit is doing. This Church does not seek to preserve traditions that are ineffective, but is innovative in method to achieve effective ministry. Try something new!

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1. **Great Commission Church**

Jesus gives the mission to go and make disciples. This Church has developed and implemented a Discipleship Plan and is involving more and more people in weekly discipleship classes. SDMI has set the standards: Honor (5-24% increase in responsibility list and average attendance); Superior (25-49% increase) and Exceptional (50% or greater)

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1. **Barnabas Church**

This Church has partnered with another church on the District by providing a person or team of people who become “temporary missionaries” for a designated period of time. These people are sent from the Barnabas Church to lead, serve, train, and assist another church in establishing their weekly ministry efforts. Barnabas, the great source of encouragement, one who was a partner in ministry with others is the inspiration for this objective.

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1. **Macedonian Church**In 2 Corinthians 8, the Apostle Paul brags on the Macedonian churches: “Out of their severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.” These churches, like the Macedonian churches, excel in the grace of giving, demonstrated by meeting all of their Giving Goals for others and more.

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1. **Churches Planting Churches**

This Church has planted or participated with other churches in planting a new church or congregation. Jesus said, “This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.” The most productive fruit of a church is another church; new churches grow faster and energize the planting church in sacrifice, service and passion.

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