

## Summary of RMPC Strategic Plan Adult Ed and Discipleship

*Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. (Col. 2:6-7 ESV)*

The RMPC Session plans to align our ministries with our Strategic Plan. We want to coordinate our ministries so that those who serve are working together, working joyfully, are properly supported, and not stretched too thin.

In August the Session approved a Strategic Plan for all of adult ministries: discipleship and life groups. This document introduces you to the plan for discipleship.

Looking forward, our purpose is:

1. To shape all of adult discipleship with our vision: knowing, living, and proclaiming the Gospel.

Discipleship is not learning more things but learning Christ more deeply. The Christian life begins, grows, and is completed through faith in the Gospel.

2. To plan in order to address a complete picture of maturity in Christ.

God's people come to maturity through learning, insight, application, and relationship. Information alone does not make a mature disciple. Nor can we come to maturity alone, without the mutual help of others in the body. See attached profile of a mature disciple.

3. To focus adult discipleship on learning through instruction, discussion in relationship.

Public worship accents content. Life groups accent relationship. All adult discipleship will be teaching with opportunity for discussion with others. Lecture alone is not our plan.

4. To coordinate all of adult education (men, women, sunday, seminars) under one plan.

People who participate in any form of adult discipleship should experience a common set of values and purposes wherever they go.

5. To serve a wide range of people and needs in the church and in those who visit the church.

We are not focused on content, but on serving learners with content. The goal is a mature Christian. We want to offer a balanced diet to the church.

Area	Description
Bible (CORE)	Increasing knowledge of the Word of God
Gospel Centered Living	Learning to see Gospel connections in all of life
Theology/Catechesis	Study of our Reformed faith (intro and deeper)
Vocation and Witness	Our callings in the world (equipping)
Family, Relationships	Building strong families, guarding the unity of the Spirit
Personal Disciplines	Skills for personal growth (study, pray, apply, etc)
Intro to Faith and RMPC	Classes that assume need for introduction to the faith

6. To train all teachers in Christ-centered interpretation and application, in skillful presentation, and in thoughtful application.

Teachers are to be examples of what they teach and how they teach. They are to desire improvement and evaluation. Teachers are to now and serve the participants.

7. To provide resources to our teachers and students appropriate to their experience and skills.

This means we will use video curriculum, teach through resource books, and support teachers who write their own material.