

Reimagining Outreach & Stewardship

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Reimagining: In our time and place

**Vision of Beloved
Community**

Stewardship

Facility uses

VITALITY



John 10:10 describes the destination that God desires for us and our neighbors. We understand this happens when we see and respect all people, deepen discipleship, live and love like Jesus and multiply our impact for God.

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Congregation Readiness

4.6 ★★★★★

Become stable enough to be committed to doing the deep work necessary to thrive.



Who Are We? Who Are Our Neighbors?

4.9 ★★★★★

Through deep listening, data, prayer and discernment, identify the congregational personality, passion, values, purpose, and theology and discover and define the pain point or opportunity in the community with those impacted.

God-Fueled Imagination

4.8 ★★★★★

Awaken creativity and possibility, seek clarity of what God is calling the church to, risk and experiment to learn, and intentionally examine the best alternatives to living out God's plans for the church and its neighbors.

Outward-Facing Ministry Clarity

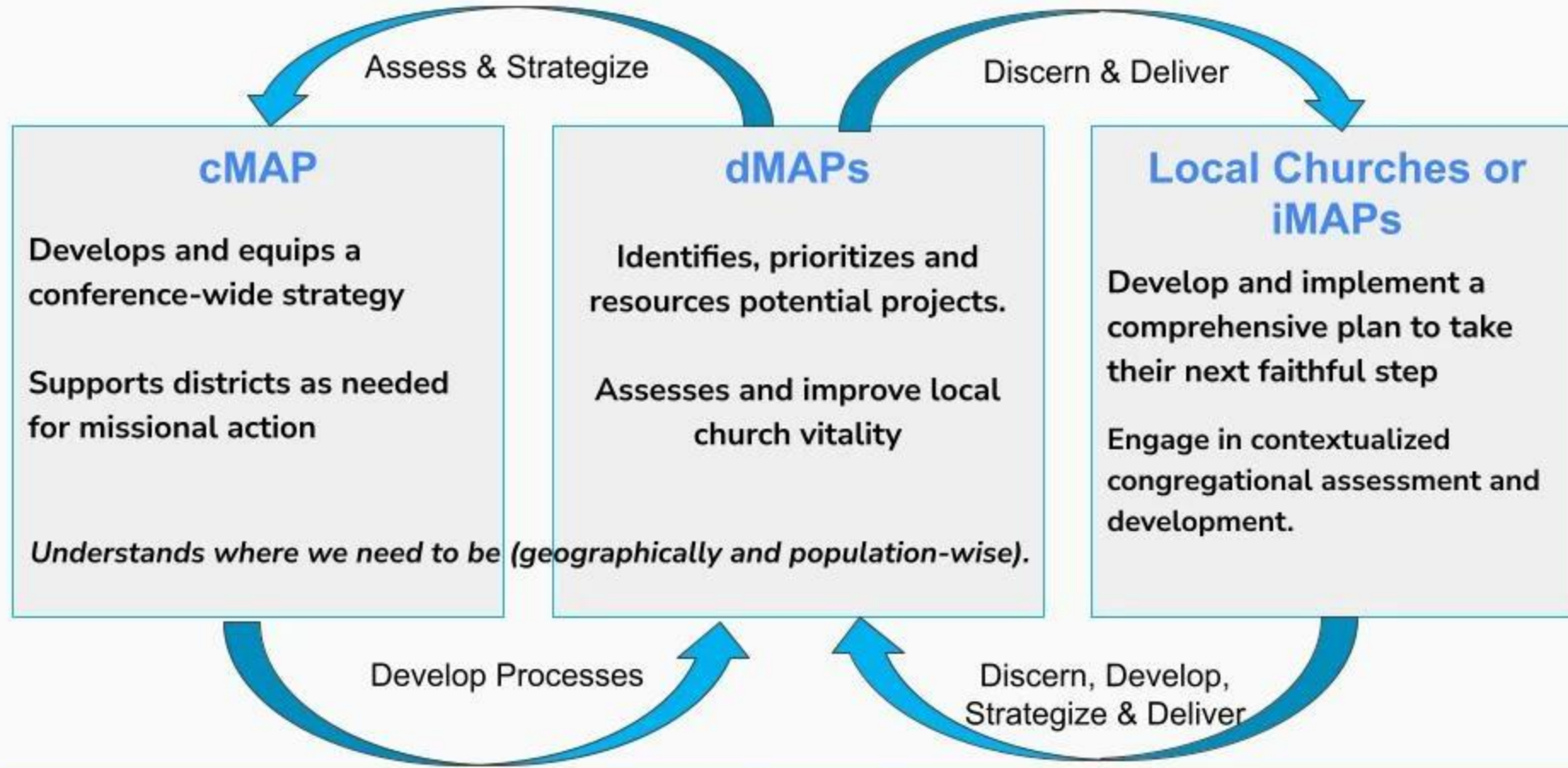
4.7 ★★★★★

Focus on what God is calling the church to by testing concepts with committed neighbors and partners, ensuring there is proven community demand, and then developing a growth and sustainability plan.

You will likely need to revisit the above four spots as you deepen your learning and understanding of where God is calling and to test/implement the idea(s). It is not a to-do list, but an iterative process.

As you dream and discern, God may call you to re-imagine the use of your space (e.g., re-purpose or reconfigure space for strategic, missional partnership). If this requires property re-development with significant investment, you'll want to create a request for proposal to find an expert tour guide before traveling to Pre-Development.





Not top down. Not bottom up. But all working together collaboratively for good.



Discover MAP



No two churches are alike, and each journey to vitality is unique. Wherever you are on this path, we are here to guide you.



Unlock your path to vitality. Start your journey to energize your congregation now!



Book an appointment for your assessment and discover how MAP can lead your congregation to new heights.

Wonder where you are and what might be next? Schedule a 30-minute MAP consultation

Calendar Tool





Riverfront
Ministries

Song, Word, Table

Creative, Collaborative, Sacramental

Riverfront Ministries Timeline

Song, Word, Table

Creative, Collaborative,
Sacramental

- 2014- Riverfront Church launched by New Castle Presbytery as New Worshipping Community
- 2015- Grace UMC & Trinity Episcopal join as partners
- 2019- Wilmington Alliance approaches Grace about a shared commercial kitchen
- 2020- Riverfront (Operating Partner), Wilmington Alliance (Financial & Project Partner), and Grace (Physical Space Partner) form partnership, exploring shared kitchen- grant writing begins!
- 2021- Construction, program development, Riverfront Ministries is establishes 501c3
- April 2021- Worship resumes weekly on Sunday nights
- January 2022- Wilmington Kitchen Collective opens at Grace UMC & hires Operations Manager



The Wilmington Kitchen Collective is a community-based project dedicated to empowering holistic transformation by providing affordable high-quality commercial kitchen facilities, business development, and economic support to culinary entrepreneurs.

How the Wilmington Kitchen Collective works

- Entrepreneurs join our waiting list
- WKC offer membership to users
- Entrepreneurs sign a license for use of space
- Entrepreneurs complete the licensing process- with State Board of Health, DE & City Business License, ServSafe, Insurance, FDA
- Entrepreneurs go through Health Dept Inspection
- WKC provides users with space, equipment, and compliance support for monthly membership fee.
- Users prepare food & sell it for public consumption.

More than a Certified Kitchen!

- Support through the licensing process
- Business support through the Small Business Development Center
- Workshops by culinary & business professionals
- Launcher DE classes twice a year geared towards culinary businesses
- One-on-one coaching on social media and marketing
- Grants going directly to members to achieve their business goals
- Ongoing support from WKC staff
- A community of other entrepreneurs on similar journeys

Riverfront Ministries Timeline (cont.)

- April 2022- Worship changes format
- September 2022- WKC opens at First & Central Presbyterian (#2)
- October 2023- WKC hires Facility & Events Manager
- December 2023- WKC opens at Aldersgate UMC (#3)
- September 2024- WKC opens at Westminster Presbyterian (#4)
- October 2024- Worship changes format



How is this ministry?

- Sharing resources that have been entrusted to us.
- Celebrating in the gifts of the community.
- Meeting a real need in the community.
- Investing in our neighbors who might not typically find belonging in the Church.



Our Keys to Success



- Ministry centered on relationships
- Willingness to try things for a season and to pivot
- Community Partnerships - including outside of the faith community
- Clear delineation of roles and responsibilities
- Ability to teach and encourage others
- Spirit of collaboration instead of competition

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