

Discipleship Council Report

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We Clarified Our Vision

OUR MISSION

The BWC inspires and equips local faith communities to develop disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world so that more transformed lives, **transform lives.**

DEVELOPING

LEADERS

LAUNCHING

NEW FAITH EXPRESSIONS

ENTRUSTING

YOUNG PEOPLE

ENGAGING IN

ADVOCACY AND ACTION

CULTIVATING

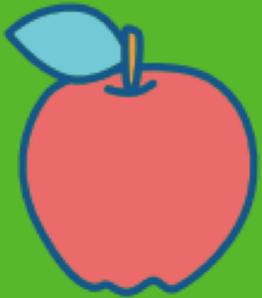
ABUNDANT HEALTH

We Approved Project Transformation DC



96%

of participants improved or maintained their reading level



2,182

Healthy meals and snacks served

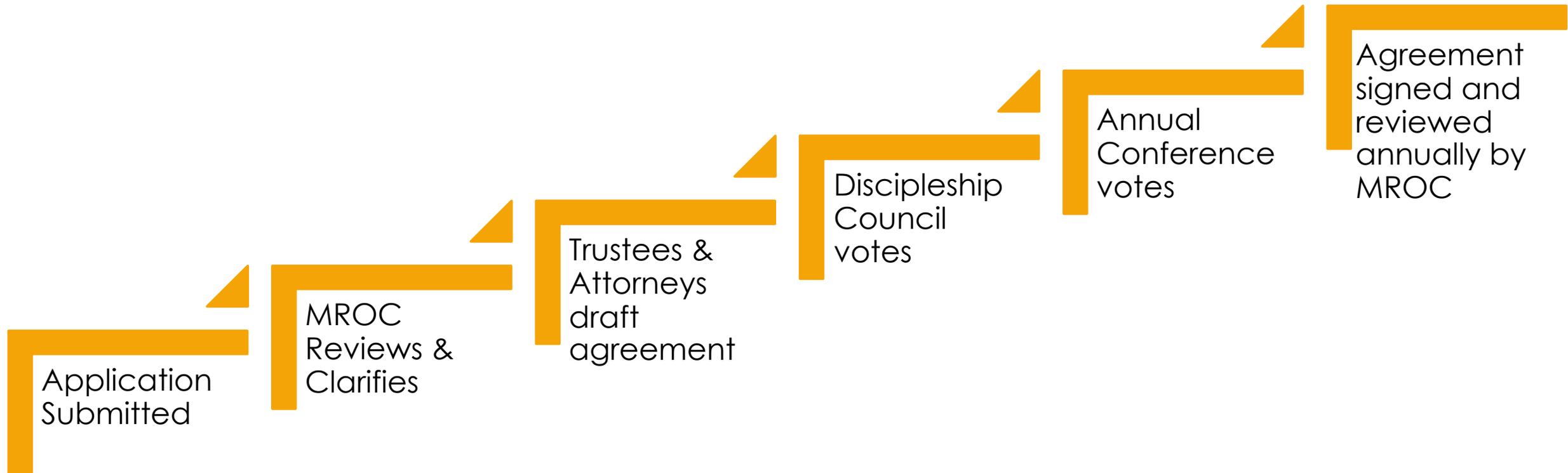


49,210

Minutes read by kids and volunteers



Ministry Relationship Oversight Committee (MROC) Process



ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION

- Board of Ordained Ministry
- Nominations Committee
- Rules Committee
- Cabinet

CONNECTIONAL TABLE

DISCIPLESHIP COUNCIL

RECOMMENDED 2019

DISCIPLESHIP AGENCIES

- Leader Development Board
- New Faith Expressions Board
- Young People's Ministry Board
- Advocacy & Action
- Wellness & Missions Board

Archives & History, Communications, Multicultural Ministry, UMM, UMW,

STEWARDSHIP AGENCIES

- Council on Finance and Administration
- Board of Trustees
- Board of Pensions
- Equitable Compensation
- Joint Committee on Med Leave
- Committee on Personnel & Policy

Annual Conference Session 2018

80%+ Gave Permission to Experiment with Interim Discipleship Agency Boards

Fall 2018

Awarded **\$40k** in Mission Innovation Grants

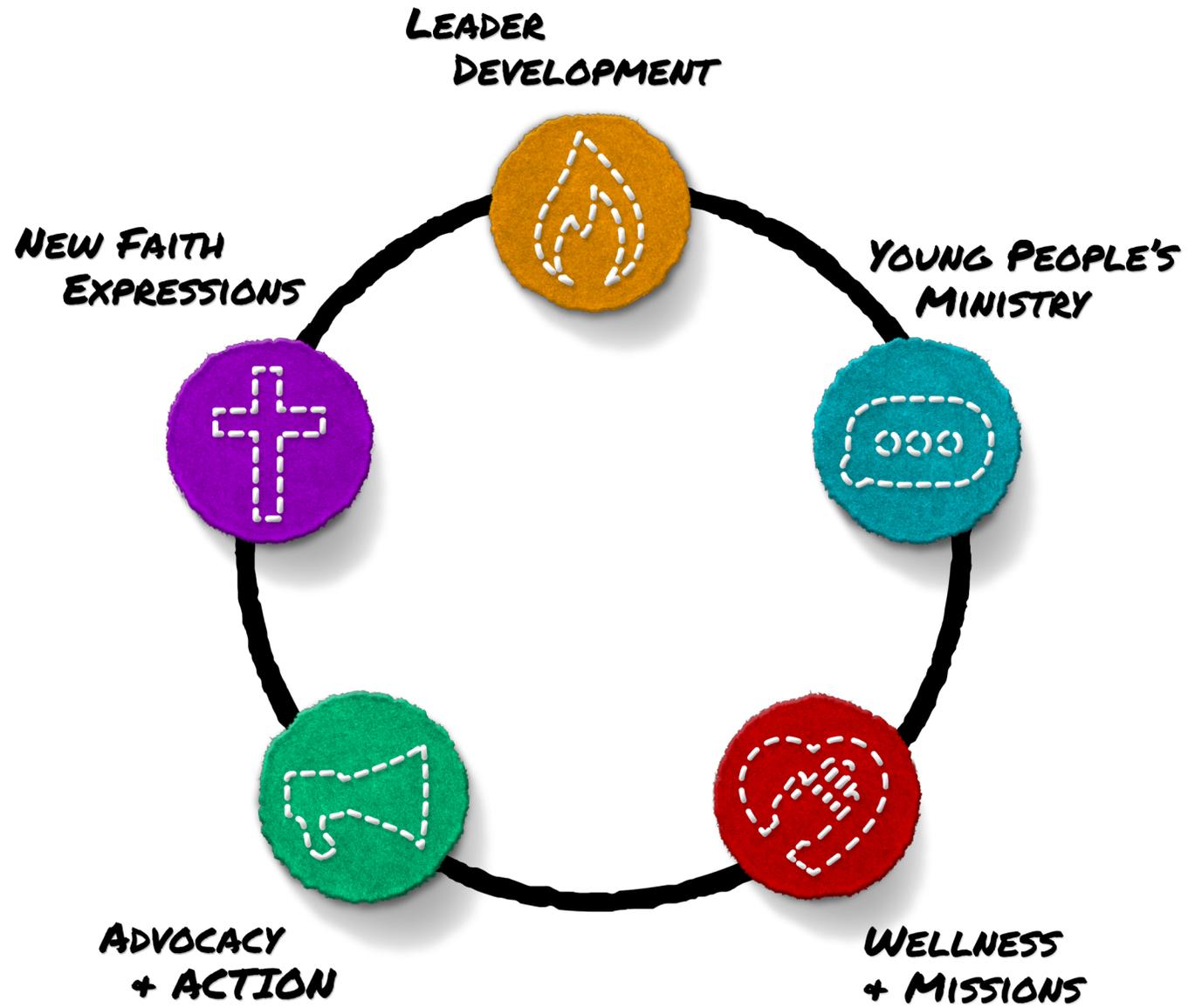
Focus Groups Starting with Connectional Table

Winter 2018-19

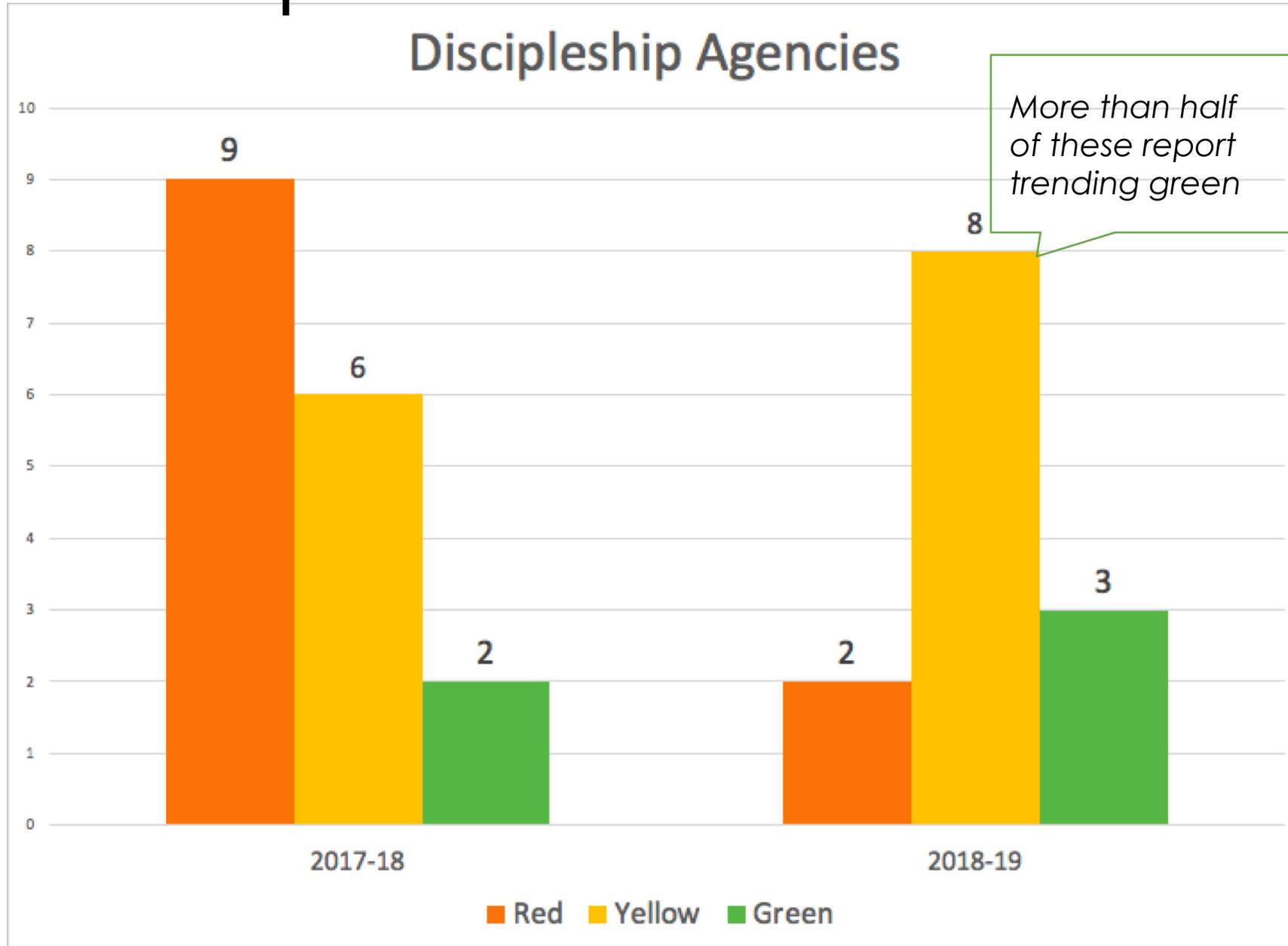
Rules Input & Leadership Days Listening Sessions

Spring 2019

A total of **632** people have been engaged since AC2018



Improved Effectiveness



Strategic Streamlining of Discipleship Agencies

MULTICULTURAL MINISTRY

African-American | Asian | Deaf | Hispanic-Latino | Native American

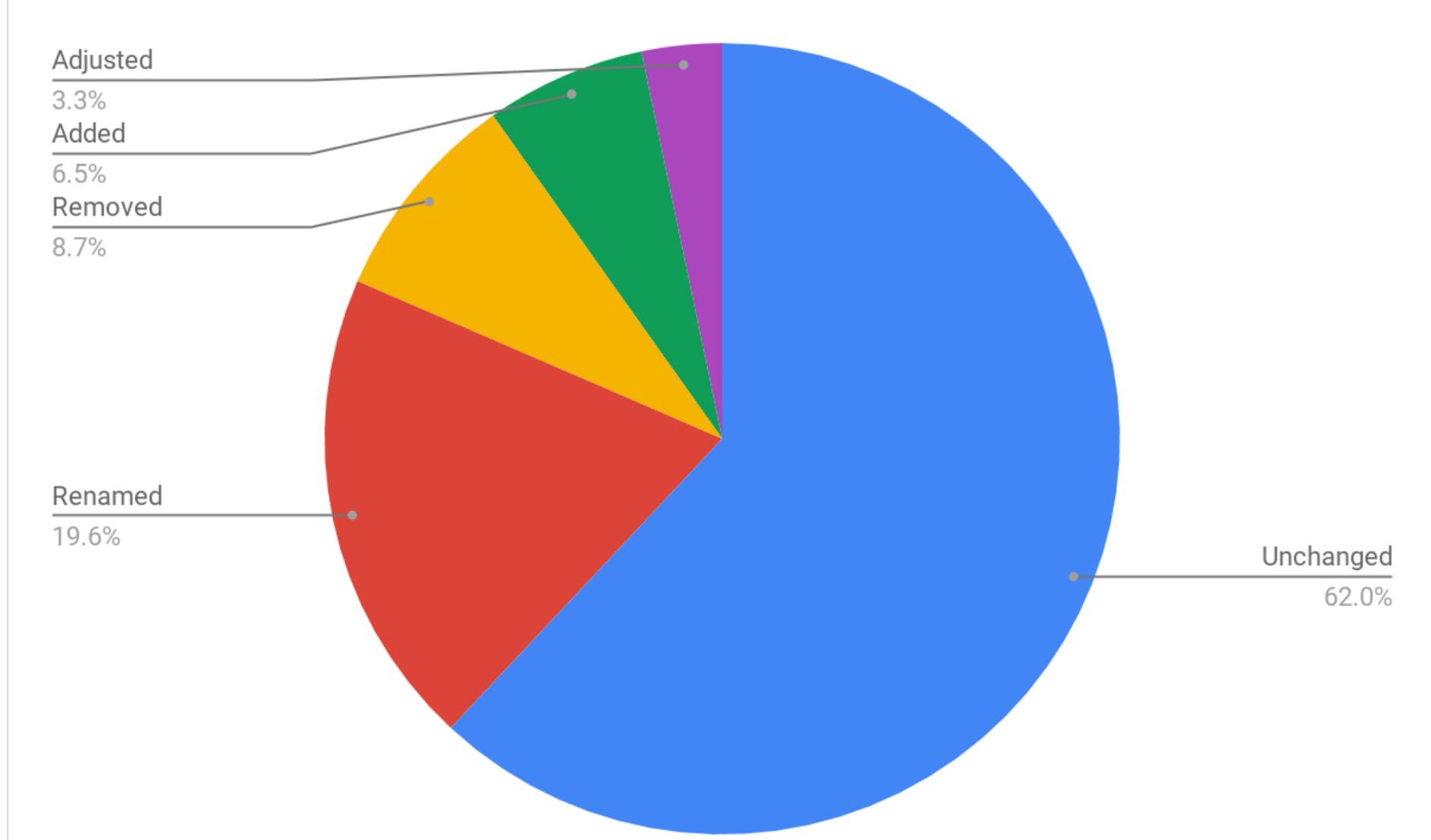
2->1	Leadership Development***	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board of Discipleship Board of Laity
0->1	New Faith Expressions***	
3->1+	Young People's Ministry***	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCYM Young Adult Council Board of Higher Education and Ministry
1->1+	Wellness & Missions*** (formerly Abundant Health)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board of Global Ministries (VIM/ERT, Missionaries, Holistic Health ministries for leaders, congregations and communities)
9->1+	Advocacy & Action***	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBCS COSROW*** CCORR*** Multicultural Ministry* Ethnic Local Church Concerns** Small Membership Church** Christian Unity & Ecumenical Conc.** Disability Concerns*

* connected here and elsewhere
 ** not committees, but annual forums
 *** Nominations Committee nominates

Advocacy & Action (Page x)

- Coordinates, oversees, supports, and contributes to the implementation of its vision through the work of social action teams, specialized committees, and forums:
 - 7 Social Action Teams
 - Climate/Environmental Justice
 - Gender Equality (COSROW ¶644)
 - Gun Violence Prevention
 - Immigration Reform
 - Racial Justice (CCORR ¶643)
 - Restorative Justice (R/CJAMM)
 - Wealth Equity
 - 3 Annual Forums:
 - Small Membership Church
 - Ethnic Local Church Concerns
 - Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships
- 6 Committees Represented:
 - Commission on Disability Concerns (¶653)
 - Deaf Ministries
 - Grow Church through Ministries for Asian Americans
 - Hispanic/Latino Ministries ¶655)
 - Native American Ministry (CONAM ¶654)
 - Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century (SBC21)
- Comply with all requirements of the Book of Discipline related to Advocacy & Action (e.g. ¶629, ¶642, ¶643, and ¶644 and relevant parts of ¶632, ¶645, ¶653, ¶654, ¶655).

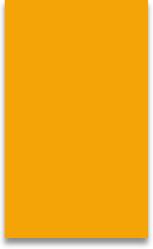
Connectional Table: Recalibrated but Functionally Unchanged



2017:
89 Voting
Members



2019:
84 Voting
Members



Alignment, Decluttering and Improving Effectiveness so that there is increased flexibility and impact at Local, District and AC levels



Increased
Collaboration



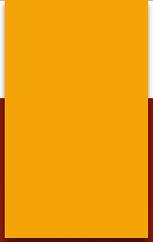
More Feet on the
Ground



Improved
Communication



Robust in Love,
Alive Like Christ



*Great, But How Does This
Matter to my Local Church?*

Benefits to Local Faith Communities

Mission Alignment

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Discipleship Growth

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Networking Opportunities

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Seed Money for Innovation

Increased Collective Impact and Positive Reputation

Measuring Realignment Effectiveness: “More Transformed Lives Transforming Lives”

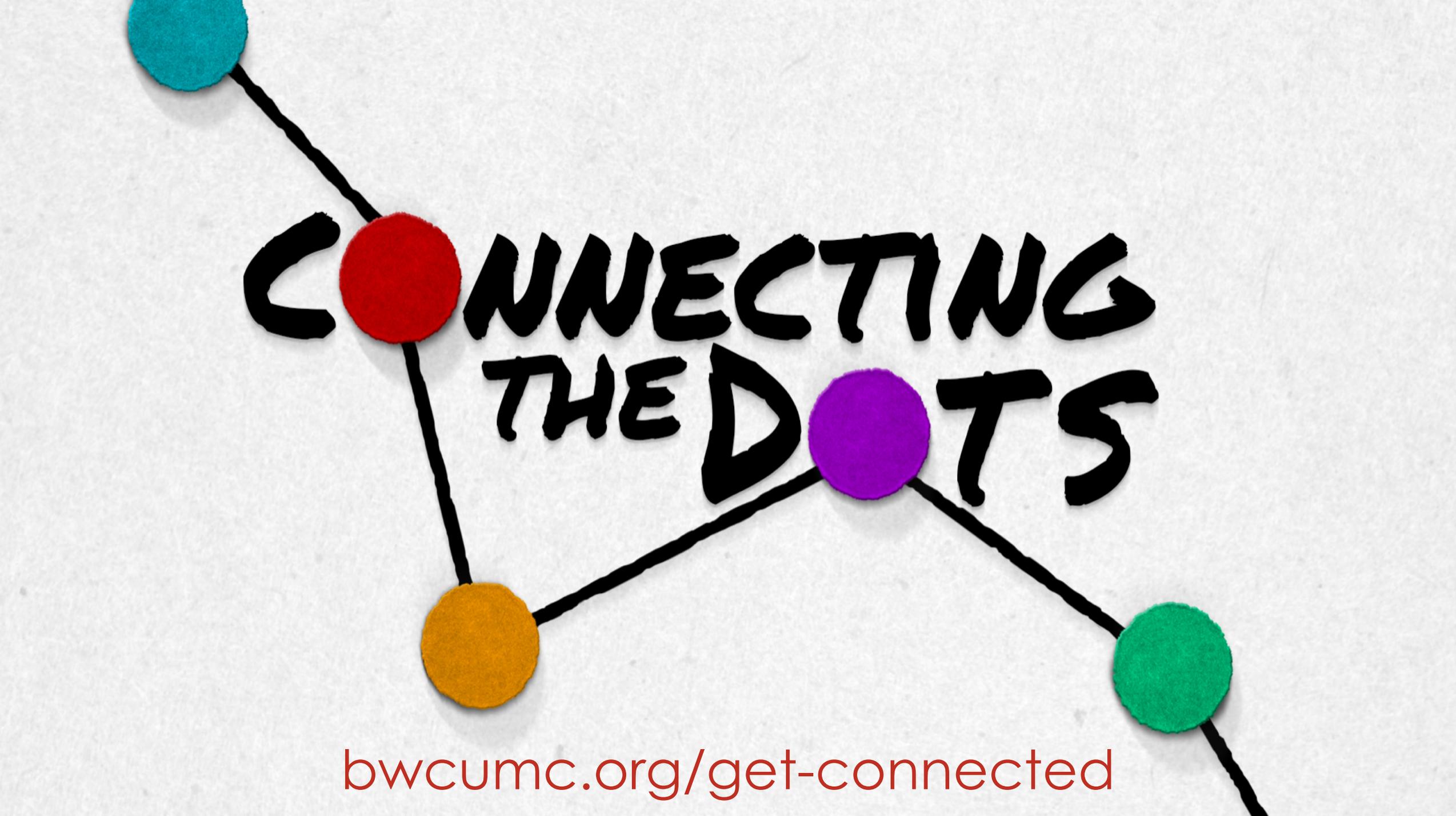
1. Progress on board goals which are essential to the BWC's mission and board's role.
2. Number of people:
 - a. Engaged and
 - b. Maturing in Wesleyan discipleship
3. Impact being made in communities in which our churches reside.

Recommendations

1. The adoption of a BWC vision statement that includes the tagline: transformed lives transform lives.
2. The ministry partnership with Project Transformation DC.
3. The realignment of Discipleship Agencies to allow for more effective, focused and nimble ministry by reforming them into five boards. This includes allowing Discipleship Agencies to modify task forces as needed to address ministry needs while maintaining Book of Discipline requirements.

Recommendations (continued)

4. The modifications as noted to the Connectional Table which allow for appropriate interfacing with new Discipleship Agency structure and other membership adjustments.
5. Update language within BWC's Policies and Procedures manual as needed to reflect the name changes contained within this report.



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