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Church Innovations Services - Church FutureFinder (CFF)

Overview: Church FutureFinder is an on-line resource for congregational discovery. It helps congregations discern God's preferred and promised future through an intensive process of self-discovery and careful reflection. Twelve windows analyze different facets of how the congregation interacts with itself and its surrounding community. The deliberate process of reflection yields tremendous benefits as users consider the data and interpret it in small groups. The interior and community interviews sections and the four reflections sections are all customizable allowing the congregation to ask questions of importance to their own situation.

Audience: Individuals and small groups can use CFF to learn more about their congregation during a building project or a call process. Judicatory personnel, clergy and lay leaders all use CFF during the first two phases of the Partnership for Missional Church process as a way to help the cluster's congregations learn about themselves and the other congregations in their cluster. Seminaries as diverse as Luther (St. Paul, MN), Princeton Theological Seminary and Abielene Christian University have used CFF in various classroom settings to give students the opportunity for intensive congregational study. And congregation researchers use CFF both to gather and analyze information.

Time and Resources: CFF is best done as a small group comprised of 5 - 8 people with a diverse set of skills including interviewing, number crunching, data gathering and writing. The entire process can take anywhere from a few weeks to two or three months depending upon how the group is organized. Seminaries wishing to use CFF should contact us for pricing options. Congregations using CFF as part of the Partnership for Missional Church do not incur additional costs. Individual congregations incur a small charge for using the full (customizable) version of CFF, a printed User Guide and technical support. Otherwise congregations may use CFF for free, but will not be able to customize it, receive a User's Guide nor receive technical support.

Getting Started: Visit the CFF page on our website to download, read and share with others the additional resources for this service. To learn more, contact us at research@churchinnovations.org, or by phone at (651) 644-3653 or (888) 223-7631.