



A Note on Our Posture: A Loosely Held Plan

This document represents our best, most prayerful thinking as wise stewards of a divine mission. However, we acknowledge that our ultimate strategy is one of complete dependence on God. We dedicate this endeavor to the glory of the Father, build it upon the finished work and example of the Son, and leave intentional, spacious room for the Holy Spirit to guide, surprise, and lead us. Our success will be measured by our obedience to Him, leaving the results fully in His hands. We are committed to seeking the Spirit together, holding this plan loosely as a map, but following Jesus as our true guide.

I. Executive Summary

Church in Rancho Cordova (CRC) is a transformative movement committed to cultivating a vibrant, unified, and outwardly focused Christian community. Our mission, "Making Disciples Together," is a call to a specific kind of spiritual vitality that we believe is the antidote to the isolation, burnout, and scarcity felt by our city's believers and leaders.

We address these deeply felt needs through a focused, two-pillar strategy that intersects a "bottom-up" grassroots movement with a "top-down" leadership coalition. Our core initiatives will be a grassroots Prayer Caravan to unite the people, a relational City Pastors Fellowship to unite the leaders, and a central Digital Hub (ChurchinRanchoCordova.org) to serve as the network's digital footprint.

II. Core Vision & Biblical Foundation

Our ministry is anchored in two profound biblical truths that drive our vision:

- **The Abundant & Thriving Church:** We believe the Church is inherently abundant, nourished by Christ's love (Ephesians 5:25-27). Our primary motivation is Jesus's prayer in John 17:21, "...that they all may be one... so that the world may believe that You sent Me."
- **Life-on-Life Discipleship:** We are convinced that authentic spiritual growth flourishes best in intimate, "life-on-life" relationships (Matthew 18:20), creating a beautiful Mosaic of believers across our city.

****To ensure our efforts remain focused, we explicitly define our mission, "Making Disciples Together." A disciple is someone who:**

1. Loves spending time with Jesus.
2. Is being transformed by proximity to His Spirit in community with other believers.
3. Finds that this love and transformation compels them to help others experience the same. ******

This definition guards against competing agendas and keeps our focus on fostering genuine spiritual depth and multiplication.

III. The Problem We Solve

Across Rancho Cordova, CRC observes deeply felt needs it is uniquely positioned to address:

- **For Church Leaders:** Many leaders experience Scarcity (of volunteers, resources), Burnout (from profound weariness), and Isolation (from siloed ministry efforts).
- **For Individuals & the Community:** People are actively seeking connection but face significant hurdles that our digital hub and network are designed to overcome:
 - **Finding a Church:** The search for a church home is often daunting. The sheer number and diversity of congregations can be overwhelming, and visiting new churches is relationally draining.
 - **Finding Connection:** Opportunities to connect with neighbors or find family-friendly events are often not widely known or are scattered across various platforms, making community engagement difficult.
 - **Finding Help:** Seeking desperately needed resources can lead down frustrating dead ends, contributing to a sense of hopelessness at the moment of greatest need.
 - **Finding Discipleship:** Many yearn for the kind of life-on-life relationships that help them grow closer to God but lack a clear pathway to find trusted mentors and peers.

IV. The Role of the Network Coordinator

The Network Coordinator is a Movement Catalyst and Convener. The role is focused on two primary actions:

1. **Mobilize the People:** Develop, launch, and promote the Prayer Caravan tours.
2. **Connect the Leaders:** Nurture the City Pastors Fellowship and facilitate its growth into a collaborative Church Council.

V. Our Action Plan: From Foundation to Flourishing

We recognize that building trust among people accustomed to isolation and burnout takes time. Our action plan is therefore intentionally phased to build a solid foundation before expansion, moving at the speed of trust and the Spirit's leading.

Phase 1: Building the Foundation

Our entire focus in the first year is to establish the three core pillars of this movement. These are the concrete commitments we will deliver to build the relational and digital infrastructure for everything that follows:

- **The Prayer Caravan (The Bottom-Up Engine)**

The heart of our grassroots movement is the Prayer Caravan, a scalable prayer initiative. We will develop five distinct GPS-enabled audio prayer tours. These tours guide participants to pray on-site at key locations, getting believers outside their church walls and fostering a shared, passionate heart for our city.
- **The City Pastors Fellowship (The Top-Down Engine)**

Our leadership strategy begins with relationship, not agenda. We will convene and nurture the City Pastors Fellowship, providing a confidential space for connection and support. As trust is established, this fellowship will be invited to become a missional Church Council—a strategic team stewarding a city-wide "General Plan" for disciple-making that honors each church's unique calling while fostering powerful collaboration.

- **The Digital Footprint: ChurchinRanchoCordova.org**

The website is the central hub that makes the Network visible and accessible, designed to directly address the community's primary hurdles to connection. It will host the Prayer Caravan tours and feature curated directories for:

- **Congregations:** To simplify the search for a church home.
- **Events:** To provide a curated, central calendar for community and family connection.
- **Resources:** To offer a trusted, reliable starting point for finding help.

Most importantly, the site will share the powerful stories of what God is doing through our unified efforts.

Phase 2: Activating the Network

With a foundation of trust and core tools established, our focus will shift from creating assets to activating the network for tangible, city-wide impact. As the Spirit leads, we will champion these collaborative initiatives together:

- **Fostering Ministry Clustering:** We envision the network facilitating Ministry Clustering, where congregations and non-profits, now connected, can form effective partnerships to move from siloed efforts to more impactful, collaborative work.
- **Deepening Civic Partnership:** The network will be positioned for vibrant civic partnership, empowering churches to collaborate with the city on major events, specific neighborhood renewal projects, and joint grant applications.
- **Celebrating and Storytelling:** The network itself will become the source of powerful Impact Stories. We will intentionally celebrate and share these stories of transformation to encourage believers and testify to God's work in our city.

Phase 3 & Beyond: Multiplying the Impact

As the network matures and unity deepens, we prayerfully anticipate God will open doors for even broader kingdom impact. These are not current commitments but the hopeful fruit of a healthy, unified Church:

- **Launching a Discipleship Ecosystem:** A key aspiration is to see the network develop a Discipleship Match-Making System to connect Christians across the city with trusted mentors and peers.
- **Catalyzing New Kingdom Ventures:** Our hope is to witness the network birth new ministries, empowering lay leaders and professionals to launch creative initiatives and "Business as Mission" ventures that serve the community.
- **Stewarding Regional Replication:** As this model of unity flourishes in Rancho Cordova, we hope to help neighboring communities develop similar inter-church collaboration efforts, potentially expanding this work to the Greater Sacramento area as a whole.

Our Ultimate Vision: A Disciplemaking Network

The culmination of these phases is not a program, but a transformed reality: a thriving, city-wide Disciplemaking Network that permeates every level of Church leadership and neighborhood engagement. We are driven by the vision of a Church in Rancho Cordova that is so unified in Christ, so essential to the health of our city, that we are known—as Jesus prayed—by our love for one another.

We are eager to see this vision unfold as we focus on our simple, unifying mission: **"Making Disciples Together."**