

NETWORK

What is the 3DM Network?

- A non-profit relational network of churches, organizations, and leaders that have completed a 3DM Learning Community and who are committed to developing a culture of missional discipleship and igniting a Kingdom movement
- An ongoing relational network to support leaders who are engaging in a process of cultural change in their churches, organizations, and context
- A forum for sharing and learning best practices with other teams, of differing size and denominational streams, who are on a similar journey
- A national decentralized network that operates through regional 3DM hubs building long-term sustainability
- The 3DM Network is a voluntary, non-denominational relational network operating with low control and high accountability. As such, we are a diverse groups of practitioners who lean into the Words, Ways, and Works of Jesus
- Whereas 3DM Learning Communities are for churches and organizations seeking *Information* about Missional Discipleship and the opportunity for *Imitation*, the Network is for practitioners who are leaning into appropriate *Innovation* relevant to their context

3DM Network Vision

The 3DM Network exists to serve its members with a broader vision to reach the Last, the Least and the Lost with the love and Gospel of Jesus. An expression of this vision can be seen (of course) in a triangle:

Cause = UP



OUT = Collaboration IN = Community

- *Cause*: To build multiplying movements of missional discipleship out of local churches and organization across the USA. We want to put discipleship and mission back in the hands of everyday people and see many in our nation come to know Jesus. We will provide 'Communities of Practice' (Learning Communities with more knowledge in the room) every six months to continue to grow in our skills in this area and to share what we are learning.
- *Community*: To support, help and learn from each other as we share the journey together. This will include regular Network Huddles for leaders and retreats together, as well as ongoing relationships between leaders, praying for each other and standing with each other as we go through a difficult process of change in our churches.
- *Collaboration*: To actively sharing in projects together within a region, such as prayer networks, church planting, collaborative community endeavors that cross boundaries that usher in the kingdom of heaven on earth, and helping others in the region to engage with missional discipleship. Leaders in the Network will have conversations together about how best to do this in their region.

What do we believe?

3DM Network members come from a wide range of denominational and theological settings. We share a similar missional DNA, utilizing the common language and principles of Lifeshapes and the 3DM discipleship tools taught in Learning Communities.

We hold in common the following:

- The centrality of the Bible for both doctrine and practice

- The foundations of an evangelical belief
- The historical Christian faith as reflected in the Apostles Creed

What are the tangible benefits of membership?

- Leadership Huddles which meet online on an every other week basis
- Community of Practice immersions every six months
- Senior Leader Spouse Retreat every year
- Access to 3DM Coaches for input
- Discount on 3DM resources
- Local and regional collaborations

How is the Network financed?

The local 3DM Network is a non-profit 501c3 ministry functioning as a part of the *Together in Mission Network / 3DM Denver Hub* and is funded by the charitable contributions of its members. Each regional Network provides an administrator and a Network leader who functions as the primary coach and consultant. The Network financial model intentionally moves away from a *transactional* approach for services rendered as utilized in 3DM Workshops and Learning Communities and now invites Network participants to partner in a *relational* approach as the extended family on mission supports one another and journeys together.

By comparison, many USA church networks function in a similar way charging fees of 2% of church gross income for mid-sized churches (larger churches tend to pay a smaller percentage). The 3DM Network invites member churches and organizations to pray and consider what they can contribute each year, recognizing that their contribution helps to cover the tangible benefits of the Network.

As an example, in the first year of the 3DM Network in the USA, members tended to contribute between \$1800 (from a smaller church) and \$10,000 (from a larger church) for the year. Other members made an initial contribution with intention to donate more as deemed appropriate through the year. The finances and budget of the Network are considered and approved by the regional 3DM Hub Board.

Where else does the Network operate?

There are regional 3DM Networks emerging across North America. There are also a number of 3DM Networks around the world in England, Scotland, Ireland, Denmark, and Holland. Connections with the networks across North America and from other nations are utilized whenever we have the opportunity.

When can we start?

The 3DM Network in Denver launched November 1, 2018. Coaching Huddles for leaders will start in January 2019. Community of Practice immersions as well as Senior Leader / Spouse retreats are already on the schedule and available to Network members. To learn more, contact Jeff Allen at jeffallen@3dmovements.org or by calling 303.524.5273.