

Clarification of the “Believe, Belong, and Become” language is critically important. **Discipleship is ministry, not a membership or leadership tactic.**

**Believe:** maximizing opportunities to disciple people to believe.

- Membership condition #1
  - \* *Confession of faith in Jesus Christ as evidenced by an inner witness of new birth through the Holy Spirit and a commitment to pursue holiness in all things.*
- Membership condition #2
  - \* *Christian baptism.*

**Belong:** strengthening relationships to invite and instruct believers to belong.

- Membership condition #3
  - \* *Instruction in, acceptance of, and a commitment to abide by The Articles of Religion, the Elementary Principles, and the authority of The Wesleyan Church in matters of church government.*

**Become:** referencing *Guides and Helps to Holy Living (260-268, Discipline)* for each individual’s spiritual growth that may result in positional leadership. Leadership training should allow its participants the choice of assuming a position or serving without title.

- Membership condition #4
  - \* *Commitment to live out the mission and vision of The Wesleyan Church through a discipling relationship within the local church.*

“How will we recognize success? Success occurs every time a disciple makes a disciple and a church multiplies itself.” Dr. Wayne Schmidt