



**“I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.”
1 Corinthians 3:6, NRSV**

The **MISSION** of Harvest 2020 is to plant, nurture, and harvest new faith communities so persons will commit to be disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

The **VISION** of Harvest 2020 is to plant 100 new faith communities within the Northern Illinois Conference, to grow healthy disciples in local churches, and to promote cooperation through cluster ministry.

What can your local church do?

- ◆ Attend scheduled Harvest 2020 Equipping Events
- ◆ Form or join a Harvest 2020 Prayer Team
- ◆ Plant SEEDs of discipleship in your local church: seek, engage, equip and deploy lay persons in your community
- ◆ Join in fundraising efforts to support Harvest 2020 initiatives
- ◆ Support new faith communities by lending members as “missionaries” to the new congregation, or by sharing supplies, facilities and expertise with them.

Tools for the Harvest

❖ **New Faith Communities**

- Conference and District Strategy Teams will identify strategic locations for new faith community development
- Local Congregations may be partnering or parenting churches for new faith communities

❖ **Healthy Discipleship: SEED**

- **S**eek: Invite others to “come and see” what God is doing
- **E**ngage: passionate and relevant proclamation and teaching of God’s word, so that we might grow in discipleship
- **E**quip: Leadership empowerment, abundant stewardship and small group engagement
- **D**eploy: Fruitful evangelism & radical hospitality

❖ **Cluster Ministries**

- Leadership development through covenant community formation
- Community listening and outreach ministry through clusters
- Partnership among cluster churches for new faith community planting

Planting SEEDs: Harvest 2020 Equipping Events

- ◆ Money Matters: October 6, 2007
- ◆ Go to the Mountain/Go to the Masses: Oct 20 or Dec 1, 2007
- ◆ Empowering Existing Congregations to do Evangelism: Nov 3, 2007
- ◆ Partnering Conference for Church Planting with Laity: Jan. 12, 2008
- ◆ Wisdom for the Journey: Leadership for Harvest 2020
- ◆ For Clergy: Jan 30, 31 or Feb. 1, 2008
- ◆ For Laity: Feb 2 or Feb 3, 2008
- ◆ Urban Ministry Convocation: Mar 7 & 8, 2008