



READINESS 360

Multiply your impact.

Overview

Congratulations for being willing to engage in a serious conversation about your readiness to reach new people in new ways! The Christian movement in North America was strong for so many generations because churches planted new churches that planted new churches. Untold thousands of churches, decade after decade, state after state! Only a small percentage of today's churches still have multiplication of ministry on their radar. Your church does - and that sets you apart!

Epworth United Methodist Church asked several of its leaders and participants to participate in the *Readiness 360* process. The survey many of you took assesses your church's spiritual and practical readiness for faithful and effective ministry in the 21st century. **56 persons** took the *Readiness 360*, a mix of staff, key leaders and active ministry participants.

Readiness 360 assesses four critical capacities for multiplying thriving ministries. In the rating system below, your church's level of multiplication energy is indicated by the number of rabbits (God's most adorable multipliers). The more multiplication energy your church has, the more ready you will be to start something new. Epworth UMC Rehoboth Beach is strongest in terms of **Spiritual Intensity** and is most challenged in terms of **Cultural Openness**.

Key:

 In Crisis  Not Ready  Ready In Many Respects  More Than Ready

Spiritual Intensity

In many respects, Epworth UMC Rehoboth Beach is on fire in its love for God, but there is also some hesitation to go the full mile. It is well worth exploring what is limiting you in the area of Spiritual Intensity. You are so close to having the fuel necessary to multiply ministry.

Dynamic Relationships

There are some amazing relationship building genes within your congregation and they fuel an overall relational health. However, there at least one or two weird dynamics that should be addressed.

Missional Alignment

Many folks at your church have a good sense of where God is calling you to go, but others are not aligned with this point of view. There is seldom enough personnel or financial resources to run in many directions at once. Now is a time for serious conversation about Epworth UMC Rehoboth Beach's priorities.

Cultural Openness

On one hand, many in the church want to reach diverse people, but many in the church still have great apprehension about what this might mean in terms of changing the face of Epworth UMC Rehoboth Beach. There may be some limitations in terms of how far the church is able to reach toward different kinds of people in the next few years. Open communication will be critical.

Your church's leaders have received a more detailed report with recommendations about how your church might quickly move itself into a position of greater readiness for birthing a new God-thing!