**WEA Disciple-Making Definitions and Descriptions**

The World Evangelical Alliance Decade of Disciple-Making team uses these two definitions.

**Disciple-making** is helping others to follow Jesus. It is a committed, loving relationship where disciples of Jesus Christ journey together to intentionally grow into Christlikeness in all areas of their lives and in turn disciple others.

A *disciple* is a follower of Jesus. They are life-long learners wholly committed to becoming like Jesus and loving others.

* Wholly committed - encompasses every dimension of a person’s life, flowing from the inside out.
* Becoming like Jesus is a life-long process of trusting, obeying, and embracing Jesus’ life and teaching.
* Loving others - integrates the Great Commandment with the Great Commission, expressing itself in obedience and humble, joyful servanthood.

*To make disciples* is to help others follow Jesus. It is a committed and loving relationship where disciples of Jesus Christ walk together to intentionally grow in the likeness of Christ in every area of their lives and, in turn, disciple others.

The fundamental building block for a disciple-making movement is a disciple-making church. Three key terms in relationship to that are:

1. Intentional Disciple-Making Churches
2. The Decade of Disciple-Making: 2020-2030
3. National Disciple-Making Movements

A brief definition and description of each of the three follows.

1. *An Intentional Disciple-Making Church* (IDMC) is a church for whom disciple-making is central and permeates every other aspect of the church’s life from the pastor’s lifestyle to the evangelism and integration of new believers. Each member considers him or herself a disciple and either is a disciple-maker or is aware that he or she should grow into that.

*An IDMC Anchor-Church* is a model church, often a large church or mega-church, with a highly significant influence of helping other IDMC-Advocate and IDMC-Affiliate churches. For more information, click here (insert link to Edmund’s doc on Towards a Disciple-Making movement). Examples of such anchor churches are the Covenant Evangelical Free Church (Singapore), Christ’s Commission Fellowship (Philippines), Perimeter Church (USA), Igreja Batista de Bacacheri (Brazil) and other disciple-making mega-churches. Theses churches normally sponsor an annual IDMC weekend to encourage and enable other pastors and churches to walk in this direction.

1. *Decade of Disciple-Making: 2020-2030*. The World Evangelical Alliance launched this in its General Assembly, November 2019. The vision is that the 130 National Evangelical Alliances around the world, along with the WEA commissions and task forces and partners would mobilize their constituencies in disciple-making movements.
2. *National Disciple-Making Movements (NDMM)*. Five types of strategic leaders can come together to develop a disciple-making movement. The five types are:
3. Evangelical Alliance leaders
4. Discipling movement leaders (specialists)
5. Pastoral network leaders (denominations and ministries working with pastors)
6. Megachurch leaders
7. Marketplace leaders (businessmen)

A NDMM movement will commonly have at least seven components.

1. Decision-making. The EA formally adopting the DDM.
2. Facilitation team. Identifying catalytic leaders and practitioners.
3. Sowing the vision. Among many options, a national consultation.
4. Developing a model and toolkit. Identifying basic components (DNA).
5. Connecting leaders. Annual networking.
6. Training. Networking trainers of disciple-makers.
7. Funding. Going beyond volunteers.

For more information click here (set up link to Intro doc to the 7 components)

For further discussion of various aspects of definitions see the following documents in [www.pastoringpastors.org](http://www.pastoringpastors.org) clicking on the link on the upper right regarding articles, tools and resources, opening 1. Disciple-Making / 1. Decade of Disciple-Making / 0. Intro to the Decade of Disciple-Making / Definitions and Descriptions.

1. Key Disciple-Making Definitions and Descriptions (this document).
2. Discipleship vs. Disciple-Making – Bobby Harrington
3. Pastoring, Mentoring, Coaching and Discipling (and other terms)
4. Mentoring models and styles