

## Belmont UMC

### Discipleship System

#### Discipleship System Overview

##### 1. Engage (Water/Baptism)

- **Purpose:** Create spaces for seekers and newcomers to encounter Christ and feel welcomed in the church community.
- **Key Practices:**
  - Accepting the welcome and welcoming others; practicing hospitality to all.
  - Reaching out and receiving people as they are.
  - Responding to low-barrier opportunities to experience worship, meet people, and learn.

##### 2. Connect (Loaf and Cup/Holy Communion)

- **Purpose:** Build authentic relationships and foster a sense of belonging within the church community.
- **Key Practices:**
  - Exploring BUMC's ministries for connecting, growing and serving in the love of G and N.
  - Plugging into a small group, class, or ministry.
  - Develop friendships within the church.

##### 3. Grow (Bible/The Word)

- **Purpose:** Deeply engage with God by learning to live in the way that leads to life. Encourage bible study, theological reflection, and spiritual formation.
- **Key Practices:**
  - Taking classes for learning Bible, tradition, social principles for faithful living.
  - Participating in quarterly spiritual retreat and annual church retreat
  - Reflecting together on Christian citizenship and faithful responses to today's challenges.

##### 4. Partner (Towel and Basin/Servanthood)

- **Purpose:** Equip and empower individuals to lead, mentor, and actively contribute to the mission of the church.
- **Key Practices:**
  - Advocating for justice and serving the wider community.
  - Shepherding and caring for others in our faith community.
  - Taking on teaching and leading roles in the church.