



Cyclical X Requirements

We are so grateful that high level leaders want to partner with Cyclical INC to start Cyclical Networks around North America. Unfortunately, some leaders do not yet have the full fiscal support to sustain a full Cyclical Network. Cyclical X is our attempt to join these leaders and work with a new network to draw it toward sustainability.

Expectations from the Cyclical X Director:

1. Establish Your Cyclical X Director

The role of a Cyclical X director is three fold. Firstly a director must gather leaders. Secondly, a director must raise money. Thirdly, a director must administer the other details of the network (gatherings, coaching, and connections with Directors and others).

2. Establish Your Cyclical X Three Year Budget Plan

Included in this plan should be a three-year plan for scaling up the budget, a multi-tiered plan for raising money, and reasonable expense projections (if you need a bank account, please let CINC know).

3. Lead at Least Five Committed Leaders

Cyclical requires that you are meeting and sharing life with at least five committed leaders in your networks. A committed leader is committed to the regular gathering and a monthly coaching, therapy or spiritual direction session.

5. Actively Seeking Financial Support

Every Cyclical X Director must be actively working to raise money. The goal is a sustainable network after 3 years. Prior to achieving a fully established budget, 10% of money raised will be given to Cyclical INC at the end of the year.

6. Online Presence

Establishing an online presence means that you are creating a platform where people can find out more about your community and contact you. A website or Facebook page will do, but if you have more, all the power to you!

7. Choose Your Liaison

Choose a liaison and meet quarterly with that person.

Expectations from the Cyclical INC:

1. Quarterly Contact with the Executive Director and Liaison

The Cyclical X Director must commit to a quarterly meeting with Cyclical INC's Executive Director or Director of Operations.

2. Seed Money

CINC will give up to \$100 per month, and up to \$1,200 per year to cover food at Cyclical X gatherings.

3. Quarterly Training

CINC will provide quarterly training with other Directors, including the Executive Director and Director of Operations.

4. Access to Resources

CINC will provide access to the Administrative Super Structure and other value-added assets that are available to all networks.

Discerning Church Starters

The cycle begins with discernment. Specifically, it begins with discerning a call to starting a new church. There are numerous aspects to this holy process. Thus, as a discerner, we invite you into two essentials to work through all aspects of discerning a call to start a new church. Firstly, we invite you into a relationship with one of our coaches, therapists or spiritual directors. This monthly meeting will allow you to discuss the nuances of your process of discernment with a thoughtful and caring expert. Secondly, we have found that the work of discernment needs to be worked out in a community of like-minded peoples. Thus, we invite you into one of our discernment dinners. At these dinners you will cross-pollinate your discernment process with others who are in a similar season of life.

Two Essentials for the Discerning Church Starter

1) Join a discerners group.

Meet for a meal with other discerners to discuss next steps around the potential for starting a new church while being trained in processes of discernment by Cyclical staff.

2) Begin a relationship with a coach, therapist, or spiritual advisor.

The process of discernment is best accomplished with others. Therefore, we have set up the opportunity for our discerners to meet monthly with either a coach, therapist or spiritual advisor.

Five Activities of the Discernment Process

1) Begin to develop a vision.

2) Identify resourcing partners.

3) Identify a tradition.

4) Attend an assessment center.

5) Begin to gather a church starting team.

Church Starters

The second stage of our threefold cycle of starting new churches is dedicated to the starters. The practitioners. The ones who have done the work of discernment and have begun the work of starting a new church. While the call of starting a new church is very exciting, the day in and day out activities of starting a new church can be exhausting. Thus, we have developed two essentials for all of our church starters. The first is to choose a coach. Coaches join our starters in conversation in their context and guide them through the decisions that need to be made. The second is to join a starters lunch where our starters are given the highest level of training around our cultural core values.

Two Essentials for the Church Starter

1) Join a starters group.

Commit to a monthly meal with other church starters and receive the highest level of training around our cultural core values.

2) Continue relationship with a coach or choose a new coach.

Meet once a month with your coach to discuss the day to day decisions that need to be made as a Church Starter.

Six Activities of the Church Starting Process

1) Gather a church starting team.

2) Finalize an initial vision for mission.

3) Finalize an initial vision for administration.

4) Finalize an initial vision for personal health of the starter.

5) Begin public worship.

6) Move toward sustaining the church.

The Church

Discerners become starters and starters start churches. These churches, as time passes, and as God blesses, move into moments of sustainability. Sustainability in mission, in administration, and in the health of the leadership. It is on the journey into sustainability that churches have a key choice. Churches can choose to start new churches or choose to refrain from this opportunity. At Cyclical, we believe that the choice to begin new churches is not only the best decision, but also a natural step in the ongoing lifecycle of the church. The task of beginning a new church can feel overwhelming for churches. We get this. To simplify the task, we have developed a three phase framework that all churches can accomplish with one goal in mind: to identify a person that you would like to invite to begin in the process of discerning a call to start a new church.

Three Phase Process for Beginning a New Church

1) Gather a team to identify potential church starters.

This group is essential as they identify people to invite to begin discerning becoming a church starter. Church starters are diverse and come for various backgrounds, vocations and cultures. Choosing the right people to be a part of this team will be essential as they engage with the Holy Spirit with regard to inviting people to discern church starting.

2) Choose your Cyclical coach or talk with a Cyclical Director.

Cyclical has coaches that specialize in working with existing churches. The coach will lead you through your process of discernment. Our director would also gladly walk you through a fitting process.

3) Identify the potential church starters.

In coordination with your coach or our director, Cyclical invites you to strategically ask the right people from your context to begin the discernment process with regard to starting a new church. Once the invitation is accepted, that person begins as a discerning church starter with Cyclical.

Cyclical Mission and Purpose

Cyclical exists to create and sustain ecosystems for starting new churches.

Our team identifies and supports regions that are interested in starting new churches and new worshipping communities. We do this by partnering to create systems that empower discerning church starters, church starters and existing churches as they join the mission of God through the natural and historical lifecycle of starting new churches. This growing collective of regions is an ecumenical community that share in a common culture and priority of contextualization created to thoughtfully start new churches.

Core Covenant MAP for Cyclical Participants

The culture of Cyclical is marked by twelve core values.

MISSION

- +Generativity: generating new churches out of our existing churches.
- +Autonomous Leadership: plural leadership that makes Spirit led decisions for its own context.
- +Incarnational Disciple Making: following the incarnation of Christ as the body of Christ in our context.
- +Shrewd Risk Taking: matching the shrewdness of those around us as we start new churches.

ADMINISTRATION

- +Organizational Accountability: accountability within a larger tribe.
- +Sustainability: moving toward sustainability in mission, administration, and in the personal lives of our leaders.
- +Legality: knowing legal code for our context and following appropriately.
- +Communication: communicating our stories with excellence across various platforms.

PERSONAL LIFE OF LEADERS

- +Ongoing Learning: ongoing learning of our leaders.
- +Integrative Development: holistic development of our leaders.
- +Accountability: leaders have a consistent network for personal accountability.
- +Work-Life Balance: our leaders lead by having a healthy work-life balance.

MISC

Where would you like the mission of your church and/or new worshipping community to focus?

With whom would you like your mission to focus?

When do you hope to launch the church and/or worshipping community's worship service?

How would you describe the communal worshipping life our your church and/or new worshipping community?

How do you imagine your church and/or new worshipping community will participate in the gospel with your neighbors?

FAQ

With what types of leaders does Cyclical work?

Cyclical prioritizes leaders with high competencies, innovative postures, and robust theological frameworks that lend toward a deep care for the local church.

Is Cyclical only for Presbyterians?

No. We lean on the ecumenical tenants of our tradition at Cyclical Inc. We are an interdenominational movement because we are Presbyterian.

To whom is the Director of Cyclical responsible?

The Director of a Cyclical X network is accountable to the Executive Director or Director of Operations of CINC. Please feel free to contact us with any additional questions that you have.

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Covenant

I agree to the above terms and requirements as outlined by Cyclical X and Cyclical INC, and I commit to uphold these terms and requirements as a member of the Cyclical X network.

Date

Signature