

Real Discipleship Survey (Online)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PASTORS/ADMINISTRATORS



All churches in the Virginia Conference now have access to the **Real Discipleship Survey** online. This system, designed by Phil Maynard, offers a way for churches to survey their maturity on six dimensions of the discipleship journey. This service is offered to all VAUMC churches free of charge.

The survey measures: a life of worship, a life of hospitality, a life open to Jesus, a life of obeying Jesus, a life of service, and a life of generosity. Upon taking the survey, participants discover if they are exploring, beginning, growing, or maturing in each of those categories.

In order for a church to participate using the **Real Discipleship Survey** online, the church pastor or administrator must claim and set up the church account. Please follow the steps below to do so.

1.) Claim Your Church:

Visit: discipleshipsurvey.com/churchclaimvirginia.html

Select your district and church name from the dropdown lists provided.*

2.) Edit Profile:

Use the blue "Edit Profile" button to set up your administrative account. Be sure to create a unique and strong password. Use the "Groups" fields to enter up to 20 groups within your congregation who may want to measure their discipleship and growth. For example, if you'd like to use the **Real Discipleship Survey** with your entire church, but would like to be able to look at the data for just your Church Council members who have taken the survey in order to gage their discipleship as a whole, you would want to create a Church Council group on this screen.

3.) Invite Your Church to Participate!

After claiming your church account and defining the groups within your church, you are ready to ask your church to take the **Real Discipleship Survey** online. (See separate instructions for church participants.)

4.) Use Your Statistics

After individuals and groups within your church take their **Real Discipleship Survey** online, their data will show up in your church account. Only the pastor or administrator (as defined above) will have access to that data. Log in to your church account using: <http://discipleshipsurvey.com/church.html> and use the blue "Church Stats" or "Group Stats" buttons to view the results.

From this screen you can filter results to by time period if you choose. (This feature might be valuable for churches who take the survey one year, offer resources and opportunities for growth after the initial surveys are taken, and then take the survey a second time to measure changes or growth.)

* If your church is not available using the dropdown menus, please contact kimjohnson@vaumc.org.



Questions about the **Real Discipleship Survey** online?
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