

# Natural Church Development (NCD)

Natural Church Development is a way of measuring the health or quality of a church. By using a carefully prepared questionnaire with 30 members of a church, the survey will determine the health of your church in eight critical areas.

These Quality Characteristics are universally used in building healthy churches!

- Empowering Leadership • Gift-based Ministry • Passionate Spirituality
- Effective Structures • Inspiring Worship Services • Holistic Small Groups
- Need-oriented Evangelism • Loving Relationships

The NCD Process will assist you in developing relevant goals and a plan to see the health of your church increase.

**Step 1: Prepare** – Prepare your church to engage in the total NCD Process. Getting leadership buy-in, mobilizing intercessors and choosing a Church Health Team are all a part of this step.

**Step 2: Diagnose** – Diagnose the health of your church. This step begins with taking the survey followed by an in-depth analysis of your Minimum Factor. It concludes with identifying 3-5 key issues to address.

**Step 3: Plan** – Plan to address your Minimum Factor. In this step the Church Health Team will develop a strategic plan to address your 3-5 key issues identified in Step 2.

**Step 4: Implement** – Implement the strategic plan developed in Step 3. Staying focused on carrying out the plan and overcoming obstacles along the way will be the task of the Church Health Team.

**Step 5: Evaluate** – Evaluate the process you used and the results of your effort. Use the Growth Force Principles to determine increased health in your Minimum Factor then plan to re-take the survey.

So if someone wants to engage in NCD assessment and wonders about how to start, here are the baby-steps: <https://ncdamerica.andrews.edu/about-us/baby-steps-getting-started/>

For further questions, see: <https://ncdamerica.andrews.edu/fag/>

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