# How to Take the Next Step!

- 1. Consult with a pastor who can introduce the Faith Growth Pathway & Survey.
- 2. Find out where you are on the pathway!
- 3. Identify the one or two practices that will support your growth.
- 4. Keep Growing! Make it a priority to grow closer to God and become more like Jesus.

#### **Daily Prayer of Commitment:**

Dear God, help me to take the next step. Show me how to become closer to you and more like Jesus. Amen.

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## 3 Keys to Growing Spiritually

- 1. Connect with God
- have a daily time with God
- develop foundational spiritual practices
- regularly attend worship
- 2. Connect with Others
- invest in Christian friendships
- regularly attend corporate worship
- find a place in a Central Connect Group
- 3. Change Our World
- find a way to serve in the church
- explore ways to serve in the community
- share your time, talents, and financial gifts
- learn about social justice and action opportunities

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### Faith Growth Pathway

As I follow Jesus, What's the next Step for Me?



Connecting with God Conecting with Others Changing Our World with Christ's Love

### Where Are You?

	Planting	Nurturing	Shaping	Sharing
Is this You?	You have come to check out the church or you attend occasionally. You may desire to be involved in a Central Connect Group. You want to learn about how the church is working in the community and world.	You attend worship regularly. You are a new Disciple who is learning how to grow in your own faith and share your faith with others.	You participate in worship and faith formation opportunities. You are involved and invested in the church and in serving the world. You engage in daily discipline to help grow in your faith.	You serve sacrificially. You are a leader in the church. You share your faith with those outside the church in the community.
How to Grow to the Next Level	Come to worship regularly and participate in other ministries of the church. Engage in conversation with a maturing disciple and find ways to serve in the church.	Learn about foundational spiritual practices, have a daily devotional time, explore Christian beliefs, connect with other disciples, work toward giving proportionally, and find a way to serve in the church.	Commit more of life to following God. Make your spiritual life a priority. Learn about spiritual practices, build relationships beyond the local church to share Christ, and regularly share your time, talents, and financial gifts.	Serve sacrifically in ministry. Continue to grow through spiritual practices, relationships with others, and service. Become a mentor or coach for newer disciples. Lead a ministry
Things You Can Do to Grow	□ Learn about the church □ Meet people □ Ask questions □ Explore how CUMC engages with the community □ Make a commitment to Jesus □ Participate in a class designed for Planting or Nurturing	<ul> <li>□ Participate in the New Member Class</li> <li>□ Participate in a Central Connect</li> <li>□ Group</li> <li>□ Be baptized</li> <li>□ Begin a daily time with God</li> <li>□ Serve in a ministry</li> <li>□ Begin regular giving</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Join a Central</li> <li>Connect Group</li> <li>Engage in daily spiritual practices</li> <li>Attend a Disciple Bible Study</li> <li>Work toward tithing</li> <li>Explore a variety of ways to serve in ministry</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Continue to feed your spirit through spiritual practices</li> <li>Become a spiritual mentor or faith growth pathway coach</li> <li>Build relationships in the community</li> <li>Engage in missions</li> <li>Give generously</li> <li>Provide leadership within the church</li> </ul>