

Getting Started in a MAG Checklist

- Determine a leadership driver.
Will the pastor, an elder or a group of elders have primary responsibility for getting the church connected in a MAG and ensuring that the work of the MAG is done?
- Educate the session on the purpose of MAGs.
Does each pastor and elder understand the meaning behind, the priority and importance of MAGs?
- Determine who will participate in the work of the MAG.
ECO suggests that at least 1/3 of the session be a part of the MAG. Your church may determine that every member of the session or 1/2 of the session will participate.
- Work through the Narrative Questions as a session.
- Determine ideal matches (i.e. With whom does your church want to be connected?).
Do you want to be connected to other churches geographically close to you? Do you have existing relationships with churches already? Do you want to be connected with churches that share the same mission context (i.e. beach towns, strong college ministries, downtown urban ministries)? Do you want to be connected with churches that are of a similar size as your church? Are there certain regional characteristics that are important to you (i.e. urban / suburban / rural setting; northern / southern / midwestern/ western / northeastern characteristics)?
- Get connected and reach out.
Talk to the MAG advocate in the Presbytery. Call the National MAG director. Look at churches in the presbytery or your local community.
- Set meeting date, location and time.