2025 Ministry Information Form

Dear ECO Church Leaders,

ECO Churches are asked annually to complete the Ministry Information Form (MIF). The MIF helps your presbytery and the Synod know how ECO is doing in growing flourishing churches from one year to another. The MIF also helps the Synod gather financial information and verify the 1% ECO support of the local church's operating budget.

In last year's MIF (2024), it was revealed that 57% of ECO congregations increased their budgets, while the remaining half either maintained or decreased their budgets. Additionally, congregations reported that average worship attendance showed a slight 2% increase while covenant partnership declined slightly 4%.

We also celebrated the official planting of 6 new churches within ECO, bringing the total number of recognized ECO church plants to 25. We are grateful for these developments and appreciate the opportunity to celebrate these milestones together. As we are not always aware when new plants are launched, we encourage congregations to keep us informed and to follow the established process for official recognition, allowing us to provide appropriate support, prayer, and partnership. At the same time, the church in the West and certainly the United States, continues to experience cultural headwinds that are making ministry more complex and challenging. The church is experiencing a season of leadership drain where finding qualified and called staff and pastors is difficult. In the church, we continue to see the average congregation's covenant partners and regular attendees show up one Sunday a month on average.

So what do we "count" that accurately measures whether or not a church is flourishing? How is a congregation able to accurately give an account of covenant partners flourishing in their discipleship? Does a lower number of baptized individuals represent a shift in the church or just a post-pandemic reality? We are also continuing to ask questions about church planting. ECO continues to support congregations and celebrate planters as they start new worshiping congregations and micro-expressions of church. Remember, the goal is to check in, not check up. The Synod and presbyteries use church data (along with other information) to determine what additional support needs to be offered to local congregations in order for each one to flourish.

The MIF is due by May 1, 2026

1. Assign an MIF coordinator

Designate one person to:

- circulate the form to staff and leaders
- compile the final data
- submit the completed MIF

Forward this PDF/email to that person.

2. Identify Contributors

Determine which staff or ministry leaders are responsible for each section.

3. Gather the information

Print or share the form with the appropriate people so they can provide their data.

4. Submit the completed MIF at: eco-pres.org/2025mif

Note: This webpage also provides access to a printable PDF of the form.

Thank you! We hope that you have a wonderful Lenten season and Easter celebration!
In Christ,

Rev. Nate Dreesmann
Executive Director of Ecclesiastical Support

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The MIF is due by May 1, 2026. Please make every effort to honor this deadline. If you have any questions about any part of the MIF, please contact us at mif@eco-pres.org.

Ways to Submit Your 2025 Ministry Information Form

Preferred Method — Submit Online

Use this option whenever possible.
Why this matters: Online submission processes your information immediately and greatly reduces manual data entry.

Have your completed MIF on hand or be ready with all the info so you can easily transfer the data over to the online submission form.

MIF online submission link: eco-pres.org/2025mif

If you need help accessing the form, contact mif@eco-pres.org.

Alternatively: Submit Through the Church Portal

Use this if your pastor already works in the portal.

1. Log in at mychurch.eco-pres.org
2. Click My Church, then click "2025 MIF"
3. You will then be able to enter your form data and submit.

Alternatively: Via Email

Only use this if you cannot submit online.
Email your completed form to: mif@eco-pres.org

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Please complete and submit this form by May 1st, 2026.

Person Completing this Form

Name _____ Title _____

Date _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Church Information

Full Church Name _____

Has your church's name changed in the past year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what was your church's previous name? _____

ECO ID# (Ex. 005) _____ ECO Presbytery _____

Church Physical Address

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Ex. CA, TX, etc

Church Mailing Address

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Ex. CA, TX, etc

Church Phone # _____ Church Website _____

Church Email (General) _____ Does your church use social media (Facebook/Instagram)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Number of Covenant Partners (members) _____ Average In-person Worship Attendance _____

Is your church in a Mission Affinity Group (MAG)?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

Are your pastor(s) in a Pastor Covenant Group (PCG)?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

Has your church added both ECO and our presbytery as additionally insured on your liability coverage. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Primary Church Contacts

Pastor / Head of Staff

Name | Email | Phone

No Pastor/In Transition ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you like ECO to contact your church (Clerk of Session or primary church contact on file) to offer resources and assistance during this time of transition or pastoral search? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Clerk of Session

Name | Email | Phone

Primary Church Contact (Person who will receive all communication from the ECO National Office)

Name | Title | Email | Phone

Finance Contact

Name | Email | Phone

Business/HR Contact

Name | Email | Phone

Global/Local Missions Contacts

Name | Title | Email

Name | Title | Email

Children, Youth, or Family Ministry Contacts

Name | Title | Email

Name | Title | Email

Name | Title | Email

Church Staff & Leaders

Other Ordained Pastors

List any other ordained pastors at your church. (Examples: Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, Assistant Pastor for Youth/Students. **Only list ordained pastors.**)

Name	Title	Email	
			☐ Full Time ☐ Part Time ☐ N/A
			☐ Full Time ☐ Part Time ☐ N/A
			☐ Full Time ☐ Part Time ☐ N/A
			☐ Full Time ☐ Part Time ☐ N/A
			☐ Full Time ☐ Part Time ☐ N/A

Non-Ordained Ministry Directors and Leaders

List any non-ordained leaders involved in direct ministry. (Examples: Children/Youth Directors, Discipleship Coordinator, Worship Leaders)

Name	Title	Email	
			☐ Full Time ☐ Part Time ☐ N/A
			☐ Full Time ☐ Part Time ☐ N/A
			☐ Full Time ☐ Part Time ☐ N/A
			☐ Full Time ☐ Part Time ☐ N/A
			☐ Full Time ☐ Part Time ☐ N/A

Church Staff & Leaders

How many church staff members are: Paid Full Time ☐ Paid Part Time ☐ Volunteer ☐ Interns ☐

Have all of your pastors completed the two required ECO Safe Training courses?
(Previously called Proud to Protect) All ECO pastors serving in a church are required to complete two courses every three years through ECO Safe Training or a comparable program that meets current state mandates. If you would like more information, please email: patty@eco-pres.org.

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

Is your church interested in receiving Mentored Ministry training for your minister(s) or lay leader(s)?
Ground your leaders in a biblically and theologically rooted mentoring process that forms character and ministry practice.
Learn more at: **trainings.flourishinstitute.online** ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is your church interested in having an ECO Commissioned Lay Pastor fill one or more of your pastoral positions? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you said yes to the Mentored Ministry intern or CLP question, may ECO contact your church (Pastor/Head of Staff, Clerk of Session and/or primary church contact) about this opportunity? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Ages

For Children and Youth - include those who are active in ministry activities.

For Adults - include those who are on the membership rolls.

In 2025, approximately how many people were in each age group:

17 and under	
18 -29	
30 - 64	
65 and older	

Covenant Partners

Beginning Total (as of 1/1/25)	
Total Losses (Removed from Covenant Partnership - Those who transferred, are deceased, or were removed for other reasons.)	
Total Gains	
Ending Total (as of 12/31/25)	

Session

How many people made up your church's session in 2025?

Ethnicity

Please indicate which ethnicity makes up the majority of your congregation as well as what percentage of your congregation is made up of this ethnic majority.

Ethnic majority of your congregation

What percentage of your congregation is made up of this ethnic majority? %

Baptisms

Infants / Children	
Adults	
Total Number of Baptisms for 2025	

Giving

Does your church have an online giving system for members to give electronically?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Approximately what percentage of your church's covenant partners contribute/give financially?

%

Financial Information

2025

2025 Receipts/Income: Actual Year-End Amounts

2025 Total Income $ _____

Actual Giving Units _____

2025 Expenditures: Actual Year-End Amounts

2025 Total Expenses $ _____

2026

2026 Budgeted Expenses

2026 Total Budgeted Expenses* $ _____

*This is the amount used to calculate 2026 ECO support.
Do not include in any expenses related to Capital Campaigns or pass-thru accounts in this total.

Pass-thru accounts are accounts where special collections are made and then dispersed outside of the normal budget. For example, youth mission offerings or building projects related to Capital Campaigns.

Church Planting

We seek better insight into how our churches are involved in the multiplication of new churches and where we can grow in our efforts. For these questions we use the phrase "new church-type ministry" to refer to church plants and/or micro-expressions.

Q1. **Does your church have an articulated vision for church multiplication?**

☐ Yes, written and active ☐ Informal but discussed ☐ No

Q2. **Does your church have a residency, internship, or apprenticeship pathway that could develop future planters?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

Q3. **Apart from the regular membership support, did your church contribute financially in 2025 to your presbytery and/or Synod?**

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, what was the additional amount given? $ _____

Q4. **In 2025, did your church help establish a new church-type ministry?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

Q5. **In 2025, did your church provide any support (financial or otherwise) to a new church-type ministry?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" was answered for *either* Q4 or Q5, please answer the below additional questions.

Q6. **How much financial support did your church contribute in 2025?** $ _____
(If no financial support was given, please enter $0.)

Q7. **How much non-cash support** (e.g., staff time, facilities, equipment, supplies) **did your church contribute in 2025?** (Estimate the value. If no non-cash support was given, please enter $0.)

$ _____

Q8. **How many new church-type ministries, established within the past 6 years, is your church currently supporting?** _____

Q9. **Is the leadership of the new church-type ministry credentialed by ECO or currently being ECO credentialed (either ordination or CLP)?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

Support & Engagement

Q1. **In the past year, has your church engaged with any of the following ECO resources?**
(Check all that apply)

- ☐ Biblical Peacemaking
- ☐ Cultivating Flourishing Congregations (CFC) Cohort
- ☐ Flourish Coach Training
- ☐ FUEL Funding Lab
- ☐ Pastoral Search & Transition Resources
- ☐ Presbytery-led Flourishing Initiative
- ☐ Transitional Pastor (CTP) Training
- ☐ None of the above
- ☐ Other ECO resource (please specify):

Q2. **Interest in Connection or Follow-Up**
Would your church be interested in being contacted about any resources in the coming year?

- ☐ Yes ☐ Not at this time
- ☐ Maybe/Open to learning more

If "Yes" or "Maybe", who would you prefer ECO to contact?

Name

Email

Phone (optional)

Role

Q3. **If you are interest in connection or follow up, which resource(s) would you like to learn more about?**
(Check all that apply)

- ☐ Biblical Peacemaking
- ☐ Cultivating Flourishing Congregations (CFC) Cohort
- ☐ Flourish Coach Training
- ☐ FUEL Funding Lab
- ☐ Pastoral Search & Transition Resources
- ☐ Presbytery-led Flourishing Initiative
- ☐ Transitional Pastor (CTP) Training
- ☐ Other ECO resource (please specify):

Q4. **Optional Comment (Optional)**
Is there anything you would like ECO to know about your church's current season of ministry or areas where support might be helpful?

Global Engagement

Q1. Does your church include prayer for your global mission partners in your worship services? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Q2. Does your church give financially to global mission either by supporting individual missionaries, projects, or international mission agencies? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Q3. What is the total amount (local, national, international) of your church mission budget?

Q4. Of that total, what is the amount of your church budget that is dedicated to global mission?

Q5. Does your congregation have a personal relationship with a partner church outside of the U.S. in which both parties share prayer requests, ministry updates, and periodic trips to visit with one another? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Q6. Does your church support an ECO church in the United States that is predominantly made up of immigrants? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Q7. Does your church specifically support one or more of ECO's strategic partner mission agencies (check all that apply):

☐ The Antioch Partners ☐ The Outreach Foundation ☐ Frontier Fellowship ☐ World Renew Disaster Response Services