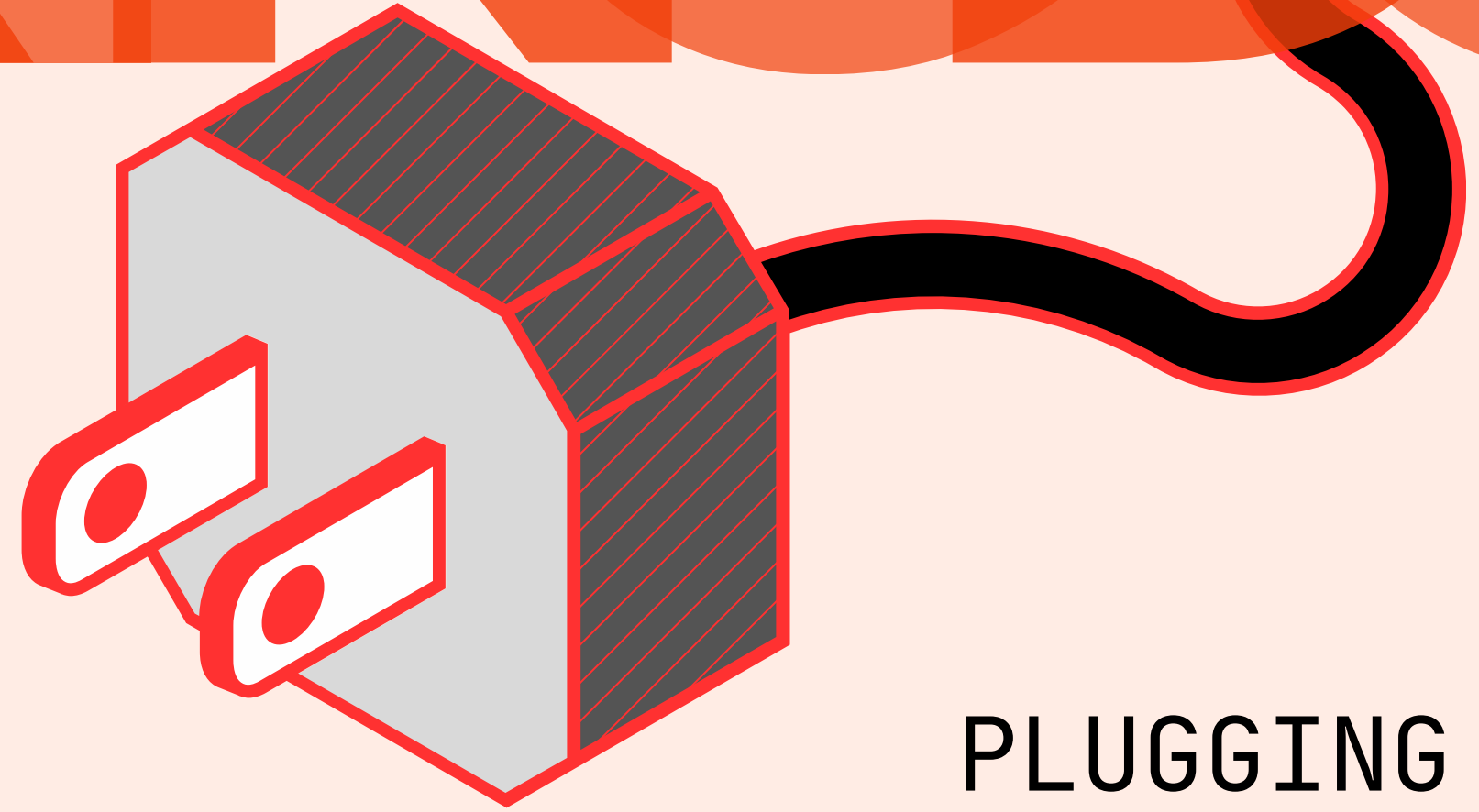
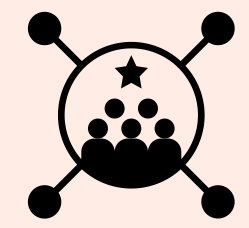


KINGDOM



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TO THE COMMUNITY HUB - THE CHURCH AT ITS BEST



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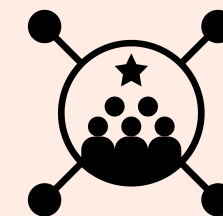


Pre - Conference Overview

Meeting Date: Thursday, October 10, 2024

Goal of Pre - Conference Work:

Our aim is for churches, including pastoral leadership, in consultation with church leaders and laity, to conduct thorough community research and needs assessments. This involves collecting detailed information on key community resources, organizations, institutions, and leaders. By understanding the assets within our community, we can prevent duplicating efforts and instead form strategic collaborations that enhance our collective impact.





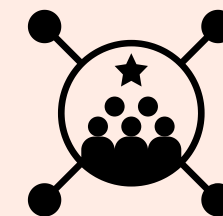
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In *No Silver Bullets: Five Small Shifts that will Transform Your Ministry*, Daniel Im emphasizes that lasting success requires consistent, incremental change rather than quick fixes. He argues that true transformation comes from small, intentional shifts rather than relying on a single major action. This principle reflects the broader idea that there is no “silver bullet” solution for complex challenges, especially when it comes to creating long-term, sustainable change.



Fred Brooks’ famous essay, *No Silver Bullet*, also reinforces this concept in the context of software engineering, arguing that no single development or technique can provide a tenfold improvement. Instead, real progress comes through tackling complex issues systematically and over time.





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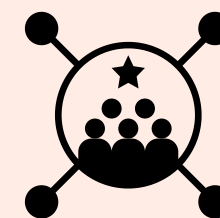
Both works underscore that there is no shortcut to success. Achieving meaningful results requires ongoing effort and the willingness to engage in the “consistent, hard, and generous work” necessary for lasting change .

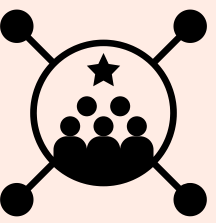
Is it going to be the special guests you invited, the revival that sparks emotional change, the exciting event that rallies the saints, or the special offering that prevents challenges from crippling the church’s efforts?

No...

it won’t be any of these things, nor the consistent combination of such events, that lead to true and lasting growth in God’s kingdom.

The real, lasting success in ministry will come from stepping beyond the walls of the church, identifying the unique needs of the community, and doing the hard work of becoming a hub of resources. It’s about uniting the church and external partners to meet those needs. When everyone in the community can confidently say, “If you really need something, go to the AME Church on the corner. If they don’t have it, they’ll find it for you. And by the way, you should also worship there on Sunday,” that’s when the kingdom will grow.

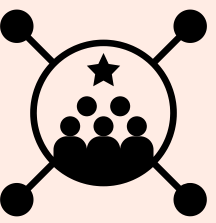




RESOURCE AGENCIES

Identifying local resource agencies is vital as they bring cultural relevance, shared goals, community trust, and valuable resources to strengthen the church's outreach and impact

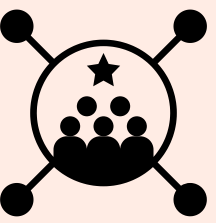
Type of Agency	Name of Agency & Contact Person	Title/Position	Phone Number	Email Address	Services Description
Food Pantries and Soup Kitchens					
Homeless Shelters and Housing Assistance					
Mental Health Services					
Youth and Family Services					
Senior Services					
Domestic Violence and Abuse Services					
Employment and Job Training Programs					
Health Clinics and Medical Services					
Legal Aid Services					



EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS & SUPPORT GROUPS

Identifying educational personnel grants direct access to children, parents, and key community members, giving the church valuable insight into issues impacting families and opportunities to offer targeted support.

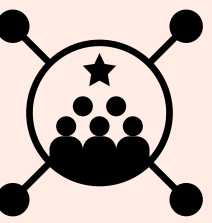
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Board of Education					
Superintendent					
School Board Members					
Principals					
Guidance Counselors					
School Resoure Officers					
PTA/PTO Leaders					
Before/After School Providers					



SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS

Identifying social organizations connects the church with community sponsors who care, providing additional resources and volunteers to better serve and support the community.

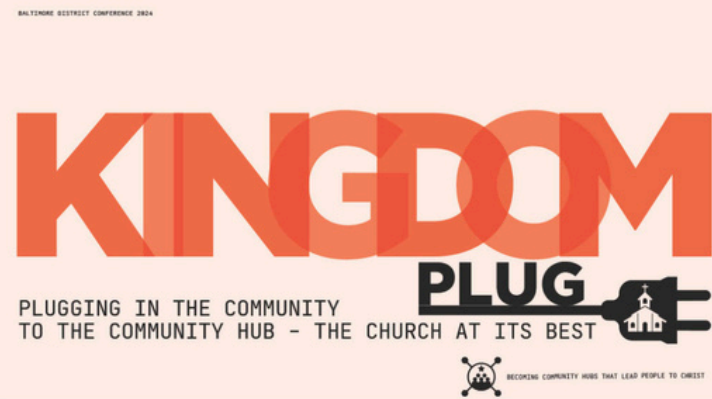
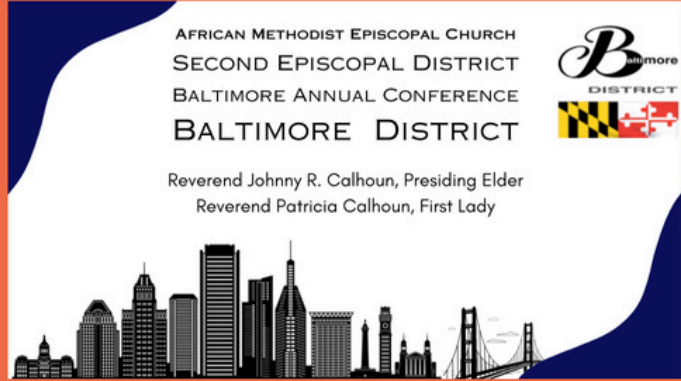
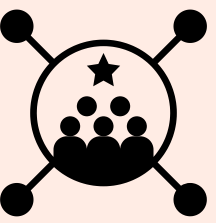
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Divine Nine Fraternities and Sororities					
Prince Hall Masons					
Elks Lodges (IBPOEW)					
NAACP					
100 Black Men of America					
The Links, Incorporated					
Jack and Jill of America, Inc.					



POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVES

Identifying political figures and their initiatives helps the church partner with key decision-makers to address community needs and advocate for impactful local change.

Governmental Office	Name of Agency or Office & Contact Person	Title/Position	Phone Number	Email Address	Services Description
County Executive					
County Council Members					
Mayor (incorporated cities/towns)					
City or Town Council Members					
Sheriff / Police Chief					
Health Department Officials					
Planning and Zoning Board Members					
Community / Neighborhood Association Leaders					



Church Name *

Food Pantries and Soup Kitchens

Name of Agency

Contact Person

Title/Position

Phone Number

Email Address

Services Description

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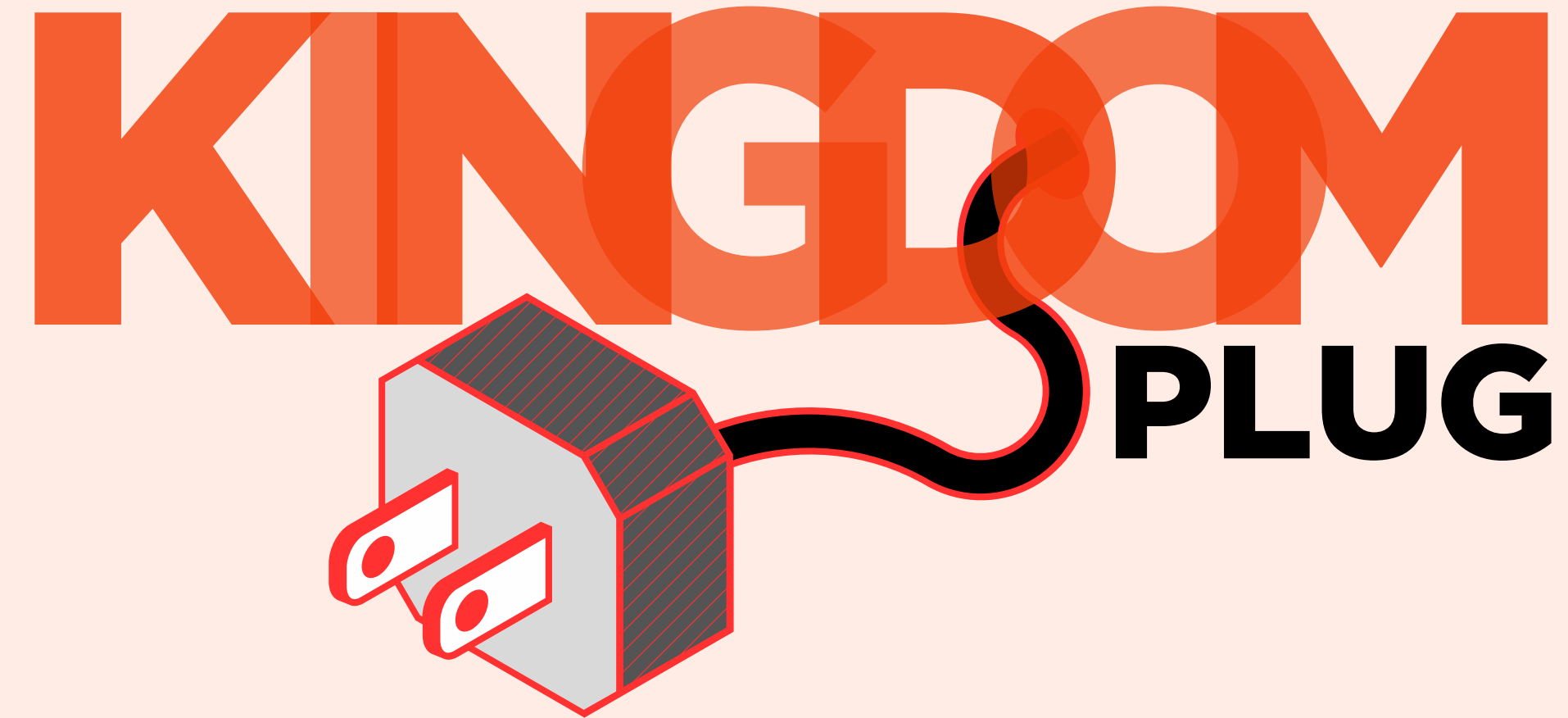
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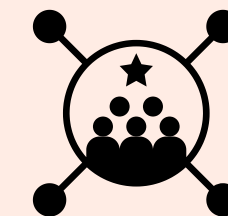
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There are plenty of resources to lead you in the right direction to compile this data but the Maryland Manual On-Line is a very valuable aide.

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JEREMIAH

29:17

“Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

