



**Ambassador**  
*Nurturing the life of the Institute*

# Ambassador Update

## Institute for Discipleship

*Ambassadors nurture the life of the Institute for Discipleship through their prayers, advocacy, and financial support, advancing the Kingdom of God worldwide.*

### **April 2022: Growing**

Spring is in full bloom in our small town. I drive to work past daffodils and crocuses and forsythia that have burst into bloom, and I feel the promise of this new growth.

I feel the same way about our new Ambassador program. We have set a goal of having 100 Ambassadors in the next year or so, and we are expecting an explosion of growth that will rival those daffodils and crocuses!



To that end, we held our first Ambassador lunches March 9 and 10 in Dallas. It was wonderful to connect with friends and friends we'd never met. If you know someone who has a passion for helping Christians in spiritual formation, please let us know--they might have been looking for us just as eagerly as we've been looking for them.

Thank you for growing with us,

Steve Wilke

**[Information About Being an Ambassador](#)**

## Growing: IFD Ambassadors

We've hit the road in telling the story of the Institute for Discipleship and inviting others to join our ministry.



Mary Brooke and Vic Casad hosted a luncheon for potential Ambassadors in their Dallas home March 10 (they're at right in the photo above) and were joined by Barbra Dorff, Sarah Wilke, Nancy Kruh, and others interested in learning more. A second Dallas luncheon March 9 allowed us to meet tell our story to a different group in a restaurant setting.

The next gathering will be in Indianapolis June 23. If you know someone in that area (or anywhere) who has a heart for God and might be a good fit for becoming an IFD Ambassador, send us their name and contact information. We'll invite them to lunch, a Zoom introductory session, or a personal visit with someone from our staff.

**[Here's more information about becoming an Ambassador.](#)**

## Growing: The Summit

The Summit is up and growing again.



After two years of pandemic adjustments, the Summit Youth Academy will be back on campus this year even stronger. In collaboration with Ascending Leaders, a group of three churches, leaders will focus on making sure youth and young adults are well-supported in their faith formation by their home church before and after they attend the Summit. "We have a great opportunity for high school juniors and seniors to come and spend a week away from life's normal distractions to focus on hearing God's voice and answering God's calling," says Summit director Wendy Mohler-Seib (shown at right above). The week promises powerful worship services, quality educational experiences, quiet spaces for listening to God and one another, and space for lifelong friendships to emerge."

**[More information about The Summit is here](#)**

## Growing: A Focus on Young Adults

The Timothy Circle continues to focus on young adults and how congregations can support the faith journeys of persons ages 14 to 24. A series of free live, online learning conversations has been offered in Texas and New Mexico to encourage churches as they help teen and young adult Christians in their congregations discern their call to follow Christ. Funded by the Texas Methodist Foundation and produced in coordination with Perkins School of Theology Office of External Programs, the series is expected to be offered in other venues in the future.



[More information about the Timothy Circle is here.](#)

## Growing: Guess What's About to Hatch?

Our new BeADisciple Study App! Watch upcoming newsletters for more exciting news to announced. In the meantime you can join more than 23,000 learners who have taken courses online through BeADisciple.com since 2006.



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