

Rev. **Sue Nilson Kibbey** is an ordained elder in The United Methodist Church, and currently serves on the West Ohio Conference's executive staff as Director of the Office of Missional Church Development. Sue leads the Missional Church Consultation Initiative (MCCI), a rigorous 360-degree coaching and training effort for select congregations and their pastors who have been invited to participate as a way to jumpstart a new life cycle of ministry fruitfulness. In the seven years of its development, more than 110 congregations across six different United Methodist Conferences are now engaged in moving off plateau/decline and forging forward through the intensive work of the MCCI.

Sue's local church ministry service has included ten years as the Executive Pastor of Ginghamburg United Methodist Church in Tipp City, Ohio, partnering with lead pastor Mike Slaughter to engage and expand the congregation's missional involvement to include deep discipleship and global impact. She also served for twelve years as director of ministries and senior pastor at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Sue is the creator of "Ministry by Strengths," which utilizes Gallup's Clifton StrengthsFinder to help unleash and deploy church members to actively serve out of their strengths and unique areas of passion. She has authored five books, including "Ultimately Responsible: When You're In Charge of Igniting a Ministry" which is used in seminaries, United Methodist Conferences and congregations across the country. Sue's speaking, training, coaching and consulting includes pastors, churches, bishops, and United Methodist annual conferences. She is an adjunct faculty member at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, and teaches the master of divinity "Leadership for Ministry" course each year.

Sue's greatest passion is "Breakthrough Prayer," which has been the heartbeat of the Missional Church Consultation Initiative and beyond. Her newest book published in 2016 by Abingdon Press, "Flood Gates: Holy Momentum for a Fearless Church," features detailed content on this theme. Her next book is scheduled for release by Abingdon in February 2019, titled "Ultimate Reliance: Breakthrough Prayer Practices for Leaders."