

# *Two Great Tools to Grow your Local Church!*

## **#1 MISSIONINSITE**

If you are serious about growing your church's ministry beyond those you are already reaching, MissionInsite is a tool you will want to use! Provided by your Shares of Ministry, this valuable resource is free to all of our congregations. Discover who lives around your church... what's important to them and suggestions on how to reach them... Learn about the needs of your community... and use the data to create effective outreach ministries and community impact possibilities.

Go to our Conference website at [www.susumc.org](http://www.susumc.org) and click on "Resources" and then "MissionInsite" on the drop-down menu for help registering... a step by step instruction sheet is found there.

## **#2** **VitalSigns**

Although many think of Vital Signs as the tool of mandatory reporting, Vital Signs is a way for your leadership and pastor to track the vitality and health of your church. Much like a physician reading your pulse, blood pressure, etc., Vital Signs will help your local church leadership check-up on how things are going weekly or over long periods of time. Looking at attendance, small group participation, missional activity and congregational giving, Vital Signs can help your church stay healthy and celebrates the wonderful ministries already occurring which sometimes go unnoticed in a congregation!

Be sure someone in your congregation is reporting your information by using the weekly filing email sent to those who have been given responsibility in your church to report. Information on how and what to report can be found on our conference website at [www.susumc.org](http://www.susumc.org). Click on the "Resources" tab and then "Vital Signs Dashboard" on the drop-down menu for the details.



If you need help, contact Rev. Mike Bealla, our conference administrator for MissionInsite and Vital Signs at [Mbealla@susumc.org](mailto:Mbealla@susumc.org) or by calling his office at 570-342-8263 (Elm Park UM Church, Scranton, Pa.)

AND, if you need help understanding or un-packing the data in MissionInsite for developing targeted mission and ministry, he is always happy to work with you and your church. Just contact him for more information!