

God is calling the Church to thrive in the 21st Century with

- Courage, conviction, and a commitment to faithful discipleship
- Prayerful discernment of our calling as churches
- Reliance upon Scripture
- Persistence – bold, enacted faith
- Honest assessment of our gifts and community need
- Resilience in struggle
- Pursuit of reconciliation
- Hopefulness in change

A collaboration for churches in:

Presbytery de Cristo



Presbytery of Grand Canyon



Presbyterian Church (USA)



Discerning God's call and building disciples of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit.

"A post Christian mission should leave behind all attempts to become a Christian culture again. Mission is not a project. Evangelism is not to grow the church. Conversions are not instruments to change the world but are a foretaste of the Kingdom of God. They are good things in and of themselves: evangelism and mission. Even if they do not bring back a Christian culture, they offer beauty to our world. Mission is about the glory of God before anything else. God is simply good, not just good for something. Evangelism and serving the poor are good, not just good for something."

Ray Jones

7 Vital Signs of Health

- Lifelong discipleship formation
- Intentional authentic evangelism
- Outward incarnational focus
- Empowered servant leadership
- Spirit inspired worship
- Caring relationships
- Healthy congregational process



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Seasons of Revitalization

- **Fall: Education** – what are the biblical signs of a healthy church?
- **Winter: Examination** – how are we *really* doing?
- **Spring: Experimentation** – try new things, take a leap of faith for the sake of love!
- **Summer: Celebration** – share with others what God has done and is doing!

“Being the Church Reformed,
Always Reforming according to
the Word of God is not a work
for sissies but for bold
leaders!”
-The Rev. Kathryn Threadgill

What this *IS*...

- Discussion and discernment rooted in God’s Word and prayer,
- An honest look at where we are,
- Realistic assessment matched with hopeful resources,
- Sharing “wins” and struggles along the journey of growth,
- Experiments in missional ministry and building disciples with support from sister churches.

What this is *NOT*...

- A one-size-fits-all program,
- An immediate fix or guarantee,
- A plan to quell anxiety over the three B’s – butts, bucks and bricks,
- A return to our glory days,
- An invitation to tweak yet remain the same.

Key Resources

- Bible studies
- Implementation ideas and tools
- Neighborhood analysis tools
- Liturgy and worship aids
- Pastoral and congregational cohorts
- Trained facilitators to accompany you through your discernment

Register Your Church

Sessions and pastors are asked to covenant with the presbytery regarding their participation:

- Pastors covenant to participate in the Macedonia pastors’ cohort.
- Sessions covenant on behalf of the congregation to participate in The Thrive Project.
- Sessions agree to inquire of persons from their church willing to be trained as facilitators.
- Facilitators can be a pastor, elder, or another congregational leader. All facilitators will be trained.

To Register:

Visit the Presbytery Website,
download a covenant and return it
completed to pbyoffice@gmail.com
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