



The Mission Coordinating Team is proposing that we work with the Center for Parish Development on a Transformation process for a few select congregations in the Presbytery. More information will be coming your way soon, but to help understand what we mean by "Missional Church" in the Transformation process, we are running a series of FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) for the next few weeks.

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# What do you mean MISSIONAL CHURCH?

Frequently asked questions ~ week 6/10



## Does being a missional church mean that evangelism is more important than Christian education?

No. It would be a mistake to invite people to become citizens of the reign of God without equipping them for life within the reign of God. The purpose of the church is to proclaim and be a sign of the reign of God. A missional church is intentional about both its witness to those outside the community of faith and how its life together gives people a glimpse of God's new reality.



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 ...AND GOD'S MISSION NEEDS A CHURCH!**

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**mark your calendars**

COM	JULY 13	PRESBYTERY OFFICE	10:00AM
TRIENNium	JULY 20-24	PURDUE, INDIANA	
SYNOD SCHOOL	JULY 25-30	BUENA VISTA UNIVERSITY	
MISSION COOR TEAM	AUG 5	PRESBYTERY OFFICE	11:00AM
CPM	AUG 9	PRESBYTERY OFFICE	9:30AM
PW	AUG 9	LAKESIDE PC	9:30AM
COM	AUG 10	PRESBYTERY OFFICE	10:00AM
MODERATOR TEAM	AUG 10	PRESBYTERY OFFICE	1:00PM

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**219<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2010)**   
 T W I N C I T I E S A R E A / M I N N E A P O L I S



Tuesday a.m.

At this point the biggest news coming from the General Assembly has been the election of our new Moderator: Cynthia Bolbach, the only elder among the six candidates. She was elected on the fourth ballot in what looked to be a late Saturday night meeting. Since her election the General Assembly has been busy with committee meetings wrestling with Overtures brought to the assembly.

The Sunday morning worship service was a unique, moving, multi-cultural experience. The musical styles covered everything from Praise music, to organ and traditional hymns, to drums and pan flutes, to African-American gospel. For the first time in history, the service included the baptism of a young girl from Kwannza Community Presbyterian Church, followed by singing, "I was there to Here Your Borning Cry." It was a very moving time.

Last evening, several of us form Prospect Hill went to dinner together. It was good to get many of us together in one place. I had not seen some of them until that evening. It is always good to hear the various impressions of the Assembly from others.

Personally, it is always good to see others I have met and known over the years and catch up on the happenings in their lives.

And so, as Garrison Keillor would say, "Be well, do good work, and keep in touch."



Vacationing in Okoboji?

It's a wonderful place to relax and enjoy time together with family and friends! While you're in the area, please remember you are invited to join us at the **Presbyterian Camp on Okoboji** in worship each Sunday now through August @ 10 a.m. in the NEW Lakeview Lodge!

'Just passing through the area? You're also welcome to stop by to visit the camp and tour the NEW Lodge and our lakeshore camp. This is truly a sacred place for ALL to come and experience God!

'Hope to see you soon!

Ann Northey Ditsworth - Designated Executive Director - Presbyterian Camp on Okoboji



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