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CM COMMENTS



Deeply Rooted Multiplication

by Conference Minister Ron Hamilton

Two hundred years ago, on Saturday, May 6, 1815, the Rev. John Spencer rode from “the Rapids” (Jamestown) to meet with a small group of six people gathered in a log school house on the Russell farm bordering Stillwater Creek in the town of what is now Kiantone. The next Sunday, May 7, the Rev. Spencer administered Holy Communion and three more people joined.

In 1830, the present church building still in use today was constructed. The building, modeled after the mother church in the Mendon/Milford area of Massachusetts, is in the typical, plain New England style.

The words are taken from the history book prepared for the 200th anniversary celebration of the CCCC church in Kiantone, New York, the Kiantone Congregational Church. I had the privilege of sharing in this celebration and was encouraged that a vital church ministry still is carrying on under the leadership of Pastor Mel McGinnis and a team of capable and devoted leaders. Praise the Lord!

My participation in this anniversary celebration reminded me that church planting is deeply rooted in our Congregational history. Our forefathers were driven by a strong passion for the Gospel and were used to start new churches across our nation. Pastor John Spencer was the church planting pastor of fourteen churches.

Church multiplication is deeply rooted in Scripture. It is

said that the three missionary journeys of the Apostle Paul could appropriately be called Paul’s three church planting missions. The book of Acts records the fact that people heard the Gospel and responded. In a short time, after training and development, church leaders were appointed and pastors were sent. The Gospel spread rapidly in the First Century through the multiplication of churches.

I am pleased that the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference values healthy church multiplication. In doing so we confess that new churches are a necessary part of our efforts of evangelism to reach a lost and needy world.

“We are aware of the need for new churches throughout the world. But 70 percent of people in the United States have no meaningful church relationship. The harvest fields surround us. Many people will not be reached without new churches.” (Bob Logan)

Under the leadership of our Rob O’Neal, Director of Church Multiplication, the Church Multiplication Committee, and many faithful people working in our regional hubs, our church multiplication ministry is moving forward. Please join me in praying for our new churches and their planting pastors. Also join me in trusting God for the resources to support this movement and the continued courage to prioritize church planting in the CCCC. God is at work and we are called to join Him in this work. ♦



NE REGIONAL NEWS



Healthy Church Multiplication

Terry Shanahan, *NE Regional Minister*

Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. John 12:24

Trick question: How many churches have been planted in the CCCC? Answer. *All of them.*

Every church has a beginning, a time when it was “planted,” usually by a few people called by God to meet an existing need. CCCC churches in Wakefield, Essex, Middleboro, and West Newbury (all in Massachusetts), were planted in 1644, 1683, 1694, and 1698 respectively. As I read our yearbook, another dozen member churches had their beginnings between 1702 and 1781. Just this year, 2015, a church in Westford, Massachusetts is being launched along with others around the country. For the past 371 years, Congregational Churches have been planted in our tradition, and yet I often hear of the “new movement” within our Conference to plant churches. In retrospect, I think we would have to agree that this is an “old movement” which has taken on “new life.” In fact, a former pastor of one of our churches planted in the 1600s tells of his church having planted five churches but not having done so since the mid 1700s.

I often attend anniversary celebrations for our churches. Invariably I am taken with the story of the churches’ founding. In 1711 the folks in what is now South Church, Peabody, Massachusetts petitioned and had quite a long struggle to be released to plant their church and leave the Salem church, the site of the witch trials. Their request was finally granted, and I was able to attend a wonderful 300-year celebration there. In 1712 the founding members of First Congregational Church, Hamilton, Massachusetts appealed to their home church to plant a new church because traveling five miles over the winter ice was prohibitive. The next year the Massachusetts General Court granted their request.

In 1809 historic Park Street Church in Boston was founded by fourteen men and twelve women when the population of Boston as just thirty-four thousand people. They raised the sum of twenty

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CHURCH DEVELOPMENT



The Expectation of Multiplication

By John Kimball,
Director of Church Development

Healthy organisms reproduce. God designed life systems into His creation to work that way. Everything in creation reproduces after its kind, and He even commanded man to “be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth...” When one considers all the biotic references regarding the Church in the New Testament, it becomes clear that this characteristic of creation also extends to the Bride of Christ. Sheep produce sheep. Disciples produce disciples. Leaders produce leaders. Churches produce churches.

There are several expected outcomes from employing biblical church development principles. Most of these fall right in line with the reproductive traits built into creation. The Great Commission calls us to reproduce — disciples of Christ (whether first century or twenty-first century) make disciples. The New Testament gives us great principles for leader development — particularly the Apostle Paul as he writes his letters to Timothy and Titus. And the reproduction of the Church of Jesus Christ is not limited to the Book of Acts. Healthy churches — obedient, faithful congregations — reproduce.

When an organism does not reproduce, it is a sign that something is wrong. It’s the same with Jesus’ Church. The fact that so many congregations in America are not multiplying is significant — and we must pay attention. There is a biblical expectation that we will multiply. This is why the CCCC Church Development process has multiplication built into it. Some have commented that church planting is the task of Church Multiplication, not Church Development (or revitalization). But these are in no way mutually exclusive! In fact, historically, one can see the direct relationship between these two: in movements where church multiplication is pursued, the existing churches in that movement become vibrant and fruitful; in movements where revitalization is effective, church planting (multiplication) is always an outcome.

One of our CCCC Seven Guiding Values is “Healthy Church Multiplication.” And one of the primary expectations of our CCCC Church Development Process is the outcome of multiplying disciples, leaders and congregations. It is to be the norm, not an exception. Wheth-

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CHURCH MULTIPLICATION



Health, Growth and Multiplication

Rob O'Neal,

Director of Church Multiplication

A healthy church, like any other living organism, multiplies itself. It's a principle we find in nature, particularly at this time of year. May is when the irises bloom in our yard. My wife planted them shortly after we moved in, and they exploded the next spring with new blooms and shoots. Pretty soon our irises had multiplied to the point that beds were overgrown. That's just what healthy irises do.

However, that is not the case for the irises underneath the tree in our front yard. They dwell in relative shade, and despite getting the same soil and water as the others, the lack of sunlight makes them unhealthy. Consequently, they barely bloom and don't multiply. My wife plans to take them out this summer.

Similarly, Jesus said in John 15:5 that if we would abide in him — stay connected to him, listen to his voice, and obey his commands — we will produce much fruit. Healthy followers of Jesus make more followers of Jesus. Individually that means that disciples bear fruit by making more disciples. Collectively, churches bear fruit by starting more churches.

It's happening across our conference right now. Church planters are going to new regions like a seed sent up by some healthy plant, floating on the wind until it finds fertile ground where it springs up and grows. In other cases we see churches in a region working together to bring a new church into being. The best cases are the congregations who sense God's call to multiply and start a new church nearby.

Research shows that this principle includes our Conference. Sociologist and church planting expert David Olson has found that thriving Christian groups have church multiplication movements embraced broadly across the organization. Those groups who lack such a commitment decline. Jesus' words even apply to our Conference!

Healthy churches multiply. It's that simple. That's why the Church Development ministry of the CCCC views church multiplication as an integral part of their process. In the end a newly healthy church will start new churches.

CONFERENCE CARE



Building the Body into a Temple

By Lenn Zeller,

Director of Conference Care

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of His household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone. In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit. Ephesians 2:19–22

Some years ago, as I spoke with the children in worship, I tried to explain that the church is not a building but a group of people who trust, believe and seek to serve Christ. As I shared what I thought was a simple and obvious children's object lesson, one little girl sat there with her arms crossed and her head shaking over and over, "No! No! No!" She insisted that the church is a building, and everyone knows that! I could not convince her otherwise. She returned to her parents in the pew still shaking her head.

The apostle Paul, in the passage above, does describe the church of Jesus Christ as a building, but only in a metaphorical way. In reality, in spite of that little girl's insistence (she's now a young woman), God's house is not a building but a people. He lives in us and in all who believe and shows His love through us. "People can see that God is love and that Christ is Lord as we live in harmony with each other and in accordance with what God says in His Word." (Life Application Study Bible, Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., Wheaton, IL. Footnote, p. 2134)

By God's grace, through Christ's atoning sacrifice, and by our faith in Him, we are now members of God's household, *built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone*. And we are being built together. Notice the verb tense there! We are being built, as a continuing, ongoing action. The church, the body of Christ, is not a finished, accomplished fact yet. God is still working, still building, still molding His church. It is still growing and expanding, still being transformed and shaped into the building that God desires it to be.

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er a church lives out the role as a singular “mother church” or is part of a cluster of congregations pooling their resources together, the planting of new congregations is one of the chief signs of church health and is a primary expectation.

Would you like to know more? Why not call the CCCC Office at (651) 739-1474 and ask how the CCCC Church Development Process can help your congregation move toward multiplication? We’d love to talk with you. ♦

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Just ask St. Peter’s Reformed Church in Zelienople, Pennsylvania. Jim Bertoti, the church’s pastor, has been an integral part of the Church Development ministry for some time. Now his congregation is involved in blessing the beginnings of a new congregation in a nearby town. St. Peter’s member Andy Pepe is leading a ministry that may become the Berean Bible Chapel. As St. Peter’s grows more and more healthy, it is multiplying. Jesus’ multiplication principle still works!

We can be grateful that the CCCC is a healthy place. The evidence is a thriving church multiplication movement. God is blessing our work for his glory. ♦

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thousand dollars to purchase land on which to build. In 1846 Free Christian Church in Andover, Massachusetts was founded exclusively on the issue of abolition of slavery. They had a heart to be an evangelical church that came down on the right side of this controversial issue.

Our guiding value of healthy Church Multiplication has deep roots, and we are nurturing those roots so other seedlings will sprout. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. (John 12:24) The Church Planting movement had its beginning with New Testament churches, and continues today in our Conference and others.

Each of our aforementioned churches has a wonderful story to tell of their faithful beginnings. They continue as vibrant ministries today. These churches were founded by a few people with vision. The CCCC is seeking such people to continue a movement that began centuries ago. We are seeking to recruit partner churches and advocates to join with us as we meet the needs in our current times for healthy, vibrant churches.

Look around you. Can you or your church give to this movement? Many already have. The Congregational Church of Chester, Vermont, not in a position to plant a church themselves, has allocated thirty thousand dollars for one of our new church plants. The Phillips Church in Quincy, Massachusetts, St Marks Church in Philadelphia, and Westford Bible Church in Westford, Massachusetts have become legacy churches, giving all of their assets to the church planting movement. Will you pray about how you or your church may become involved in planting healthy new works of God through the CCCC? ♦

AROUND THE CONFERENCE

Becoming the Body God Has Called Us to Be

by Kirk van der Swaagh, Pastor of Neighborhood Church of Greenwich Village
and Area Rep for Greater New York City and New Jersey

Recent events dramatically demonstrate that racial enmity remains a problem in our country. Great strides have been made in the wake of the African-American civil rights movement of the 1950s and 60s to undo the destructive legacy of nearly three centuries of chattel slavery, but distrust and discontent smolder just under the surface of our communities. Is there anything the church can do?

A number of years ago, the Conference voted to add a statement on Racial Reconciliation to our catalogue of Position Papers. It's a good document, and I was privileged to be part of the meetings that created it. The vision it sets forth is one in which the church leads the way in taking steps that will allow long held, and deeply felt, divisions to be healed. Numbered among the action items of the paper is the determination on

the part of the Conference to "renounce and decry the sins of prejudice, bigotry, racism and ethnocentrism in all their sinful manifestations, individually and institutionally."* In New York we are endeavoring to pick up this challenge.

Approximately every six weeks or so there is small group of pastors, numbering from eight to twelve, that gather for fellowship, a meal, and intentional conversation. Several months back one of our number suggested that we come prepared to discuss race at the next gathering. Several articles were circulated among us and we had our dis-

cussion. It was helpful, but barely began to untangle the complexity of the issue. We decided to address the matter again at our next gathering. That, too, was helpful, but for both discussions one thing was woefully lacking: the presence of pastors of color. At the end of the second meeting we decided that we needed to seek out colleagues who would be willing to sit down with us and simply talk.



The hope is that based upon our shared belief that "the solution is found only in the atoning death of Jesus Christ and His Church, whom He calls to be ambassadors of reconciliation in the world," we will be able to uncover the places where "the sins of prejudice, bigotry, racism and ethnocentrism" linger among the Body of Christ. The position paper was prescient when it warned that "Christ's call to reconciliation between brothers and sisters will require courage and obedience." Differences of opinion have already been evident in our discussions. Frustration, wear-

ness and exasperation have all surfaced, and we haven't even been joined by our black brothers! Alas, such is the nature of sanctification. It's rarely pretty, but always necessary.

We would welcome prayer as our anticipated meeting takes shape. The hope is for similar conversations to be engaged in across the metropolitan area. In good Congregational fashion, we are not looking for a one-shot, top-down event, with big-name speakers and break-out sessions. Rather, we envision local conversations taking place between colleagues who will first wrestle with the implications of the vision of a "great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb" (Revelation 7:9), who will, in turn, help the members

of their churches to embrace "this glorious hope of all the people of God, which is the Church of Jesus Christ." We have the purpose and power for such a pursuit. It is summed up in our Savior's prayer when he asks of his Father that those who believe in him, "may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (John 17:21). ♦

* Quotes are taken from CCCC Position Paper on Racial Reconciliation

WORLD OUTREACH

China! Here We Come!

 by Scott Myhr

Scot and Sheryl Myhr are CCCC members serving with OMF International, working with Chinese students and scholars in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They evangelize and disciple, especially preparing them for their return to Mainland China.



Scot here. On my regular morning walk I met the Asian man Chuck and his son. After finding out he was a Chinese visiting scholar, I told him about the Happy English Corner (HEC) and its accompanying Kids' Club. A few days later I e-mailed him to give him details, and he responded that he couldn't come for a few weeks. Just a polite way to say he wasn't coming, I thought; but sure enough, after a few weeks he came with his son... and King, another Chinese visiting scholar and his daughter. That weekend Chuck, King and ANOTHER Chinese scholar and her son all came to the Spring Gospel Concert, then to church on Sunday. All three families are now attending a Chinese cell group. Pray they will seek God and He will save them and they will get disciplined through the Pittsburgh Chinese Church Oakland (PCCO). Thank God for the 20 or so Chinese who confessed Christ at the Spring Gospel Concert. Pray for their ongoing discipleship.

Praise God that not only did we get 100% pledged for our life and ministry fund by December 31, but through April we were 105% funded for our priority one budget, with Feb-

ruary and March having many people giving yearly contributions. (If we finish the year over 100% of our priority one funds, the excess goes to our priority two funds — retirement, children's education and life insurance.) Pray that God will keep moving people to contribute to this ministry.

Sheryl's father had successful heart open-heart surgery in March and recovered well. Unfortunately, he still has some of the non-heart related pain he has had for over a year. We waited to see how he recovered, and while a difficult decision, after cancelling our trip the last two years, we have decided to go to China for two months this summer. Our two goals are to 1) better understand what our friends who have returned have experienced in their return — specifically how it relates to continuing their growth in knowing God, and 2) better understand how Christian leaders in China deal with "seekers" who return so that we can better prepare our Chinese friends to return to China. Our objectives are to meet with at least 50% of our friends who have returned to specific cities and at least one Chinese and foreign Christian leader ministering to returnees in those cities. We'll be visiting seven cities over eight weeks. Pray we'll learn a lot and know how to implement changes once we return. We're tentatively planning to have a few "Visit to China Open Houses" in southern California in mid-August and another in Pittsburgh in September.

Praise God for a good semester of the HEC. An average of 19 people attended each week, but most importantly, more and more

getting connected to Chinese cell groups. Pray for the summer Learning English with the Bible (HEC) that will be led by our OMF International teammates.

The Bilingual Fellowship Group (BFG) restarted in our home. Pray for those from the BFG that they will start attending Chinese cell groups this summer when we're gone.

Last fall friends moved overseas and sold us their 2004 van with 2/3 of the 188K miles on our 2002 van. Thank God for the \$350 people have contributed toward the \$5,455 we owed (monthly payments to our friends) on the van after we sold our old van. Pray for more to come in.

Finally, please pray for my feet, which have some numbness and tingling. My blood and blood sugar are fine so I'm going to a neurologist. I've also been having trouble sleeping. Who knows, maybe that's the main problem. Please pray for better rest.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

(Their work with the Pittsburgh Chinese Church includes Cheryl's work with the women. Recently they hosted the spring meeting of the Allegheny Fellowship of the CCCC Ladies Fellowship.)

The host church provided breakfast treats (pastries, juice, coffee and tea) and a fun get-acquainted game followed by a time of praise and worship. Sheryl Myhr introduced Connie Orr, fellow OMF International missionary. Connie committed her life to Christ at age 10, and vowed to be a missionary someday. Using a great sense of humor,

PASTORAL TRAINING



How Can I Get More Training WHILE I am a Pastor?

by **Scott L. Nice**, Pastor, Christ Reformed Church Telford, Pennsylvania

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:10) It is a familiar verse. However, did you know the word translated “workmanship” (Gk. *poiema*) may be rendered as “poem” or “story”? In other words, God is telling a story or poem through each of our lives. We are His “best-selling novels,” as God continues to work in and through each of us to accomplish His will and purposes!

What is my story? How did God work in and through me, to prepare me for the “good works” that He would have me “walk in” or accomplish? More specifically, how did I prepare for the pastoral ministry, to which I have been called?

My name is Pastor Scott L. Nice, Senior Pastor at Christ Reformed Church (CRC) at Indian Creek, in Telford, Pennsylvania. I am married to Catharina, have been blessed with four children. After serving CRC for nearly seven years as a part-time youth pastor, I found myself with an opportunity to serve CRC full time (our Senior Pastor having been called away to another charge). I had a Bachelor of Arts in Ministry from Prairie Bible College (PBC); however the leadership of the church was encouraging me to pursue a seminary degree.

Two options seemed immediately apparent: first, a distance ed/correspondence program, much like the one I pursued at PBC for my undergrad degree; or second, enroll in a local seminary (several are in a reasonable driving distance from where I live). Both options had obvious pros and cons. The challenges really boiled down to having time with my wife and children, my capacity as I was serving as the full-time interim pastor of a medium-sized congregation, and our finances. All of these were real concerns.

After investigation and prayer, I learned of a third option. What if I could study Bible/theology/praxis all in the context of the ministry that had been entrusted to me? What if I could do it under the tutelage and supervision of seasoned, experienced men who were currently serving as pastors in the local church? What if there was a curriculum that is rooted in my church, conducted by my church, for my church and church network? What if that school had a “satellite campus” right in my backyard? And what if I could immediately apply what I was learning (classroom) to the ministry (lab) and, take the challenges from the ministry (lab) back to my professors and peers (classroom) for help and direction all while earning a Master of Ministry degree from an accredited institution?

This is exactly what I found, when I found the Antioch School of Church Planting (www.antiochschool.edu) and Leadership Development.

Through Church-Based Theological Education (C-BTE) from Antioch, I was not only prepared to meet the challenge of the ordination process, but also the challenges of leading a congregation through the CCCC *LifeFlow* Church Development process. All so I could do my best, to present [myself] to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15) Learn more next month. ♦

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Therefore, we must realize that our congregations, even the best of them, are not yet finished. God is still working on our fellowship, shaping our ministries, building up our unity and mutual love, expanding our witness and service to our community. We still have much work to do to become people who reflect our Savior and congregations that honor Him.

And He is calling us to continue to reach into our communities with the Gospel. God has chosen the church as the main means by which He presents the Gospel to the lost and calls them to saving faith. We do that through the evangelistic ministries of the church, through one-on-one connections church members make with their neighbors, and through serving the real needs of the community. And we do that through healthy churches planting new churches which reach the lost in ways that older, established churches often cannot.

The Conference priorities of Church Multiplication, Church Development and Conference Care are deeply intertwined, and overlap on many levels. As we work for healing in conflicted situations, it frees the church to further develop their own ministries and even look to church planting. Planting a new church can strengthen a local church and unite them around an exciting vision, providing great strength and enthusiasm in that local church. All of which will build the body of Christ *“to become a holy temple in the Lord.”* ♦

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Connie gave us an inspiring message on the many times she said no... no to back surgery, no to going to South Korea with missionary husband Ridge, no to Ridge pursuing his doctorate, no to moving to Singapore for Ridge to take a pastorate position, no, no, no! Yet she marveled how God turned every situation into a positive period for her to share the gospel. Connie learned to not let her fears rule. She encouraged us to face our fears and walk straight through them. She compared our struggles with the Pilgrim's Progress. "Stay on the straight path like Christian," she said. "Obedience is always best!"

Amy Zhang gave her fascinating testimony, having been raised in China in an environment of various gods and superstitions. She came to the United States to study at Pitt. She went through a depressing time after the breakup of a boyfriend. Invited to the Pittsburgh Chinese Church, she eventually gave her life to Christ and everything changed! She got a job, which kept her from having to return to China, and she met a wonderful young man. She was less than thrilled when he decided to become a missionary but God changed her heart and she is happy to follow God's will, wherever that takes her.

Heather Cheng, the pastor's wife at the church, introduced a game in which various people on each table answered questions according to the straws they drew. Laughter and insight were exchanged as we learned new things about each other! We feasted on a delicious catered Chinese lunch, served by Scot and Sheryl Myhr, daughters Corrie and Esther, and members of the church.

Sheryl spoke briefly about Jesus — our pilot, comforter, friend. She closed with a reflection time. We meditated and discussed in small groups the questions "how did God speak to you today?" and "what was meaningful that you will remember from today?" It was a beautiful day together with sisters-in Christ, knowing we all struggle at one time or another, and God makes all the difference in how and why we react as we do. He takes fragile lives and helps us fly free as the butterflies! ♦

HEALTH NEWS



Living Donation

Betty Mitchell RN BSN, *Parish Nurse, Emmanuel Bethel Church, Royal Oak, MI*

Many people have indicated on their driver's license that they are to be considered for organ/tissue donation after they die, and have discussed the decision with their family.

Another way to help someone in need of an organ or tissue transplant is through a living donation. Blood donation is a well-known method of becoming a donor. Contacting the American Red Cross (or other authorized blood bank) in your area for information on locations to donate blood.

People may also be able to donate a kidney, a section of their liver or a lobe of their lung. Often living donations are made to someone known to the donor since they would be the closest match and be the best suited for transplantation.

If none of your contacts are in need of a transplant, you may contact your local transplant center, usually a teaching hospital in your area to determine if there is a need and how you can be considered for donating.

The following web site has more information on how to register for specific living donations: <http://www.livingdonorsonline.org/general.htm>. United Network for Organ Sharing has additional helpful information: <http://www.unos.org/>.

Because you will be subjected to multiple tests prior to being selected, it is important that you prayerfully consider your decision. You will also require time off work after transplantation occurs as you recover from surgery. As with any surgery, there are risks involved that need to be considered.

Being a living donor necessitates having a good support system as you go through the decision-making, testing, surgery and recovery. You will need support through it all. However, once you have made the decision, you will be rewarded with the knowledge you have helped someone lead a fuller life.

I tell you this, brethren: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

1 Corinthians 15:50 ◆

CHANGES & OPPORTUNITIES

PASTORAL OPPORTUNITIES

Flagler, CO	First Congregational of Flagler-Arriba* (<i>Part-time Associate Pastor</i>)
Greeley, CO	St Paul's Congregational Church* (<i>Part-time Associate Pastor</i>)
Hudson, IA	Community Church of Hudson *
Sulphur Springs, IN	Sulphur Springs Christian* (<i>Family Life Minister</i>)
Tauton, MA	Union Congregational Church*
Cambridge, MD	Cambridge Presbyterian Church (Independent)
Pittston, ME	First Congregational Church of Pittston*
Highland, MI	Highland Congregational Church*
Cook, MN	Ashawa Chapel* (<i>Part-time</i>)
Scottsbluff, NE	Plymouth Congregational Church*
Lakeview, NY	Lakeview Community Church*
Lima, OH	First Evangelical & Reformed Church*
Marietta, OH	Putnam Congregational Church*
Beaver Springs, PA	Christ Church (EFCA)

* = Conference member
+ = In process

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