

Transformed by the Spirit Progress Report **February 2016**

Recent Updates...

- An online evaluation of the three primary resources of the *Transformed by the Spirit* (TbyS) initiative was conducted and each resource was revised according to the findings. The highlights of the findings are shown below:
 - 80% of the respondents are pleased to have participated in the TbyS initiative
 - 2/3 indicated that the experience met their expectations
 - 94% now understand the difference between technical and adaptive challenges and all agree that this understanding is helpful
 - 80% appreciate the “Dwelling in the Word” process
 - About 2/3 would recommend the resource to other organizations
 - About ¾ believe that the resource helps prepare their organization for future change
- The evaluation surfaced several helpful suggestions for improvement and a recent revision of the resources incorporated these suggested changes:
 - Options for increased involvement for participating pastors
 - An emphasis upon “exploration” rather than “experimenting”
 - Brief, more concise workbooks
- Rev. Greg Mamula has been named as the Joining God in the Neighborhood resource person.
- A pocket version of the Joining God in the Neighborhood material has been created.

On the Horizon...

- A new cluster of congregations using the Joining God in the Neighborhood resource will launch in March among the joint efforts of the Dakotas, Nebraska, and Rocky Mountain regions.
- A similar cluster is surfacing among a group of Midwest regions.
- Northwind Institute has created an online learning classroom and is transforming that online space into an online learning community for all “Journey Guides” and teams involved in the initiative. The Journey Guide serves as the group leader for each team.
- The Journey Team, who serves as the steering committee for the initiative, will be meeting in March.