

## **Transformed by the Spirit**

### **ABC Board of General Ministries Report, June 2014**

#### *Phase One Recommendations...*

- Combine ACT/ALT workbooks into one book
- Combine the role of facilitator and coach
- Suggest that groups meet face to face wherever possible

#### *Phase Two Launch*

- Several groups expressed interest in launching new groups around common topics
- A survey was distributed to assess interest in new topics. The following topics have multiple region interest (minimum of 4 regions)
  - Congregations of the future – VNH, Neb, INS, MI, MA
  - Discipleship – Cle, INS, MI, MA, GRR
  - Multicultural issues – VNH, Evergreen, INS, RMT, MA
  - Regions of the future – VNH, MI, MA, GRR

#### *Beta Project Focusing on Local Congregations*

- 15-25 congregations from 5 regions will engage together in a shared journey of discerning what the Spirit is up to in their neighborhoods and communities in order to create experiments in joining with God in those places over the next eighteen months.
- Quote from Alan Roxburgh, *“Joining God in the Neighborhood* is a movement that is already finding new life for congregations in North America, United Kingdom, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand. It is shaped by the conviction that the Spirit is at work in your church and your communities. The journey you are about to start is designed around the conviction that God changes the world through ordinary men and women in the local communities where we live and work.”
- Regions involved: CPC, Conn, GRR, Nebraska, RMT
- Congregational Team in each congregation
- Pastoral Team in each region
- Cross congregational and regional learning

#### *Staff Recommendations*

- Regional Executive Liaison
- Pastoral Liaison (Beta)
- Congregational Team Liaison (Beta)

#### *Communication*

- Monthly communication piece beginning in the fall
- Alan Roxburgh has produced 3 videos
- Communication will also include additional videos, Beta updates, stories, etc.