

Transformed by the Spirit Updates June 2015

Mission Summit Activity

- 85 Facilitators have been recruited for Mission Summit Conversations – Season Two
- 21 topics are on the table for discussion
- “Festival of Young Preachers” grew out of 2013 “Next Generation of Leaders” emphasis
- Highlights of the Saturday interviews with Susan Gillies and Harry Riggs will include:
 - A Bible study in an apartment building
 - 330 responses from a pastoral attrition survey
 - A new church planting “un-conference”
 - Asian “Covenant Circles Project”
 - A women in ministry retreat
- Video contest winners will be announced
- Sunday afternoon “Next Steps” workshops



Rollout of Resources

- Transformed by the Spirit is all about culture change. The three piloted resources guide an organization through a process of adaptation in the following ways:
 - Going Beyond: Joining God in the Neighborhood helps a congregation explore their neighborhood through listening and interactive activities.
 - Going Deeper: The Adaptive Challenge Team workbook guides an organization through a deeper conversation about identity and values.
 - Going Wider: The Experiments in Difference workbook creates new conversations and understandings around areas of difference.
- For the first time, the resources of TbyS will be available online after the Summit
- Online classroom training is now available for new Journey Guides
- David Cushman has created a new ABC Bulletin Board for sharing TbyS learnings. To access, click on this link: <https://abcwiki.abc-usa.org/phpbb/index.php>

Region Engagement

- Two new Executive Minister Conversation groups are emerging around doing regional ministry different in light of TbyS learnings. One with newer Execs and one with Senior Execs
- Nebraska and Rocky Mountains are launching a second round of Joining God in the Neighborhood with a new partner – the Dakotas.

Key Personnel

- Nikita McCalister will be serving as the new chair of the Journey Team
- Jeff Savage is serving as our Pastor Liaison
- Judy Allbee is serving as our Executive Minister Liaison
- Rosey Oaks-Lee is serving as our Journey Guide Coordinator
- Sumner Grant is facilitating the senior Executive Ministers group
- Other Journey Team members include Steve Van Ostran, Betty Wright-Riggins, Karen Yee, Scott Arnold, and Jeff Woods