

NEW WORSHIPING COMMUNITIES



3 WORDS PACKED WITH MEANING







NEW

SEEKING TO MAKE AND FORM NEW DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

TAKING ON VARIED FORMS OF CHURCH FOR OUR CHANGING CULTURE

WORSHIPING

GATHERED BY THE SPIRIT TO MEET JESUS CHRIST IN WORD AND SACRAMENT

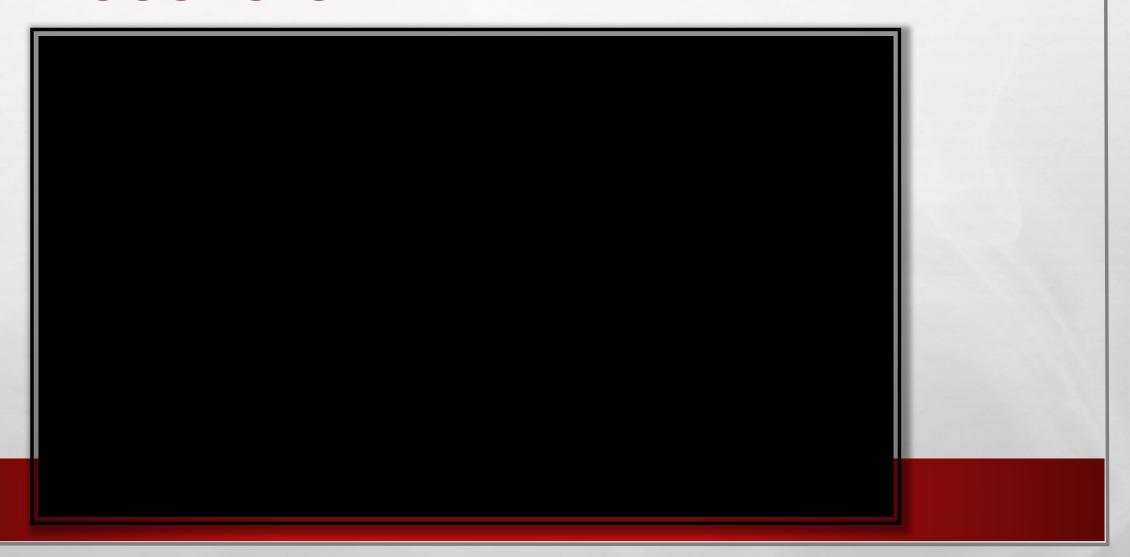
SENT BY THE SPIRIT TO JOIN GOD'S MISSION OF TRANSFORMATION IN THE WORLD

COMMUNITY

PRACTICING MUTUAL CARE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

DEVELOPING SUSTAINABILITY IN LEADERSHIP AND FINANCES

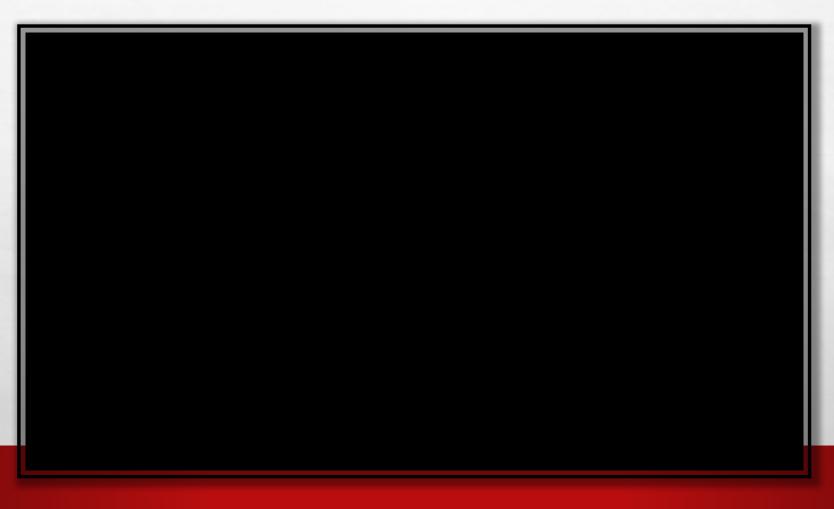
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BY THE NUMBERS

- 550 NWC LAUNCHED SINCE 2012
- 456 CURRENTLY ACTIVE
- 78% NOT ATTENDING PC(USA) CHURCH BEFORE NWC
- 44% DESCRIBE THEMSELVES AS DECHURCHED, UNCHURCHED, OR OF A NON-CHRISTIAN FAITH BEFORE ATTENDING NWC
- 68% UNDER THE AGE OF 45
- 53% PEOPLE OF COLOR (9% PCUSA)
- 29% OF NWC ARE RACIALLY DIVERSE (NO RACE COMPRISES MORE THAN 79% OF ITS MEMBERSHIP -COMPARED TO 5% PCUSA)
- 90% WORK WITH OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS IN THEIR MISSION

DISCERNING MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP



WHICH IS IT?

!NNOVATION?



TRANSFORMATION?



44 I DEARLY HOPE FOR OUR NEW WORSHIPING COMMUNITIES THAT WHAT IS NEW IN THIS MOVEMENT WILL NOT BE MERE NOVELTY BUT WILL BE A REMEMBERING OF WHO AND WHAT WE REALLY ARE IN CHRIST, THAT IT WILL BE THE CHURCH **METAMORPHOSING – EVEN AT TIMES BEING TRANSFIGURED –** TO REVEAL TO THE WORLD MORE AND MORE OF OUR TRUE SELVES AS THE VITAL, LIFE-GIVING, FAITHFUL WITNESS TO THE **CHURCH'S ONE LORD: JESUS CHRIST**

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