

Touchstones Theme: Mission & Vision



Mission requires a distinction between church work and the work of the church. Church work is centered around maintenance and administration. Church work is a means that must be done. Too often, it can become an end that distracts from mission, which is the work of the church. Churches do not set out to become so disconnected from their mission, from their essential reasons for being.

It happens along the way. Committees focus on maintenance rather than on creating beloved community within and beyond the church. When the focus shifts from maintenance to the challenging, yet rewarding mission-task of creating and deepening beloved community amazing things happen. Build community and people will come.

The journey ...begins with fireto change things. As the journey continues, passion dissolves into weariness. The obstacles [and] ...insanity ... [are] more than we can bear. But still we travel on.... And then there comes a point when we realize that we will not see our work bear fruit before we die. And that's o.k. We feel content that we have planted seeds for some future harvest, ...met good people, ...learned many things [and] ...survived ...to pass on the stories. We're certainly not the first ones to have ...dreams ...that we won't live to see.... Moses or Abraham or Martin Luther King ...each carried clear visions..., but ...knew they would not live to see these ...fulfilled. What led them forward was faith ...in the truth of their visions.... Perhaps holding true to the vision ...is enough for one lifetime. *Margaret Wheatley*



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