

Some Thoughts before I Go...

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PART ONE: SOME THOUGHTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH PASTORS AND LEADERS



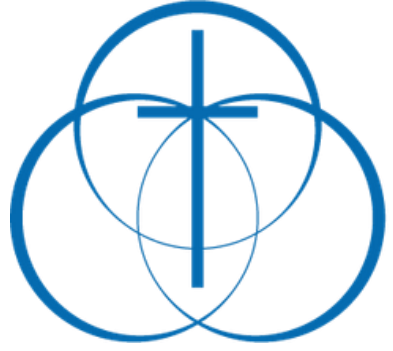


SOME THOUGHTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH PASTORS AND LEADERS

1) PLAY WELL WITH OTHERS

**“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, LIVE
AT PEACE with everyone.”**

(Romans 12:18)



SOME THOUGHTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH PASTORS AND LEADERS

2) KEEP THE MAIN THING THE MAIN THING

**“Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we
PREACH CHRIST CRUCIFIED: a stumbling block to Jews
and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has
called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God
and the wisdom of God.” (1 Corinthians 1:22-24)**

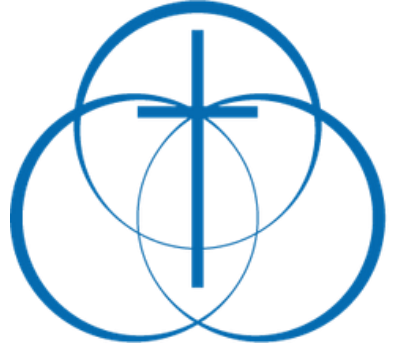


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3) PREACH GRACE AND TRUTH

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of GRACE AND TRUTH.”

(John 1:14)

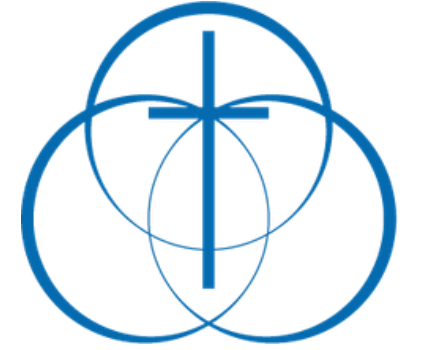


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4) GO DEEP

**“They are like a man building a house, who DUG
DOWN DEEP and laid the foundation on rock. When
a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could
not shake it, because it was well built.”**

(Luke 6:48)



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5) BE CAREFUL WHEN SAYING “NO”

**“DO NOTHING OUT OF SELFISH AMBITION or
vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others
above yourselves, not looking to your own
interests but each of you to the interests of
the others.”**

(Philippians 2:3-4)



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6) MODEL SACRIFICIAL STEWARDSHIP

“In the midst of a very severe trial, their (the poor Macedonians) overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in RICH GENEROSITY. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability.”

(2 Corinthians 8:3-4)



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7) DON'T BE IN A HURRY TO GET SOMEWHERE

“I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to BE CONTENT whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of BEING CONTENT in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.”

(Philippians 4:11-14)



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8) DEVELOP A CULTURE OF CALL

“Come, FOLLOW ME,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” (Matthew 4:19)

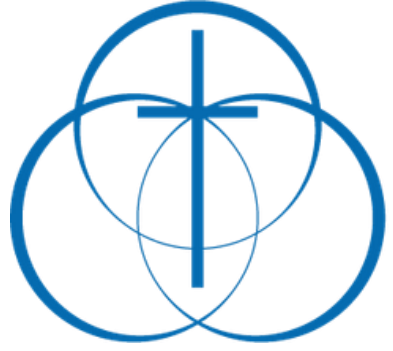


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9) BUILD A CLOCK—DON'T KEEP TIME

**“...whoever wants to be GREAT among you must be
your SERVANT, and whoever what to be GREAT
must be your SLAVE...”**

(Matthew 20:25-28)



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10) KNOW WHEN TO STEP ASIDE

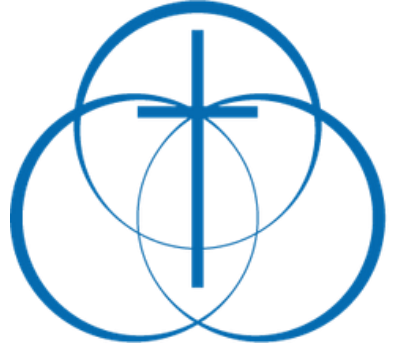
“He must increase, but I MUST DECREASE.”

(John 3:30)





PART TWO: SOME THOUGHTS FOR OUR CONFERENCE AND DENOMINATION



SOME THOUGHTS FOR OUR CONFERENCE AND DENOMINATION

1) STAY FOCUSED ON THE MISSION

“Go and MAKE DISCIPLES of all nations...”

(Matthew 28:19a)

**“...just as he who called you is holy, so BE HOLY IN ALL
YOU DO; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”**

(1 Peter 1:15-16)



SOME THOUGHTS FOR OUR CONFERENCE AND DENOMINATION

2) REMEMBER WHAT TIME IT IS

“As God’s co-workers we urge you not to receive God’s grace in vain. For he says, ‘In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.’ I tell you, NOW IS THE TIME OF GOD’S FAVOR, now is the day of salvation.”

(2 Corinthians 6:1-2)



SOME THOUGHTS FOR OUR CONFERENCE AND DENOMINATION

3) GET YOUNGER

“Don’t let anyone look down upon you because you are YOUNG, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in faith, and purity.”

(1 Timothy 4:12)



SOME THOUGHTS FOR OUR CONFERENCE AND DENOMINATION

4) REMEMBER THAT WHAT WE BELIEVE MATTERS

**“You, however, must TEACH what is appropriate to
SOUND DOCTRINE.”**

(Titus 2:1)



SOME THOUGHTS FOR OUR CONFERENCE AND DENOMINATION

5) STOP MAKING CHURCH MEMBERS—MAKE DISCIPLES

**“Whoever wants to be my DISCIPLE must DENY
THEMSELVES and TAKE UP THEIR CROSS and FOLLOW
ME. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but
whoever loses their life for me will save it.”**
(Luke 9:23-24)

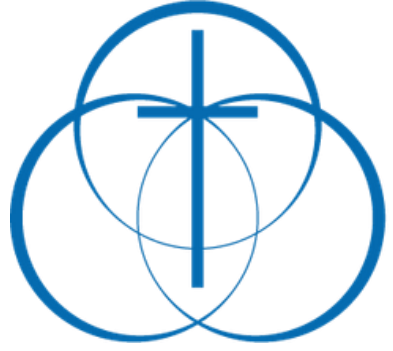


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6) CALL PEOPLE TO “MORE”

**“Therefore let us move beyond the elementary
teachings about Christ and be taken forward to
MATURITY...”**

(Hebrews 6:1a)



SOME THOUGHTS FOR OUR CONFERENCE AND DENOMINATION

7) EMBRACE MULTIPLICATION AND CHURCH PLANTING

**“And the things you have heard me say in the
presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable
people who will also be qualified to teach
others.”**

(2 Timothy 2:2)



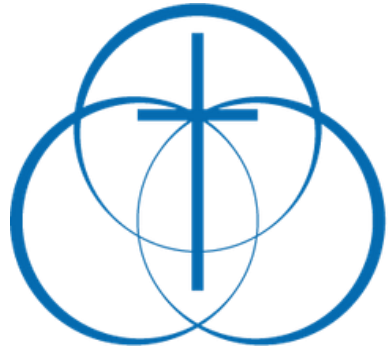
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8) LOOK FORWARD AND NOT BACK

“Brother and sisters, I do not yet consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do:

**FORGETTING WHAT IS BEHIND—and STRAINING
TOWARD WHAT IS AHEAD, I PRESS ON toward the
goal to win the prize for which God has called me
heavenward.”**

(Philippians 3:13-14)



SOME THOUGHTS FOR OUR CONFERENCE AND DENOMINATION

9) EMBRACE A GENERAL EPISCOPACY

“KEEP WATCH OVER YOURSELVES and ALL THE FLOCK of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.”

(Acts 20:28)



SOME THOUGHTS FOR OUR CONFERENCE AND DENOMINATION

10) BE COMFORTABLE WITH AMBIGUITY

**“For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us
to lay upon you NO GREATER BURDEN than these
necessary things...””**

(Acts 15:28)

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