



# Transforming Congregations

## Renewing Presbyteries

Presbytery of New Covenant


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- Pre-modern = Mead's apostolic era
  - Image is the FIELD
  
  - Modern = Mead's Christendom era
  - Image is the FACTORY
  
  - Post-modern = Mead doesn't name, began in 30's, prevalent in 60's
  - Image is the COMPUTER
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# Identifying Markers of the Postmodern World

- Knowledge is subjective
  - Truth is constantly changing
  - Emotion and intuition are valued as ways of knowing
  - Thinking is Digital
  - Experience determines reality
  - Information is circular
  - Future is unpredictable
  - Progress is an illusion
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# Our Outreach Population

- Generation X ( Busters, 13ers)  
born 1961 - 1981
- Millennials ( Blasters, Generation Y)  
born 1982 - 2003




# The Postmodern Church Will Be

- Multicultural
- High Tech
- High Touch
- Multi-sensory
- Relevant Music





# Postmodern Congregations Will Be Built Upon. . .

- A Love of Jesus Christ
  - A Desire to Make the faith relevant to the Culture
  - A Fearless Commitment to Taking Risks
  - A Willingness to Face Failure
  - Music, Image and Technology
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# 12 Criteria for Effective 21<sup>st</sup> Century Ministry



Encourages  
all to maintain  
personal,  
professional,  
and spiritual  
balance

# 12 Criteria for Effective 21st Century Ministry



The ability to  
guide a  
transformational  
faith experience

# 12 Criteria for Effective 21st Century Ministry



The ability to motivate and develop the congregation to be a “mission outpost”

# 12 Criteria for Effective 21st Century Ministry



The ability to develop and communicate a vision

# 12 Criteria for Effective 21st Century Ministry



The ability to interpret and lead change

# 12 Criteria for Effective 21st Century Ministry



The ability to promote and lead spiritual formation for church members

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The ability to provide leadership for high quality, relevant worship experiences

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The ability to identify, develop and support lay leaders

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The ability to build, inspire and lead a “team” of both staff and volunteers

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The ability to manage conflict

# 12 Criteria for Effective 21st Century Ministry



The ability to navigate successfully the world of technology

# 12 Criteria for Effective 21st Century Ministry



The ability to be a learning community



# Characteristics of a Postmodern Presbytery

- Congregation is front line of mission
  - Views number of adult baptisms as one measurement of success
  - Clear on organizational priorities – focused not unfocused or distracted
  - Realigns \$ to fit missional priorities
  - Views rules as tools
  - Flexible structure
  - Views pastors as extension of staff
  - Presbytery meetings are “happenings”
  - Learn from others regardless of denominational affiliation
  - All staff are change agents
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