

What is Transformation?

Transformation is the redirection of a congregation's ministry in light of significant changes in the culture or in the membership. It is a planned intervention in the congregation to discover what God might have in store for their future. Transformation is about serious systemic change.

How can the Presbytery of Lake Michigan assist your congregation?

The Redevelopment / Transformation Committee provides trained "transformation coaches" who assist in two ways:

1. Self-Study to determine if transformation is for you, and
2. Guidance through the transformation process

How may we contact the committee?

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A Transformation Process:

1. Contact and conversation (call us)
2. Session invites a coach to meet with them
3. Conversation with session
4. Session invites a coach to present to congregation
5. Presentation to congregation
6. Session initiates the study process, and appoints a study team
7. Study team (coached by presbytery) studies the congregation, the community and transformation literature
8. Study team presents findings to session & congregation
9. Congregation considers findings and decides to enter the process – or not
If findings are approved, then:
10. Session appoints Transformation Team
11. Transformation Team leads congregation through the process, with presbytery coaching. This process will vary greatly, according to the results of the study.

Transformation is a process that never ends

Some Transformation Literature:

Missional Church

Missional Church, Darrell L. Guder (ed), Eerdmans
Treasure in Clay Jars, Lois Y. Barrett et al., Eerdmans

Leadership

The Leader's Journey, Jim Herrington et al., Jossey-Bass
The Missional Leader, Alan Roxburgh & Fred Romanuk,
Jossey-Bass

Congregational Transformation

Church Next, Eddie Gibbs & Ian Coffey, Inter Varsity Press
Leading Congregational Change, Jim Herrington et al.,
Jossey-Bass
Twelve Dynamic Shifts for Transforming Your Church,
E. Stanley Ott, Eerdmans

Model Congregations

Church for the Unchurched, George Hunter, Abingdon
Journey Inward, Journey Outward, Elizabeth O'Connor,
Harper & Row
The Purpose Driven Church, Rick Warren, Zondervan

Post-Modernism & The Church

Emerging Hope, Jimmy Long, Inter Varsity Press
A Primer on Postmodernism, Stanley J. Grenz, Eerdmans
A New Kind of Christian, Brian McLaren, Jossey-Bass
The Story We Find Ourselves In, Brian McLaren, Jossey-Bass

Renewal in the Mainline Denominations

Christianity for the Rest of Us, Diana Butler Bass,
Harper San Francisco
Unbinding the Gospel, Martha Grace Reese, Chalice Press

Seeking to Walk Beside You as You Explore Renewal



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