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To any pastor, session, or member of a congregation wanting to build a healthy church!

From Sam Roberson, General Presbyter/Stated Clerk

Wherever I go around the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the conversation among church leaders centers around congregational transformation, a fancy way to talk about building healthy churches. The future of our denomination and the Presbytery of Charlotte depends on the faith, witness, and health of our congregations. The fact is: every generation attempts to make the denomination and local congregation into *their denomination and congregation*, instead of *Christ's denomination and congregation*. Our idols yearn to be transformed into Christ's church!

The landscape of church and culture is shifting at incredible rates. Hills are becoming valleys and deserts are blossoming into fertile plains. As we try to hang on to familiar ways and comfortable patterns, God is hurling us into a divine future that opens the gospel to new peoples and new practices.

Do you have the interest and passion to witness Jesus Christ to the world of the 21st century? Do you have the conviction and hope to transform your local congregation from a secure and safe place into a vital outreach post for the making of disciples?

I've heard many of you say, "I would if I just knew how!"

The Church Development Committee is calling your bluff. This set of DVD's and Study Guide, produced here in the Presbytery of Charlotte, are the some of the finest resources addressing healthy congregations anywhere, by any organization.

I implore you to use them in your local congregation. We have time and a choice. But we don't have much time, or many choices left.