

**[IF YOU COULD SEE WHAT I SEE]**

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The reality for most of us involved in our local congregations is that we have a limited awareness of the broad diversity within TM's covenanting churches. It is simply not possible to fully comprehend the amazing relationships among so many different congregations. And yet we are really alike in our pursuit of the same Kingdom goals of sharing the Good News of salvation in Christ and seeing transformed lives, families, neighborhoods and communities.

I have had the privilege of seeing and experiencing a broad cross-section of TM ministry in just a few short weeks by means of the "Introductory Gatherings". It has been a whirlwind start—to be sure! This is what I see:

- Faithful, effective and dedicated pastor leaders
- Congregations of every size, location, and make up dedicated to preach and BE Good News
- Wonderful church members who are gracious, faithful, and excited about what God is doing through their church and the larger TM body of churches
- Vision and leaders for new churches just waiting to launch.

Along the way, I have also been able to visit our three camps and meet the leaders of this amazingly fruitful ministry that is part of our larger TM impact. I have become better acquainted and bonded with the TM Staff team and sense their commitment to what God has clearly called Transformation Ministries to be and do.

**IN SHORT – I AM ENCOURAGED AND ENERGIZED.**

In these first weeks, I have had the opportunity to speak a lot about TM's "new day" and "clear path" and connect our path and direction with those whom God has called to make it happen!

**GROWING PASTORS > HEALTHY CHURCHES > MORE OF THE SAME THAT'S WHAT I SEE!**

As I join you in TM I'm well aware that it is, in fact, a "new" day – not the "first" day – but surely a new one. There is a strong and fruitful heritage and history within Transformation Ministries. God's Word has been and is taught and obeyed. Strong visionary leaders have been faithful and effective. New congregations have been planted. With great appreciation, honor and celebration of what has been accomplished for the Kingdom, we must now turn fully to this new day. I believe it's an era, really. The beginning of a new and strategic time has come – the new day.

It's time for TM to forge ahead and become what we have worked so hard for through years of transition and change. The path of TM is built upon the clear commitment and discipline to pursue our three core competencies: *growing pastors; healthy congregations; and planting congregations.* How shall we be directed upon this path? Whenever I consider path and direction, I'm drawn to Proverbs 3:5-6. Look again and note the connection of these all-important phrases:

**TRUST IN THE LORD > ACKNOWLEDGE HIM  
ALL YOUR HEART > ALL YOUR WAYS**

As we connect these commitments, the result is certain:

**HE WILL DIRECT (MAKE STRAIGHT) YOUR PATH.**

It's the God-directed path that we seek!

These are our immediate challenges and areas of focus as we pursue the path set before us. It is my prayer that you will join me as we take them up and move forward.

- **Fully embrace our mutual connections and commitments as a covenant network**
- **Establish and fully embrace the expectation and culture of multiplication**
- **Fully commit to the attitudes and actions required for congregations that are healthy and, therefore, growing**
- **Invest in and commit to the highest possible level of leadership effectiveness**
- **Intentionally invest in the next generation of leaders**

Meeting these challenges will require honesty, accountability, sacrifice and change! Are we up to it? Are we willing? I certainly believe we are.

If you will join me to pray, trust, acknowledge and take action – in the "all" of Proverbs 3:5 and 6 – then God will surely make the *path* of this *new day* straight before us!

With great expectation to serve Christ with you!

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