Pre-Convention Meetings
January 2015

Missional Update
Missional Initiatives

What we believe

We believe that God is working in our congregations.

We believe that God is already out ahead of us in our neighborhoods and communities.
We believe that in the messiness and chaos of our lives, and even when things are unraveling, the Spirit of God is working – bringing about a hopeful future.
We believe that we are not just looking for signs of God’s grace for sustenance, we are becoming “detectives of divinity” in order to join with God in God’s work.
We believe the clues to where God is at work in our midst are in the stories of the ordinary people in our neighborhoods.
We believe that God is a God of abundance and despite and through our times of unbelief, there is hope and possibility and a future for God’s people.
What is God up to?

How do we join in this work?
Missional Initiative: Going Local

- Journey
- Being with vs doing for
- God as active agent
It is not God’s church that has a mission but God’s mission that has a church.
Going Local

IT IS ABOUT RE-ORIENTING THE WORK OF GOD’S PEOPLE IN A WORLD THAT IS CONTINUALLY CHANGING.
What is happening?

• Listening and attending
• Discerning
• Experimenting
• Evaluating
Going Local: Cycle 2
March 2015

- Congregations
- Clergy
- Coaches
Missional Initiative

• Work is based in Congregations
• Grounded in scripture and spiritual practices
• Cultivates new leadership (lay and clergy)
Opportunities to learn more

• Convention Workshops – Al Roxburgh
  – Reclaiming the Biblical Narrative – how do the stories of the Bible give us hope for the future
  – Being with rather than doing for - a different look at the role of the church in the community
  – When we run out of solutions – looking for God in surprising places
Thursday, January 29, 7 – 8:30pm
Open Forum with Alan Roxburgh
Event for wardens, vestry, and members of congregations who are considering the process
• Stories at the Friday night dinner (Jan 30)

• Missional Initiative Presentation by participants in the process Friday at 2:30
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