

Blessings of hope, peace, love, and joy to you in this season and through the coming year. Beginning in the new year we are launching the Macedonia Ministry de Cristo and are providing this invitation to your session.

The Transformers have continued to hone and tweak the Macedonia Ministry de Cristo based on feedback we have received from you. As you recall, the Macedonia Ministry de Cristo (in collaboration with the Atlanta-based Macedonia Ministry) is an opportunity to engage a three-year ministry of renewal for our pastors and elders for the vitality of our congregations. We invite you to participate in the following opportunities during the next three years.

- **Learning/Support Pastoral Cohorts.** Sue Westfall will facilitate monthly pastoral cohorts which are focused on Biblical reflection, reading and discussion of issues related to pastoral leadership and church vitality, and praying with and for one another. The cohort will meet the 2nd Thursday of each month beginning in February (February 9, 2012) from 10:00am until 3:00pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church (Tucson) with lunch provided.
- **Large Gatherings.** About twice a year we will hold presbytery-wide seminar on some aspect of congregational vitality. The topics will be provocative, timely and practical and will engage themes of interest to every church leader.
- **Coaching.** The Transformer Team is making itself available for coaching pastors and sessions on particular issues facing them. These coaches are not “experts” but rather fellow learners who will give time and perspective when requested. They will “come alongside” pastors/sessions when invited. Topics might include worship style, retreat planning, elder training, visioning and others.
- **Signing the Covenant.** We invite pastors and session to commit themselves to a more intense spiritual discipline during the three years of this Covenant. The Covenant, which is attached, has been modified to allow for more flexibility. The desire here is not to mandate certain practices but to encourage you to find a way to intentionally deepen your relationship with the God who animates

Your signed covenant is your “yes” to this opportunity. If you wish to be involved (and we hope you will!) please send in the signed covenant by January 26, 2012. (We are also sending this letter and covenant by electronic mail for your convenience and a copy of the covenant is on the website.) If you have already signed and returned the covenant you do not need to do so again. We will recognize the pastors and churches participating at the January Presbytery Meeting (January 27/28).

Thank you for your feedback. As we have listened to you and incorporated your thoughts, we have become even more excited about how, through the Macedonia Ministry and the power of the Spirit, we can grow and be transformed!

In anticipation,

Andy Ross for the Transformers
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