

Key Notes from the Keynote

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Mission Strategy

Songs Of Our Grandparents- being rooted in the faith, especially by song.

A Text to Get Started

- Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.
- And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good works;
- Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another
- And all the more as the day is drawing near.

Hebrews 10:23-25

EK-STASIS

- No adequate English word
- The Greek word = TO STEP FORTH
- Out of the Box
- Paradigm Shift
- Shift in Consciousness

EK-STASIS

For Luke ecstasy is the business of the HOLY SPIRIT



Promise and Premise

- Jeremiah 29:11. "I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope"
- Premise: God has our best interest in mind.
- So, what difference that this make for our life and ministry?

Missional Principle

- Jeremiah 29:7. "Seek the welfare of the people where I have placed you, and pray on their behalf, because in their welfare you will find your welfare."
- Key: how do we lead congregations in this missional process?

ELCA Main Foci

- Priority 1. accompanying congregations as growing centers for evangelical mission
- Priority 2. building our leadership capacity for evangelical witness and service to alleviate poverty and work for justice and peace in the world.

ELCA: A Community in Mission

- Building relationships in the public arena
- Restoring community
- At home in church and world
- Boldly Sharing Christ, Passionately Making Disciples, Faithfully Doing Justice

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A Time as This

- Life at the margins: “exile-like”
- Emerging “apostolic” times
- Great company: learning from others
- New freedom: Evangelizing and prophetic communities

It Begins with Prayer

- 2 Timothy 1: 3-5
- I thank God remembering you in my prayers night and day; greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy,
- when I remember the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois, and your mother Eunice and I am persuaded is in you also.

Paul to Timothy

- Preparing Timothy to be a missional leader, Paul continues:
- 2 Timothy 2:1-2 You, therefore, my child, be strong in the strength that is in Christ Jesus.
- And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, entrust to faithful leaders who will be able to teach others also.

Direction First, Then Speed

- Acts 20: 24
- But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may accomplish my course with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus – to testify to the **Gospel** of the grace of God.

The Church We Are Becoming

- Communities with a living, daring confidence in God’s grace
- A public church
- Re-creating ministry from the perspective of the neighbor
- Rather than defining the mission of God, the mission of God defines us
- Seeing God at work in church and world