

## **A SPECIAL MESSAGE AND OFFER FROM THE COMMISSION ON CONGREGATIONAL TRANSFORMATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

One of the responsibilities of our Commission is to help provide resources and opportunities for congregations and their leaders that will help equip and empower transformation and change among the saints in Minnesota Valleys.

In keeping with our commitment to do that, we want to offer information about the Presbyterian Mission Agency's "BE THE LIGHT" conference, August 8-11, for your consideration, and even more than that, we stand ready to offer three \$500 grants to individuals from this presbytery who might wish to attend this conference.

If you are interested in attending the conference, we encourage you to first check the conference web site -- <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/evangelism-church-growth/go-disciple-live-be-light/> -- for all the details. Then, submit a Grant Application Form to the Presbytery Office. Please note that upon your return from the conference, you will be asked to report back on what you learned and how those learning will be used in your congregation, and how they will be shared with other congregations and the presbytery. Grants will be made on a "first come-first served" basis, and no more than one conference grant will be awarded to any congregation.

If you have questions, please contact Rick Carus at the presbytery office – 320.235.7910.

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**The Go Disciple Live "Be the Light"** Conference, formerly known as the Evangelism and Church Growth Conference, is a vibrant gathering of Presbyterians committed to disciple-making, which leads to authentic evangelism, effective church transformation, justice, and church planting through 1001 new worshipping communities. It will be held at the Trade Winds Island Resorts in St. Pete Beach, Florida.



The plenary speakers will include: Casey Fitzgerald, biblical storytelling; Mike Breen, disciple making; and Ralph Watkins, authentic evangelism. These leaders will join with others to provide a time of inspiration, nurture, and equipping, as they explore our theme of "Be the Light" (Matthew 5:14–16).

On-site check in will be open Monday, August 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Welcome and orientation will begin at 5:30 p.m. The conference concludes with worship on Thursday, August 11, at 7:00 p.m.