



### **Just a note from the Associate for Mission...**

The easiest way to get others to join you in your work, play or worship is to show your passion for what you are doing while you are doing it.

I was blessed to be able to join Teays Valley Presbyterian Church for their 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship. It was wonderful to worship with the loving and graceful folks that morning. But what I have returned to again and again in my mind is the little boy who brought with him a pint-sized guitar. When the band played he would stand up in the pew and strum his guitar for all he was worth. I was told that sometimes he walks up and joins the band as the lead worship. He was a great kid! Clearly he was into music and worship at church! He brought his own passion with him and it was contagious!

I also have had the opportunity to worship with the congregation at Westminster, Charleston. Their Sanctuary lights up when the pianist plays with a bounce in every key and a flourish in the end of each phrase. Clearly he loves playing for the congregation and they enjoy singing to that enthusiastic rhythm! Passion for worship is alive!

Passion for service and ministry to small congregations is alive and well too! The small church conference in Fayetteville was a wonderful experience. Everyone I spoke with was interested, engaged and ready to learn or teach or try something new. What a blessing to have uniquely gifted small congregations in our Presbytery. They have the ability to be agile and creative in a way that larger congregations seldom have.

In all three cases it would have been impossible to walk away unmoved. The love, care, passion and energy were contagious! Surely God was smiling there in our presence!

Where have you felt that passion and energy? Where is your passion exposed so that others can be called in to join you?

Blessings!

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