

SHIFT

Three Big Moves For The 21st Century Church

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Why are we discussing this?

Sometimes mental paradigms and cognitive understanding of what's happening lags on-the-ground experience. We post-modern Christ-followers realize that something has changed. Our experience tells us so. Our intuition and feelings tell us so. Yet our understanding of what's happening in congregations, and to congregations, often takes longer to realize.

The purpose of Shift is to help our understanding catch up with our experience. We need input, insights, information, and examples to make sense of the changes around us. Shift provides this kind of learning for clergy, church staff, and lay persons.

How are 21st Century Christ-followers in congregations responding to the Shifts around us? We observe a variety of responses, some more optimistic, proactive, Christ-focused, and healthy than others. Shift describes three major movements congregations are making which lead to life and missional progress. We move from an identity as members to disciples. Our church moves from attractional to missional. And finally, we move from a consumer church to sacred partnering.

The book, *Shift; Three Big Moves for the 21st Century Church* will be available for purchase at \$12.00 each at the event.