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## Church Innovations Services - Partnership for Missional Church (PMC)

**Overview:** Partnership for Missional Church is a journey of spiritual discernment that empowers churches worldwide to respond to God's mission. PMC takes local congregations on a journey of discovering God's specific call to them for moving beyond doing mission to being missional in attitude, vision and action. PMC is based on two decades of consulting experience, research and scholarship. A comprehensive overview of PMC is available in Patrick Keifert's book, *We Are Here Now*, available through our on-line store. A ten minute DVD and a brochure are also available upon request; a printable version of the brochure can be downloaded from our website.

**Audience:** Partnership for Missional Church is designed for local congregations and their judicatory bodies. PMC has as its primary aim to build capacities in these congregations and judicatory bodies for the spiritual discernment of where they are, who they are, what God is doing in their midst, how God is sending them, and to whom God is sending them.

**Benefits:** The Partnership for Missional Church helps congregations grow by developing:

- A God-centered, biblical vision for mission
- A faithful and hospitable congregation
- Strengths of the tradition of the congregation
- Members committed to and capable of making disciples
- Dramatic expansion of lay involvement
- Practical skills for managing change and attending to conflict
- A greater sense of God's activity in their congregation and community
- Ownership of the mission of the congregation by more members
- Both a vision for mission and a practical action plan to achieve it
- A decision-making process for planning activities and budget
- Relationships with other partner congregations and partners in the broader community

**Success Stories:** Church Innovations can provide you with congregational stories and testimonies from churches in a variety of denominations that either went through the PMC process already or are currently involved in a cluster of PMC congregations. Please email Jannie Swart, the PMC Director, for more information at [jswart@churchinnovations.org](mailto:jswart@churchinnovations.org).

**Time and Resources:** PMC is a three to five year (or three to four phases) process. Phase one is a phase of discovery and attentive listening. Phase two is a phase of experimenting and engagement with the broader community. Phase three is a phase of visioning for embodiment to be a missional church in community. Each of these phases consists of three Friday to Saturday events spread out over the period of a year. These events include the spiritual practices, reflection and training necessary for the local congregation's journey between events. The total costs are \$25000 per judicatory per year, plus \$3000 per congregation per year (exclusive of a part of the time of a judicatory staff person).

**Getting Started:** Visit the PMC page on our website to download, read and share with others the additional resources for this service. To learn more, contact us at [jswart@churchinnovations.org](mailto:jswart@churchinnovations.org), or by phone at (651) 644-3653 or (888) 223-7631.