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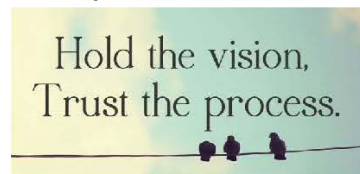
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## Hold the Vision

by Dr. Brian L. Powell



In our ongoing efforts to *Renew*, *Equip*, and *Connect* every pastor, leader, and congregation in Kentucky we employ a C3 strategy for making this vision a reality. For leaders new to the Kentucky District the 3-Cs include: Corporate Prayer, Church Planting, Congregational Revitalization.

There's no way to articulate all God is doing across the district in a few paragraphs. Seriously, it would take a book to describe the details. One thing is certain, however, we are all part of a movement that's waking up the church. The messages I receive every week from pastors describing people's lives being changed and new people coming to faith in Christ is beyond inspiring.

Why do we promote Corporate Prayer, Church Planting, and Congregational Revitalization/Revival so passionately? Because of the call of Jesus is to reach people and see lives transformed. The mission of leading people to the foot of the cross is more important than anything else in the universe.

Did you know that for every four churches that close their doors only one new church is planted? Did you know that the average church member in America attends a corporate worship gathering only one time per month? Did you know that the average church prays together corporately less than five minutes per week? Did you know that many churches are in serious decline in the United States? I am not okay with the Enemy taking ground from the Church, which is why I am so unwavering about the vision. It's working!

In Kentucky we're not giving in to the status quo; we are taking ground back from the Enemy. How? The Kentucky District has planted over 40 new churches since 2015. Beyond that, many congregations are being revitalized through serious times of corporate prayer. Churches and leaders are learning to think outside the box when it comes to partnering together to plant new congregations and to reach new people.

Did you know that new churches are better at evangelizing their communities? The reason is that they don't have years of tradition that new people have to try and fit into. This is why we remain persistent in our efforts to plant new churches. Did you know that extended times of corporate prayer break down barriers that Satan often uses to divide congregations? When people gather in close proximity to one another, lay their hands on one another, and learn to cry out to God together, it changes the atmosphere.

I believe God is preparing us for an authentic spiritual awakening in the United States. Corporate prayer and church planting will be essential for this to become a reality. My prayer is that Kentucky will continue to be a catalyst for the USA/Canada Region in expanding the footprint of the Kingdom of Jesus. Thank you for being such a vital partner in all God is doing across the Kentucky District!