

Sketchnotes from the 2014 NEXT Church National Gathering

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next church

LEAD
CREATE
DISCERN

2014

"SEEK THE WELFARE OF THE CITY
WHERE I HAVE SENT YOU." JER. 29:7

DEBORAH
WRIGHT

— and —

JIM
KITCHENS

ADAPTIVE
CHANGE



RUBBLE
OF THE
MAINLINE

WE ARE ALL SOMEWHERE ON THIS
SPECTRUM OF IDOLIZING NOSTALGIA
AND LIVING IN DESPAIR....

TECHNICAL CHANGE

• when you break your ankle

ADAPTIVE CHANGE

• when you lose your leg

POSITIVE DEVIANCE

We need to seek out these positive deviants and learn from them

BEST PRACTICES

• WHEN FACED WITH TECHNICAL CHANGE, THESE ARE YOUR BEST FRIENDS. BUT IN ADAPTIVE CHANGE, BEST PRACTICES ARE THINGS THAT WORKED GREAT FOR CHURCHES THAT DON'T EXIST ANYMORE.

BEST PRACTICES WILL KILL YOU!

FRED ROGERS

WAS A POSITIVE DEVIANT.

BE ONE TOO.



1 SACRED COWS

2 ELEPHANTS IN THE ROOM

3 DINOSAUR - what is extinct, what needs to die

A SQUIRREL - what distractions are keeping you from your task

S ROADKILL - naming & embracing our epic failures



J. HERBERT
NELSON

"THE  BELONGS TO THE LORD. I'M
AFRAID OF THE  JOURNEY BUT I'LL
GO ON ANYWAY."

THERE IS NO
ONE SIZE
FITS ALL

SOLUTION TO
TRANSFORM
THE CHURCH.



THE LORD DID NOT ASK THEM TO
RELOCATE, BUT TO GRIND IT OUT
RIGHT WHERE THEY WERE.

TO THOSE WHO SAY
THE CHURCH SHOULD
NOT BE INVOLVED IN
JUSTICE, ARE WE NOT
MORE FAITHFUL THAN
THAT?



NO COMMUNITY OF
FAITH CAN BE
SILENT WHILE
PEOPLE SUFFER.



@edunnnny

ERIN DUNIGAN



CHURCH



BAJA

NOT

THE GROUP IS MADE UP OF NONES

"WE MUST BE PREPARED TO GO WHERE THE PEOPLE... AND STAYING THERE."
(PETER NEILSON)

BRIAN MCLAREN: "WHAT IF WE ASSUMED THAT GOD WAS ALREADY AT WORK..."

LANGUISHING IN THE PROCESS, needed

LA MISIÓN

A GATHERING OF the SBNR,

SPENT TIME


BY the SBNR.

LISTENING

even at the risk of your ORTHODOXY... go with the people and STAY THERE.

KARAROOT



LAKE NOKOMIS
PRESBYTERIAN 



IF WE THINK THIS
IS ABOUT US... WE
HAVE MISSED THE
BOAT. THIS IS
GOD'S MINISTRY

WORSHIP

←
• Central to
who we are

• Kids come in
from Sunday School & teach

HOSPITALITY

• St. Joseph's
home for
children

• Eat's and Empathy

SABBATH

• it reminds
us WHOSE
we are &
WHO you
are

SABBATH - DO NOTHING OUT OF
OBLIGATION.

HOW
ARE WE
BEING
CHURCH?

Session: HOW ARE WE
PARTICIPATING IN GOD'S
STORY?

WORSHIP IS NOTICING GOD.

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KATY STENTA

- Asking for volunteers feels like the Hunger Games.

Jen James // ^{Xn} Education

- USED TO THINK: PROGRAMS

WILL  PEOPLE

- ATTRACTIVE CHURCHES **DO**
A GOOD JOB POACHING MEMBERS

- MINISTRY MUST BE AWARE OF

CONTEXT

- MISSIONAL SHIFT IN CHURCH TAKES CHURCH FOLK OUT INTO THE WORLD.
- LESS CONCERNED WITH FILLING PEWS...
• MISSIONAL SHIFT IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CHANGES EVERYTHING.

Leanne Masters



SOUTHERN
HEIGHTS
Food Forest

USES THE CONCEPT OF
PERMACULTURE. DESIGNED
TO BE A NEW ECOSYSTEM.

PLUCK & EAT!

EAT. EDUCATE. EXPLORE.



reflecting on Next 14

IMAGINATION
OVER
SOLUTIONS



DIS/CONNECT: NEXT SEEMS
TO BE FILLED WITH A LOT
OF LARGE CHURCH PASTORS.

MARYANN

MCKIBBEN DANA

WHAT DO WE
DO NOW?

WE ARE NOT IN
EXILE.

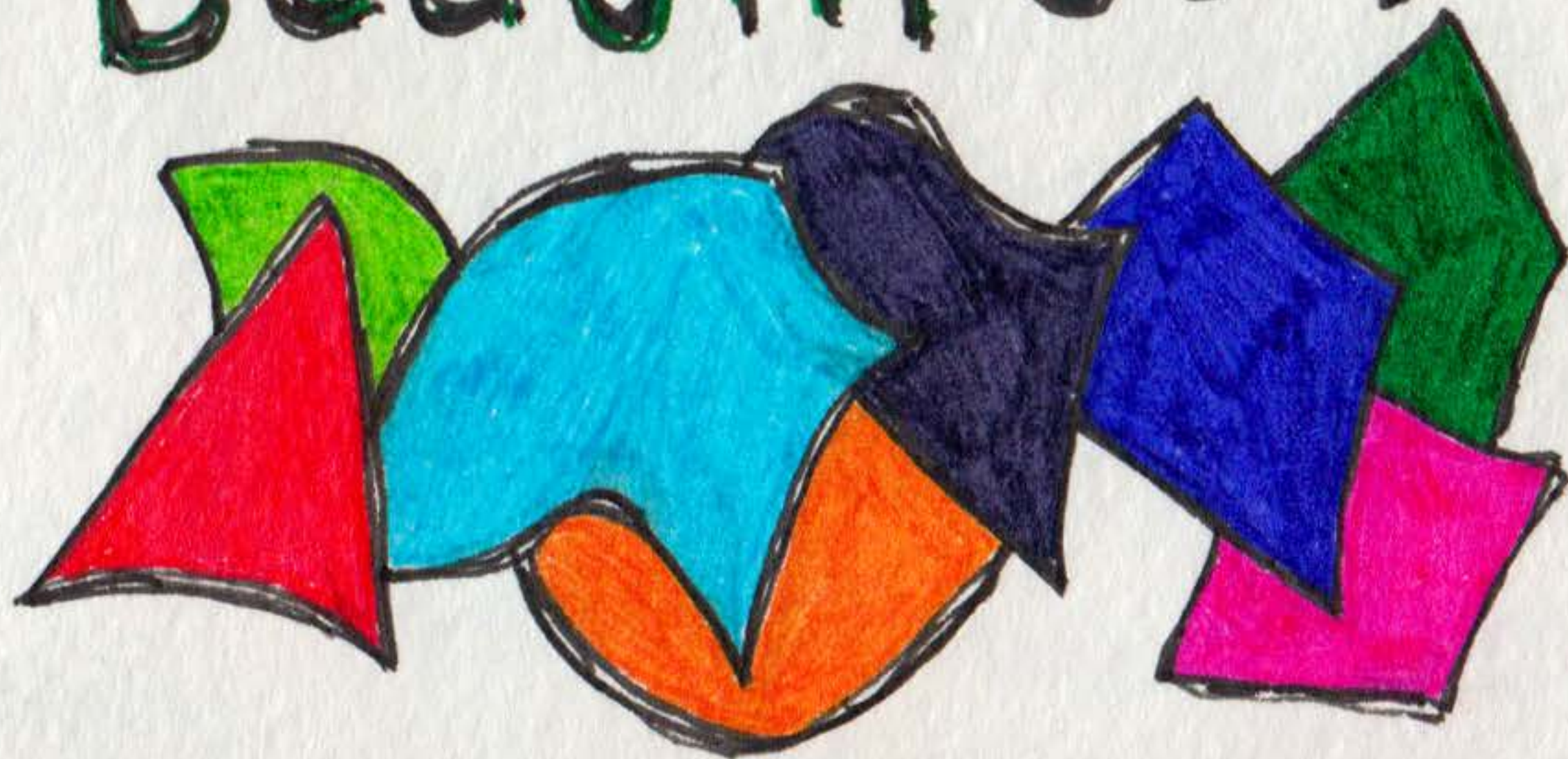
LOSING OUR
CLERGY parking
spot at the
hospital is NOT
EXILE.

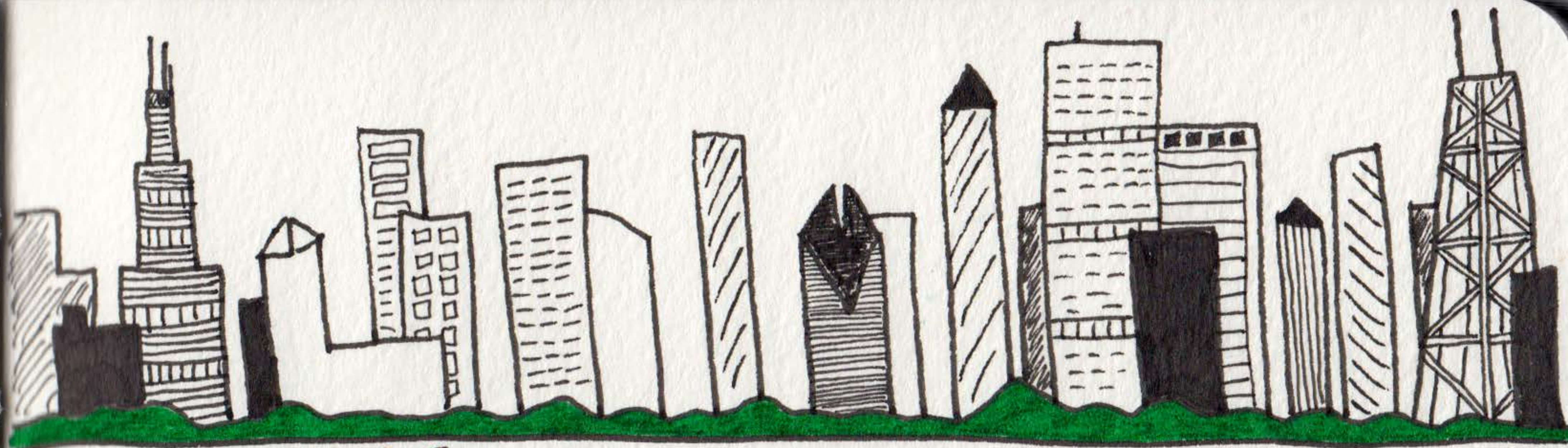


THE PCUSA'S structure may be
CHANGING - churches will close,
but that doesn't mean to give up
-----hope.

TAKE THE BROKEN CLAY
SHARDS AND MAKE SOMETHING

BEAUTIFUL!





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