



The Mission Coordinating Council would like to invite you on a journey of discovery— five discoveries, to be exact—in which we:

1. **Claim our “Ideal Selves”:** who could we be if we were at our very best?
2. **Name our “Real Selves”:** who we are today?
3. **Develop a “Learning Plan”** that helps us bridge the gap between the ideal and the Real.
4. **Practice and realize God’s call** as we move toward our “Ideal Selves.”
5. **Nurture Incarnational Relationships** (Christ in us!), the context of our life together.

**Don’t ask what the world needs.
Ask what makes you alive and go do it,
for what the world needs is you alive!**

— Howard Thurman

MVP Journey

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Serve the needs of the community.***



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The Journey: Our Formation in Christ

The Journey. Each one of us must make of it what we will. Each one of us must choose the path by which we will travel. As we come to learn, the destination is not a place but rather a state of being in which Christ is formed in us and we in Christ. Will we allow this formation to take place... or not? Poet Mary Oliver presses: "Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?"

The Itinerary by which we will make our journey is the Intentional Change Process developed by Richard Boyatzis:

- Our first stop will be to explore the "Ideal Self."
- Having claimed God's call, we will then explore the "Real Self" in January.
- With Lent, comes the opportunity to develop Journey Plans—for ourselves, our congregations, our presbytery—in response to our learnings.
- In May, we will gather to celebrate the ways in which we have begun to put into practice our journey plans—for the gift of the journey is made known through the gift of incarnational relationships.

The journey awaits... will you join us?

I labor until Christ is formed in you!
— The Apostle Paul



This is a journey where we are invited to become like Jesus (II Corinthians 2:16–17) as we become the people we were created to be by God (Genesis 1:27).

Never forget that you are fearfully and wonderfully made! (Psalm 139:14).

**Come, join the journey
and find yourself ALIVE in Christ!**

Dates	The Journey Itinerary
Discovery 1: The Ideal Self	October 19, 2013 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Christ Presbyterian Church Canton, Ohio
Discovery 2: The Real Self	January 11, 2014 8:30am – 4:30pm
Discovery 3: The Learning Plan	March 22, 2014 8:30am – 4:30pm
Discovery 4: The Practice	Mission Immersion, May 19–21, 2014, Sts. Peter & Paul Retreat Center, Newark, Ohio
Discovery 5: Incarnational Relationships	Made known by the Company of Elders and our shared life together

**Our guide for the journey is
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Anita has been an executive coach and organizational consultant with over 20 years experience in corporate, non-profit and educational settings.

She also serves as an adjunct professor at Case Western where she teaches courses in organizational leadership and management, having worked in university administration at Tufts University, Harvard University, and Radcliffe University.

Raised in a Presbyterian family, Anita's father was a pastor. Active in the Civil Rights movement, she understands the invitation of God in the midst of deep change. Those who have met Anita know her to be a blessing of God!

