



## Message from Eric Hoey

My desire is to see the PC(USA) become a “turnaround denomination” during my tenure here. I believe God will use one of our new GAMC initiatives, “to work together to ignite in our denomination a movement which results in the creation of [1001 new worshiping communities](#).” This initiative passed by the GAMC is the “game-changer” for our denomination because it forces us to think differently about what is church, how we count them, what we count, how we train, develop, and credential leaders. It drives us to think past traditional New Church Development models into new areas. Planting communities of faith was apart of our DNA many years ago. This initiative will help us rediscover this practice.



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Watch our newest 1001 worshiping community video to see what God is doing through followers of Jesus who simply wanted to live together in community, to good in their neighborhood. Then read about some of our new and existing ministries, reaching friends and neighbors with the good news of Jesus, in diverse settings. Also check out our new E-Sunday materials, designed to help you move with God in your neighborhood.

In our [Evangelism and Church Growth ministry](#) work we will continue to think more broadly and creatively about new church development, adapting leadership to “these new models of ministry,” and to raising up “more young adult disciples.” We’ll be talking more about this at [our national Evangelism and Church Growth conferences](#) in St. Pete Beach, Florida July 29-August 2 – [register now](#), to become part of a “turnaround movement” in the PC(USA).

Blessings,  
Eric Hoey



See what God is doing through in Richmond,



[Engage](#) in what God is already doing in your

Virginia, through a group of people who never intended to start a church. They simply wanted to live together in Christian community. [Watch the video](#) →



**Teen chooses service over a sweet 16 party**  
Influenced by a new church development, she has collected thousands of shoes for people in need. [Read more](#) →

neighborhood. To prepare to “give reason for the hope that you have in Jesus Christ,” [download our Evangelism Sunday materials](#) for September 30, 2012.



**Dynamic new church ministries receive grants**  
Grants will allow ministries to continue mission in diverse settings among unreached populations. [Read more](#) →