

Transformation 2.0 – Can you find the Holy Spirit?

Walking the neighborhood . . .

One guiding team's impressions



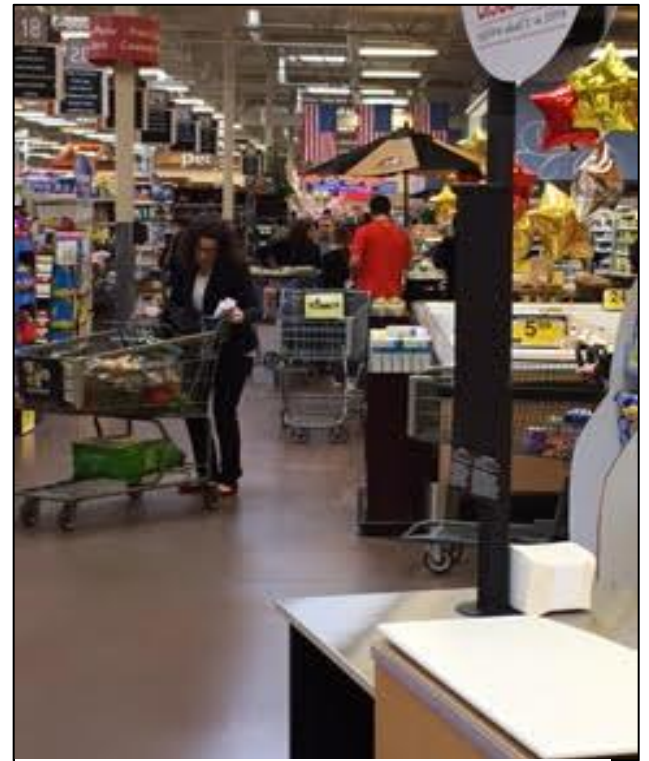
At Bond Hill Presbyterian Church, we were surprised how quiet our neighborhood is. We were just encouraged. We could hear kids playing. We couldn't see any; they were probably in their back yards. But we could hear them.

Last summer, we invited the community to a mini-grill out on our front lawn. We gave out free hot dogs. People trusted us, came by and had a free hot dog and just talked.

Nobody has come in to visit us yet, but that's OK. That's not

what this is about. This is about learning what people need.

-Cynthia Focke, guiding team member



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Where is God in your life?

Does the Presbytery speak Spanish?

Among the work of the Transformation team is a call to explore where God is at work among our Hispanic and Latino neighbors.

At this point, there is no PC(USA) worshipping congregation here that is Spanish-speaking or that explicitly ministers to our Hispanic and Latino communities. Is the Presbytery of Cincinnati called in that direction?

To discern such a call, we have created an exploratory team for Hispanic and Latino ministry. We are listening to stories in our neighborhoods that cross language and cultures.

If this is an area of ministry that speaks to you, please join us. Contact Louisa Umphres (louisa@lakesidechurch.org) for details.

The results are in

Remember filling out those Transformation surveys? Here are some results:

- As a group, we are active in our local ministry, both in worship and community outreach. We often share our faith stories and listen to stories of others. Our congregations have helped us understand our daily work as partnering with God in ministry.
- Most of us believe our congregation's mission is to equip us for ministry in daily life, focus on preaching the good news, creating an inclusive community and bringing people into a life-transforming relationship with Jesus. Our communities would miss our churches if they disappeared tomorrow.
- At the same time, we have lost trust in the connections that are designed to bring us together. Few of us believe the Presbytery of Cincinnati is vital or effective. Our biggest reason for hope is the vitality of our local congregations.
- We are setting up a web page where we will post survey results and Transformation updates – www.cpresby.org/transformation-docs.