



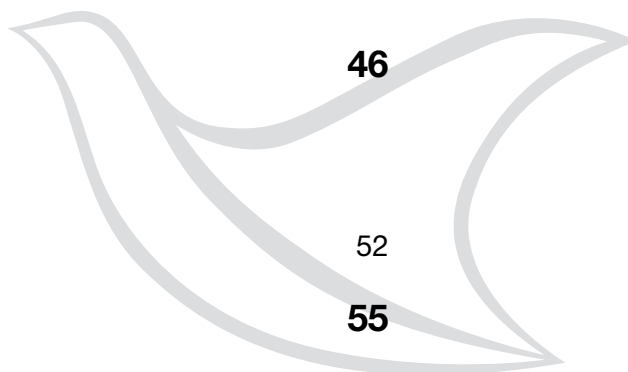
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On the Way Together

# Priorities

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## Postcard for photocopying

Use the postcards as a way to

- stimulate conversation
- respond to first impressions
- remind groups of each of the priorities
- recall some ideas about each priority
- initiate discussion
- explore critical connections between the priorities and specific, strategic planning foci

The design on the postcard series reminds us of our baptism into the Spirit of God, and the fluidity, flow... and of the movement and energy of the Spirit that we can expect.



## Discipleship

### *Priority - to give sustained attention to growing disciples*

- embodying Christ's character
- attending to prayer
- studying scripture
- exercising discernment
- nourishing vocation
- recasting tradition
- reordering our lives
- engaging critical reflection
- practicing God's liberating justice
- seeking the Spirit's direction

from piety to passion, habit to risk-taking, law to love Sara Miles, Jesus Freak, Jossey Bass, 2010

## Leadership

**Priority - to cultivate and free spiritually formed, visionary leaders**

- exercising our missionary nature
- studying scripture and context
- communicating insight, casting vision
- stirring Godly imagination
- demonstrating discipleship
- joining God's mission
- encouraging passionate innovation
- practising compassion
- extending radical hospitality
- shaping commitments

from respectable predictability to pioneering navigators surfing the currents of mystery, memory and mission  
Alan J. Roxburgh and M. Scott Boren, *Introducing the Missional Church*, Baker Books, 2009



## Partnership

**Priority - to seek and respond to opportunities for friend-making partnership**

- being a guest
- inviting curiosity
- welcoming fascination
- making friends
- demonstrating possibilities
- cultivating partners
- inspiring community
- accepting rejection
- challenging resistance
- practising commitment

from service to empowerment; conventions to community; programs to bread-breaking



## Risk-taking

***Priority - to develop a culture of inspired innovation***

- imagining God's mission
- claiming difference
- enthusing enterprise
- heralding renewal
- brokering reconciliation
- pioneering compassion
- advocating liberation
- resisting the status-quo
- challenging the powers
- celebrating unexpected relationships

from fear to redeeming courage and abundance; from requirements and rewards to deep relationship with the Spirit of God  
Marcus J. Borg, *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*, Harper, 1995.

