

## step four

### moving beyond impasse and political posturing into God's mission & future

Imagine Christ followers whose love of Jesus reorders their priorities, defines their life choices, and transforms the way they spend their money, express their sexuality, and use their power and influence...

Imagine congregations whose arms are open wide to accept all people with equal and authentic love of Jesus Christ—and with the expectation of God's transformation: relationships healed, addictions cured, sins forgiven, and hope restored...

Imagine seminaries nurturing pastors for real-life ministry in a post-Christian culture, connecting with, praying for, and learning from Christ followers around the globe...

Imagine presbyteries defined by joy, trust, and mutual accountability—meeting for worship and prayer, congregations outdoing one another in Christ's love and justice, where congregational health is measured by nurturing disciples and fulfilling the Great Commission...

This is PFR's vision. Join us in making it real.

- REFOCUSING on the Great Commission
- EXPANDING the reach of the Gospel
- RECOVERING gospel hope.

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discerning and  
following  
God's path into  
God's future...

*Lord, you call us to ventures of  
which we cannot see the ending,  
by paths yet untrodden, through  
perils unknown.*

*Give us faith to go out with cour-  
age, not knowing where we go,  
but only that your hand is lead-  
ing us and your love supporting  
us through Jesus Christ our  
Lord.*

Book of Common Worship

"Where  
do we go  
from  
here...?"

## step one

**preparing** hearts and minds to participate in what God is doing in and through us

Before anyone can make a compelling public witness to the love and grace of Jesus Christ, we must know Christ in a deep and intimate way. During this season of challenge and change, it is imperative that every Christian recommit to both quality and quantity of time spent in the disciplines of a faithful life. PFR can help. See our reSOURCE page on [www.pfrenewal.org](http://www.pfrenewal.org) for:

- **PRAYER** guides and devotional aids.
- **SCRIPTURE** readings from the daily and Sunday cycles of the Revised Common Lectionary, updated each day.
- **WORSHIP** resources for congregations and presbyteries meeting in Solemn Assemblies for prayer, praise, repentance, healing, and restoration: responding to a positive action of the 218<sup>th</sup> Assembly.
- **FELLOWSHIP** through a new web community of Christ followers committed to serving and proclaiming Christ with intelligent hope and joy. “Reformed and Ever Being Reformed Under the Word of God,” an interactive web-based community, will be launched on Reformation Sunday, October 26, 2008.

## step two

**offering** faithful witness to God’s transforming power and love in our current context

While a biblically faithful future is being shaped, we are called to be Christ’s ambassadors in our present reality—congregations and presbyteries. God has equipped us for ministry in this changing time and in this challenging place, responding to the issues and debates we face this year in the PC(USA), and surrounded by an increasingly post-Christian culture. PFR can help with:

- **EDUCATION** What is God’s design for human sexuality? How does understanding God’s purpose impact individuals, the Church, the culture, even our search for ultimate fulfillment? “Speaking a Mystery: God’s Design for Human Sexuality” is a DVD produced by PFR and used by other ministries including OnebyOne and Exodus International. It provides answers to questions facing every Christian.
- **ISSUES & TALKING POINTS** Whether you are looking for in-depth scholarship or a brief summary of the salient points to frame a presbytery witness, PFR offers many options covering a range of topics on our reSOURCE page, including links to valuable work done by our renewal partners.

## step three

**reshaping** the PC(USA) to provide a way for evangelicals to do ministry with integrity

The actions of the 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly have made it clear that the PC(USA)’s compromise of the Gospel of Jesus Christ has reached an unprecedented level. It is clear that the PC(USA)’s confession of the Lordship of Jesus Christ and commitment to our Reformed confessions has weakened to the point that we can no longer assume a common framework of conversation.

PFR has gathered a group of specialists in theology, ecclesiology, and polity to help us discover God’s path beyond our current impasse. Best options are being discovered, and the conversation is broadening. Stay current with this conversation and let your voice be heard! PFR can help you:

- Stay connected to this project with articles, commentary, and ongoing conversation on PFR’s interactive website, [www.pfrenewal.org](http://www.pfrenewal.org).
- Stay current by clicking on the RSS feed and receiving notification every time a new article is posted.
- Subscribe to PFR’s monthly Eighth Day Letter (e-news and gospel hope) and frequent special updates by clicking on the subscription link at [www.pfrenewal.org](http://www.pfrenewal.org).