



THE MISSION MINISTRY

COMMISSIONING & NAVIGATING MINISTRY

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The Purpose—Why We Are Here

The Mission Ministry is a proactive discipleship ministry that prepares and equips believers to serve their families, friends, and communities by sharing their faith.

The Mission Ministry is a media service platform site that delivers media content to its visitors. We showcase helpful blogs, articles, quotable quotes, and biblical prophecy. Our vision is to inspire, motivate, and encourage our visitors to get proactively involved in their communities. Our concepts are culturally neutral and applicable to most situations. It's all offered from our heart to your heart. We look forward to your feedback, discussion, and sharing.

Our purpose is symbolized in our logo. The helm-wheel of the ship illustrates that we reach out to all people—North, South, East, and West with Good News that glorifies God and resounds back with greater good to the recipients of the Gospel. We navigate places by means of the gifts of the Spirit and “Spiritual Mapping” (Demographic Findings) to find the greatest needs. We begin by identifying indigenous leaders—people who are natural to the environment and have influence over others. Once they are identified, we train, empower, and commission through our online platform. The results are multiplication discipleship.

The Vision

The vision of The Mission Ministry is to develop a safe, secure, comfortable environment for the foundation of church life: Worship, Fellowship, Service, and Witness.

The Mission

Our mission is to fulfill the *vision* of the Great Commission by establishing community-oriented organizations from neighborhood-to-neighborhood, then network those organizations with each other. The goal is to establish small home focus groups through the outreach of “The Socratic Conversation.” The outgrowth of our mission is summed up in the words of the founder: “My life is my ministry and my ministry is my life.” It means that we do not believe there is a separation between the sacred and secular. Every believer is called to be a disciple, not a church member. Discipleship is a daily walk of faith in the real world where we live, work, and play. We live out our ministry.

Our Faith Steps: Our faith steps are outlined in Luke 10:25-37. Our faith steps begin with our focus groups through outreach within proximity of neighborhood locations. Our vision focuses on delivering people from the bondage of religion and politics. The founder states, “Correct their faith and their behavior will follow.”

- Look for places less traveled;
- Stop at people less loved;
- Stoop—humble ourselves in service;
- Lift by building up Christ in the esteem of the self.
- Carry by providing support; and
- Care to restore the whole man and woman.

THE GOAL IS RESTORATION TO A HEALTHY SPIRITUALLY-
PHYSICALLY RICH LIFE!

Our services encompass restoring ...

Mission Develop Ross introduces the concept of the Conversation with a prophetic statement: There is a paradigm shift in heaven and earth that will change the way we “Do” church. The church is moving beyond four-walls, back to homes and houses with a central location for leaders and into the real world as we walk as spiritual disciples.

The Purpose

“We don’t ‘do’ church we ‘be’ church!”

“Doing church” is about “*Sunday go to meeting Church-anity.*” “Being church” is about *being* a disciple of Christ where we live, work, and play in the real world.

Our slogan simply means that we prefer meeting within a fellowship setting, exchanging our various views on three vital questions that Christians and seekers are asking regarding their *personal relationship* with God:

- ❖ *Where is God in my life?*
- ❖ *What is He up to?*
- ❖ *Where is the Church in all this?*

We have developed the concept recorded in the book of *Acts* into a proactive program. You will not find the word “*Church*” in the original text of scripture, but you will find the word “*ecclesia*.” The church is a translation of *ecclesia* and means “*Called Out Community*.” Considering the current return to Biblical Christianity of the past *Emerging Church* many Christians and seekers are opting for a *Community Connection*.

In our small group settings, people have a sense of glorifying God through up-reach worship, being edified through in-reach fellowship, a desire to reach others in service, and a desire to witness in outreach. The Mission Ministry gives people who have been turned off and tuned out of church “as is” an opportunity to find and to re-connect to church again.

The Format-Meeting in a Neutral Place!

Let him that is taught in the word communicate (“Koinonia” or Share) unto him that teaches in all good things. Galatians 6:6)

We take the theological, political, doctrinal, cultural discomfort out of a meeting because of our focus on biblical concepts and kingdom culture.

The format for The Mission Ministry community gatherings comes from I Corinthians 14...The organization and administration of spiritual gifts through community fellowship. Community gatherings include sharing a word, sharing scripture, sharing testimonies, sharing stories, sharing prayers, sharing songs, and questions and comments. Communion can also be served even online through media meeting platforms. Time is an important factor for community fellowship. We suggest a time frame between one hour and fifteen minutes to an hour and a half.

Objectives

Besides the components of church life, a major objective of The Mission Ministry is to serve as a catalyst to promote individual businesses, ministry, and

church plants. The idea is individuals should be able to find their personal vision in the vision of the church.

- A safe “soapbox” for telling our stories about our Journey’s.
- A “platform” for addressing our spiritual/social Concerns.
- A “springboard” for promoting individual vision/mission in Ministry and Business.
- Connecting Supporting Networks to Resources.
- Developing Sustainable Communities.

The Mission Ministry History

The Mission Ministry began as Church in the Middle with The Conversation, which builds on research and studies about the *Emerging Church Movement*, which many perceive as the *New Reformation*. The idea for The Conversation developed on the campus of New Life Theological Seminary in Charlotte, North Carolina in September 2012. Adjunct Professor Ross was teaching various courses in the Urban Studies Department and began addressing critical issues from students in what he called his side-bar discussions—dialog off the subject. The next stage of development for The Conversation began Monday, June 27th, 2013 at an informal meeting with a business couple at Professor Ross’s house. That meeting led to Professor Ross contacting his former colleague and partner with the Tapestry Church plant. His partner agreed on the idea and opened his facility (The Annex) on The Plaza for meetings. The Conversation held its first official meeting on Sunday, August 23rd, 2013 at the Annex located on the Plaza in Charlotte, North Carolina. Unfortunately, politics and the politicizing of God’s Word led to the cancellation of meetings. After four years of serving as an editor and self-publisher, and interest by others to start a new ministry, Jarvis Ross resumed the start of The Conversation Monday, August 2, 2019, and changed Church in the Middle to The Mission Ministry at the advice of a key core group member.

What we hope to accomplish through our Covenant Community?

We desire to serve as a springboard to leadership development and promotions, and put our respective churches, ministries, and businesses on the radar by networking opportunities, and mobilizing ministries and businesses.

To provide an accountability network through a relationship where we come alongside each other and walk through those difficult times together without

judging one another because of circumstances. *“Accountability minus relationship is Control!”* The Conversation can also serve as a “start-up” and incubator for business, ministry, church planting, and community development.

The Mission Ministry is a discipleship process for researching and identifying neighborhoods and communities for proactive ministry and community development. The Mission Ministry is joined by The Conversation as the vehicle for promoting dialog about planning and organizing ministry.