

SUPPORT NEXT CHURCH

sparkling imaginations, connecting congregations, offering
a distinctly Presbyterian witness to Jesus Christ



NEXT CHURCH IS

not just for pastors – it’s a community for all who are asking “what’s next for the church?”, like ruling elders, church members, seminarians, educators, and youth workers. NEXT

Church provides time and space for people across the church to hear about and collaborate on ideas that further God’s kingdom – both inside and outside of church walls. NEXT Church makes space for people who hold a wide variety of theological convictions, and values discussion of difficult issues that arise in the living church.

NEXT BUILDS RELATIONSHIPS TO

1. Foster the building and rebuilding of dynamic, diverse congregations who are engaged in mission and new models of ministry.
2. Connect and develop visionary leaders who are ready and willing to address the challenges of the 21st century.
3. Provide space and time in which church leaders work together to “form and re-form” strategies that matter and have impact to further God’s kingdom.
4. Create opportunities across this community in which the shared sense of God’s call enables respectful, thorough discussion of difficult issues in the living church.

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AREAS OF FOCUS

Support for new pastors

We recently collaborated with the Board of Pensions to create a website for new pastors, to help bridge the chasm between theological education and first call and combat the attrition rates in the first five years of ministry. The site offers resources for health, finances, leadership development and communities for clergy: NEXTconnectPCUSA.org

We partnered with Second Presbyterian Church of Roanoke, VA, Montreat, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Macedonian Ministries to support Trent@Montreat, a conference for new pastors. The clergy who joined us, picked one track for focus in a particular area of ministry and are leaving with a network of support, resources, and ideas in that area of interest: montreat.org/trent

Leadership accountability

NEXT Church has convened a team to guide a collaborative process asking the question, “How do we measure the faithfulness and success of ministry in traditional and experimental settings?” We intend their exploration and responses to be broad enough to be relevant to a wide range of contexts, yet specific enough to meet the particular needs of congregations and leaders in the shifting North American church. We are grateful to the Texas Presbyterian Foundation and Leadership Education at Duke Divinity School for their partnership in this effort.

NEXT CHURCH AT WORK

Gatherings

Cumulatively, 2,300 people have attended national gatherings since 2011. Over the last three years, 2,600 people watched online.

Like TED Talks, NEXT Church gatherings are filled with talented leaders sharing stories and learnings, but at NEXT Church, these are specifically church leaders sharing their experiences of ministry. Our 7th National Gathering will take place March 13-15 in Kansas City, MO!

We've co-hosted 23 regional gatherings around the country, with more in the works.

Online

There are 2,500 subscribers to our e-newsletter; 430 subscribe to the blog.

We host Church Leaders' Roundtables to share resources for the practice of ministry.

We curate monthly blog content around topics such as faith and technology, evangelism and “what's saving your ministry right now?”

Support NEXT

All of our operating funds come from individual gifts and congregational grants.

Your gift supports our relational work through a director, our website, national conferences, regional work, scholarships, experiments with congregational development, a PCUSA Young Adult Volunteer and a communications specialist.

Please consider supporting the work of NEXT Church as an individual or as part of the mission of your congregation. Donate online or by writing a check to Village Church, earmarked for “NEXT.” 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208.