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1001 Worshiping Communities Conference. 'Living, Dying, Rising,' to feature church planters and leaders. All across the landscape of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), as leaders of the denomination's nearly 400 new worshiping communities continue to transform the church—and the world—by growing new disciples for Jesus Christ, they, too, hunger for a space in which to grow and be nurtured. The event will be held August 7–10 at the TradeWinds Island Grand Resort in St. Pete Beach, Florida. [Find out more.](#)

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Covenant Bible Study Webinar: Reaching the Millennial Generation and a Role for Group Bible Study. We talk a lot about “Millennials,” those currently ranging in age from approximately 13 to 35. Who are they? What do they value? What are they seeking? As faith communities, how do we reach them? Answers to these questions are neither obvious nor straightforward. [Join us for a free webinar](#) on **Wednesday April 5 at Noon** Central Time. Dr. Jaco Hamman, Associate Professor of Religion, Psychology and Culture at Vanderbilt Divinity School will share his research about Millennials and how to reach them. In depth Bible study, like Covenant Bible Study, can provide Millennials the community, substance and foundation on which to build their own lives and the faith narratives they seek. Covenant is a comprehensive, 24-week, video-based study that helps participants apply the Bible to their personal stories, cultivating a lifelong trust in God and a love of scripture. Learn more about Covenant Bible Study at CovenantBibleStudy.com.

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March 31 Webinar Asks the Question: How might God be leading us in this time and place? This question is at the heart of the JMP. We share stories, articles and book reviews that help us listen to the bubbling of the Spirit at work in all sorts of unexpected places and wonder together how God might be leading us. We invite you to join us in this discerning. We are hosting a conversation table to reflect together upon what we are learning of the work of the Spirit in recent JMP stories. Join Alan Roxburgh, Martin Robinson, our Editorial Team and friends in our wider learning community. [Register and join us for this live webinar](#) as we discern and reflect together. March 31, 2017 – 8am Pacific Standard Time | 11am Eastern Standard Time | 4pm British Standard Time.

Society of St. Andrews Celebrates a great Year. For those of you who were able to join us in the fields in 2016, thank you! Our 1,758 volunteers in the Charlotte area were able to glean 579,000 pounds of produce at 195 gleaning events, an increase of more than 25% over 2015! That includes a lot of corn, tomatoes, zucchini, summer squash, grapes, pumpkins and sweet potatoes, as well as a truckload of bananas and several loads of potatoes! We are hopeful that 2017 will be a bountiful one for our generous farmers, and a busy one for Society of St. Andrew and our wonderful volunteers! We are always looking for gleaners who can attend one event or twenty events, as well as folks with pick up trucks and flexible schedules who are willing to drive to area gleanings to help distribute. Contact us at 704.951.7672 to volunteer.

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Our new Vision and our Mission Statement follow.

Vision: Sexuality and gender are no longer the basis for discrimination nor the barriers for acceptance and inclusion. **Mission Statement:** Affirming the God-given worth of LGBTQ+ people, we support the LGBTQ+ community, their families and friends. Our second quarter meetings will be held at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 2370 West Main Street, Rock Hill, SC at 7:00 pm on April 11, May 9, and June 13. We would love to have you join us.

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