

FELLOWSHIP

Harvest Partner Pocket Guide

“On the Road to Community
Transformation”

*The whole City transformed
by the whole Gospel
through the whole Church*

Seek the peace and prosperity of the city
to which I have carried you into exile.
Pray to the Lord for it, because if it
prosper, you too will prosper.
– Jeremiah 29:7

Our Mission Field

Dr. George G. Hunter of Asbury
Seminary stated, “The West is once
again a vast mission field... Our
challenge to reach the undisciplined
populations of North America will require
as sophisticated a mission strategy as
any mission field in the world today, or at
any time in history.”

Think of the great biblical leaders,
like Joshua who claimed the Promised
Land, or Nehemiah who rebuilt
Jerusalem, or the Apostle Paul who
evangelized Europe. Let’s “do it again”
where God has planted us today. Right
now, like back then, the great need is for
harvesters, harvest partners who will take
God’s promises to heart. As we seek the
peace and prosperity of the city and pray
for it, God will prosper His Church and
His people. Get ready!

Mission Possible

Will you join us on this exciting
journey? It’s bigger than all of us. Bigger
than our fellowship. It’s a God-inspired
plan that will bring eternal benefits. As
governments cut back programs and
resources, what an opportunity for the
Church to take the initiative again in
helping people move from survival to
success and significance! What a lesson
and example to pass on to the next
generation!

A Message from Our Pastor

General Patton’s definition of
insanity was, “Continuing to do the

same things and expecting different
results.”

Some pastors use people to grow
a great church. But our desire is to
use the church to grow great people
and to transform our community into
what God wants it to be!

If we are to fulfill the vision and
mission God has placed on our
hearts, it cannot be business as
usual. Our heart’s desire is to lead the
way in bringing real change into the
lives of hurting people who are all
around us.

A transformed community starts
with transformed individuals. May God
help us to be a “faithful presence” in
every part of our community, starting
with our own friends, relatives,
associates, and neighbors.

What breaks God’s heart in
Spokane County? What would bring
joy to God’s heart? Let’s follow God’s
priorities and be ready to bring in a
Great Harvest all for God’s glory. “For
with God, all things are possible.”

Sincerely,

Terry Van Blaricum

Spheres of Influence

To reach our city, we will want to
eventually impact all major spheres of
influence:

1. Homes and blocks
2. Education and schools
3. Business and industry
4. Spiritual and social
5. Government and politics
6. Health care and senior adults
7. Arts and entertainment
8. Media
9. Sports and recreation

The church of the future must be
primarily a lay church, with the laymen
as participants playing the game; and
with the clergy on the sidelines as the
coaches of a team, as the guides and
spiritualizers of an essentially lay
movement.

– Dr. E. Stanley

Jones

**A Great Commitment
to the Great Commandment
and the Great Commission
will grow a Great Church
(and a Great Christian)**

Five Major Purposes of Our Church

The five purposes of the church are
given in these two statements of Jesus.

The Great Commandment

“**Love the Lord your God** with all your
heart... soul... and mind. This is the first
and greatest commandment. And the
second is like it:

Love your neighbor as yourself. All the
Law and prophets hang on these two
commandments.”

– Matthew 22:36-40.

The Great Commission

“**Go and make disciples** of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit, and **teaching them to do**
everything I have commanded you.”

Matthew 28:19-20

Five Instructions for the Church

1. **WORSHIP.** Love God with all your
heart.
2. **MINISTRY.** Love your neighbor as
yourself.
3. **EVANGELISM.** Go and make
disciples.
4. **FELLOWSHIP.** Baptizing them
(bringing them into the fellowship of
the church).
5. **DISCIPLESHIP.** Teaching them to
do.

“What a shame – yes, how stupid! –
to decide before knowing the facts!
The intelligent man is always open to
new ideas. In fact, he looks for them.”
– Proverbs 18:13,15 (LB)

FEATURES AND BENEFITS



These are some of the
available tools that allow
us to develop a dynamic
missionary force
throughout our
county. It starts with
our congregation,
but we will team
up with others to
accomplish the
task. These tools
are not a substitute
for good judgment, process knowledge,
or the guidance
of the Holy Spirit.

Basic “Harvest Partner” Strategy

1. **Research.** Know your community,
its leaders, and its needs (contextual

research). Know our fellowship, our ministries, other congregations, and their strengths (institutional research). Recognize that we are in spiritual warfare.

- 2. Motivate.** Pastors and staff are to take the roles of visionaries and managers. Lay people must be motivated to see themselves and harvest partners serving their communities.
- 3. Train.** "Equipping the saints for the work of ministry" is the pastor's biblical task. But now there is a support team to assist.
- 4. Mobilize.** We test what we learn and apply whatever mid-course corrections are required to move toward the ultimate objective – a transformed community. We're following a strategic plan that optimizes all participating congregations and plants new ministries.

Training for Harvest Partners

A new curriculum is being adapted especially for our city. While there are times when workshops will be held, most of the education and training will be available on computer and by video-conferences. The curriculum covers four areas:

WHO! The WORLD we are to change.

Understanding the community, demographics.

WHAT! The WORD we are to communicate. Biblical concepts of ministry.

HOW! The WORK we are to complete. Practical theology, lifestyle evangelism, church planting, project management.

WHY! The WAY OF LIFE we are to commend. Wesleyan theology, holiness, church and missions history.

Seven Steps for Making Disciples

1. Identify your extended family (friends, relatives, associates, neighbors)
2. Develop a personal profile of each extended family member.
3. Pray regularly and specifically for each extended family member.
4. Focus your efforts.
5. Develop a disciple-making plan.
6. Enhance the disciple-making plan.
7. Incorporate new believers into the church.

In the church of the future the most important test of its power of survival and of its survival with power will be its capacity to win the two thirds of its membership who are caught in eddies of the inconsequential and the marginal, and are going round and round getting nowhere and producing little or nothing – except motion. This group is the greatest mission field of the church. It must be changed from a field of evangelism into a force for evangelism.

– Dr. E. Stanley Jones

Harvest Partner Covenant

1. I will protect the unity of our fellowship and ministry...

- By acting in love toward other partners
- By refusing to gossip
- By following the leaders

"So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together." Romans 15:19 (Ph)

"Live in complete harmony with each other — each with the attitude of Christ toward each other." Romans 15:5 (LB)

"Have a sincere love for your fellow believers, love one another earnestly with all your hearts." I Peter 1:22 (GN)

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of our mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs..." Ephesians 4:29

"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be no advantage to you." Hebrews 13:17

2. I will share the responsibility of this ministry...

- By praying for its growth
- By inviting the unchurched and uncommitted to join
- By warmly welcoming those who visit and those we serve

"To the church...we always thank God for you and pray for you constantly." I Thessalonians 1:2

"Go out into the country...and urge anyone you find to come in, so that My House will be full." Luke 14:23 (LB)

"So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified." Romans 15:7 (LB)

3. I will serve the ministry of ChangePoint...

- By discovering my gifts and talents
- By being equipped and mobilized to serve by the servant leaders
- By developing a servant's heart

"Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you..."

I Peter 4:10 (Ph)

"God gave... apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of ministry, so that the body of Christ may be built up..." Eph. 4:11-12

"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ...who took on the very nature of a servant..." Philippians 2:3-4, 7

4. I will support the testimony of ChangePoint...

- By ministering faithfully
- By living a godly life
- By giving regularly

"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...but let us encourage one another." Hebrews 10:25

"But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ." Philippians 1:27 (Ph)

"Each one of you, on the first day of each week, should set aside a specific sum of money in proportion to what you have earned and use it for the offering." I Corinthians 16:2

"A tenth of all you produce is the Lord's, and it is holy." Leviticus 27:30

To Spread the Power

When first sent forth to minister the word,
Say, did we preach ourselves, or Christ the Lord?
Was it our aim disciples to collect,
To raise a party, or to found a sect?
No; but to spread the power of Jesus' name,
Repair the walls of our Jerusalem,
Revive the piety of ancient days,
And fill the earth with our Redeemer's praise. – Charles Wesley

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