



## Presbytery of de Cristo

### ***Serving Christ, Serving Congregations, Caring for “the least of these”***

August 10, 2018

Dear Colleagues,

It is time to RSVP for our collegial learning through the Macedonia pastoral cohort, which begins Thursday, September 20 and will once again be held at Trinity. We will have a slightly revised time for our meeting: 9:30 - 1:30. Our themes this year will follow the seven vital signs of congregational health (aka, the Thrive Project), with the full schedule on the back of this letter.

You may notice that I said RSVP rather than covenant. The Transformers committee still invites commitment, but we have become more realistic about pastors' ability to protect their schedule completely! This year's Macedonia schedule will follow the rhythm described below:

- 9:30 Meet and greet
- 9:45 Bible study on the theme of the day
- 10:30 Presentation / discussion on the theme of the day
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Prayer in small and large groups
- 1:30 Benediction

Some notes on this schedule: (1) we hope to get started a bit earlier as our sense of the mid-morning start is that it broke up the morning too easily; our email can wait! (2) We are excited about having Bible study as a consistent part of our gatherings, as our sense is that these discussions energize us as a group. (3) This schedule both maintains fellowship over lunch as a priority AND gives priority to praying with and for each other; after lunch, if you must leave early, you will be missing prayer together. (And, yes, if you think I am trying to guilt you into staying for the full gathering, you are correct! 😊)

Other aspects of the Macedonia experience will remain the same as in previous years: good food, strong friendships, and a place to explore new ideas to make our ministries stronger and help us be “always reforming” as leaders in Jesus' Church. I hope you will plan to participate.

Please RSVP to Mack Skodiak ([pbyasst@gmail.com](mailto:pbyasst@gmail.com)) and Carolyn ([pbyoffice@gmail.com](mailto:pbyoffice@gmail.com)).

Grace and peace,

Brad Munroe

## Macedonia Calendar 2018-2019

<b>Date</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
September 20	Lifelong Discipleship	Pete Seiferth
October 18	Authentic, Intentional Evangelism	Lesley Abrams, Andy Ross
November 15	Outward, Incarnational Focus	TBD
December 13	Christmas Party	Casa Munroe
January 17	Empowering Servant Leadership	TBD
February 21	Spirit-Inspired Worship	Marcia McFee (possible webinar?)
March 21	Caring Relationships	TBD
May 2-4*	Healthy Churches – Able to Discuss!	Allen Hilton**

\*Our retreat will once again be held in Green Valley.

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