

Update

Bridge to the Future

Transforming Community 13 (TC13) just concluded, TC14 is halfway through, and TC15 launched with 120 participants (1). We have made significant progress in redesigning and enlarging our staffing model with the addition of Rob Kastens, Charity McClure, and Kelly Kastens (2); reimagining Transforming Community 15 in our new home at the Q Center (3); and upgrading and redesigning our materials and website (4).

5. License a version of the Transforming Community experience (including recorded teachings) that would enable us

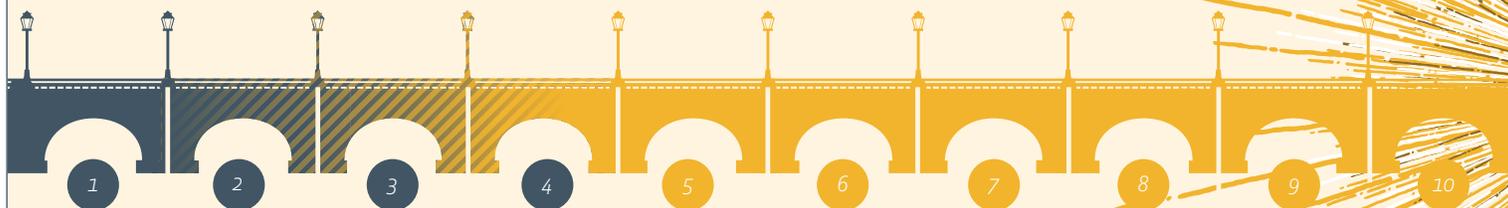
- to equip leaders to take this time-tested learning experience back to their churches
- to make it possible to “go regional” as God leads

6. Expand spiritual direction ministries in order to

- provide supervision and professional development for current spiritual directors
- proactively cultivate and train new directors prepared specifically to work with us in meeting the soul-care needs of pastors and leaders—including Sabbatical guidance

8. As part of the Transforming Church Initiative, plant a Transforming Church to

- provide those local to the Transforming Center an opportunity to worship together regularly
- be a model for the kind of church we are championing
- provide a lab for continued learning
- become a teaching church where pastors and leaders can learn with us



1. Continue offering the Transforming Community® experience, guiding leaders in establishing sacred rhythms for ongoing transformation and long-term sustainability.

2. Redesign and enlarge staffing model to accommodate our vision for the future—starting with hiring a Chief Operations Officer.

3. Reimagine Transforming Community 15 and beyond to draw a more diverse generation of emerging leaders

- by providing scholarships to draw emerging and under-resourced pastors
- to call forth young leaders for the future of the Church and the Transforming Center
- to continue developing creative academic partnerships

4. Upgrade and redesign website and promotional materials to better communicate to a younger and more diverse audience

7. Nurture the Transforming Church® Initiative by

- continuing program development
- producing published resources
- cultivating the Transforming Church network
- developing a cadre of coaches and consultants
- providing subsidies for leadership groups

9. Transforming Travel® to provide

- pilgrimages that will give leaders an opportunity to “go farther” in their faith journeys and “go deeper” in the themes and practices they have experienced in Transforming Community
- serving trips to foster mutually-influencing relationships with pastors and ministries in other parts of the world to share hope, help, and encouragement

10. Retreat Center (8-12 rooms) on property with Transforming Center offices, enabling us to

- establish a setting for spiritual direction ministries
- offer a variety of retreat options for individuals (silent retreats, private directed retreats, preached retreats)
- welcome boards, elders, and other leadership groups for guided retreats



Transforming Community will now be hosted at the Q Center in St. Charles, Illinois. The Q Center will accommodate up to 120 without losing the intimacy we deeply value AND offer enhanced amenities for retreatants— including healthy meal options— all in a beautiful location along the Fox River.

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