

Turning Vision into Action - Overview

Christians are a people who live a distinctive life-style, which expresses distinctive beliefs in distinctive language through distinctive practices to fulfill a distinctive mission.

Turning vision into action has to do with forming your church as a distinctive or even “peculiar” community – the community we are called by God’s vision to become. What will be involved? Whether your congregation is large or small, living God’s vision involves imagination and planning. It involves taking risks, experimenting and learning as you go. It is all to become the kind of community God envisions for your church to become the sake of the world, with your unique gifts, resources and circumstances.

This set of resources provides steps to support your church beginning to embrace and embody its Vision and Goals – to begin *to live into* what God is calling you to be and do in this time and place. These steps include taking action on three levels –

Experiencing the vision – across the congregation

Engaging existing groups – the level of all ministry teams and groups

Choosing a church wide priority – leadership council level for whole church

As a result, this learning module will help your church –

- Become more proactive in demonstrating God’s vision and calling for you through its life and ministry.
- Design and implement congregational ministry so that it demonstrates – lives out – your church’s Vision and Goals.
- Encourage imagination and experimentation in becoming the church you are envisioning.
- Begin *right now* living your vision.