

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)  
IN NORTH CAROLINA**

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Dear Disciples,

I greet each of you today with great anticipation of God's abundant grace flowing among us in new and unusual ways. Once again, I am fortunate to make visits and participate as you engage hybrid forms of worship. Most meaningful to me is the expression of deep appreciation for the privilege to gather.

As I visit with you, I am also confronted with many questions about your congregations' future, vision, direction, and sustainability. Unfortunately, these big questions are often seated in the emotional well of fear over lack, loss, and unpredictability. At this moment, the goal of the region's general program ministry is to empower our resilient congregations to discover your new reality by providing resources that inspire bravery and facilitate change. Our primary objective is to connect our gifts with the needs of local congregations to help your thought process and decision-making about your next steps for mission and witness.

We are glad to be able to offer you a chance to participate in a collaborative conversation on August 30 from 6:45-8:45 pm with Mark DeyMaz, co-founder of Mozaix Global Network, on the topic "Repurposing our Church to Redeem our Community." Mark was the featured facilitator for our denominational Leadership Academy (New and Transforming churches). His presentation covered the complexity of transformation, the radical stretch towards a new level of church economics, and how the fresh wind of the Spirit can be found in the deep places of community partnerships. Mark will lead us in a similar conversation as he speaks with us for the first hour and then invites us into a group discussion. This collaboration will be worth your time! All Are Welcome!

You are invited to [register for this conversation](#) and [to make a financial offering](#) to support this and future Mindful Monday events, if you feel called to do so.

For more about Mark DeyMaz and Mozaix: <https://mosaix.info>

With Kingdom Purpose,

  
Bishop Valerie J. Melvin  
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