

Council of Bishops' "Seven Vision Pathways"

"Early this quadrennium, the Council of Bishops identified some potential pathways for transformation of the church.

We believe these pathways can serve as a roadmap for making disciples of Jesus Christ. They focus on:

- ❖ New church development;
- ❖ Transforming existing congregations;
- ❖ Racial/ethnic ministries;
- ❖ Leadership development;
- ❖ Reaching children;
- ❖ Eliminating poverty;
- ❖ Teaching the Wesleyan model of disciple making.

As we have worked with the church's general agencies, these pathways have been shaped into four key propositions, or priorities.

However the final language is shaped, all of us understand that we need to focus on at least:

- ❖ Teaching and practicing a Wesleyan view of the world in contemporary terms;
- ❖ Starting new congregations all over the world. I personally believe our goal should be one new church start every day in the U. S. alone;
- ❖ Identifying and fast-tracking gifted, young, diverse leaders—both clergy and lay;
- ❖ Reaching out and working with the poor, especially children in health and education.

Of course, there are other important issues, and they are not getting left behind. We believe these are vital elements for the transformation of the church."

—Remarks by Bishop Janice Riggle Huie, President of the Council of Bishops, on April 17, 2007 during the "A Generous Church" Town Hall Meeting