

# Our Churches

## “Aren’t in Kansas Anymore!”

### (What changed?!)

Chances are good if you look around your church on Sundays, it looks a lot different than it did 5, 10 or 20 years ago! The world around us has changed by leaps and bounds and it shows in empty pews and stretched budgets. Was it something we said? Something we forgot to say? Is it our fault? Is there anything we can do?

Lehigh Presbytery recently adopted this statement of direction:

*For such a time as this, the congregations and leadership of Lehigh Presbytery will partner to challenge and resource each other so that we may boldly risk our comfort for the sake of the Gospel of Christ.*

All ruling elders, pastors, and others from your church are invited to join us for our first **LEHIGH PRESBYTERY ASSEMBLY** where we will begin to live into this statement as we *partner, challenge, and boldly risk* together. All are welcome as we discern God’s future for us and our congregations.



**E. Stanley Ott**, founder and president of the Vital Churches Institute will help us understand and process the “*such a time as this*” in which we live and explore ways to rethink how to be the church of Jesus Christ in today’s culture.

Stan’s passion is the transformation of the mainline church. He teaches the principles of congregational vitality, transformation, missional endeavor, and leadership. His impact reaches thousands of folks throughout US and abroad through the Acts 16:5 Initiative, his published writing and his teaching engagements. As pastor, Stan has over thirty years of first-hand knowledge of the hard work and challenges that lead to the blessings of being a transformational congregation that moves to new vitality.

**Lehigh Presbytery Assembly**  
**Saturday - March 2, 2019**  
**9:00am-12:30pm**  
**Community Presbyterian Church**  
**of Mt. Bethel and Portland**



I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
*Isaiah 43:19*