

As the pastor of North Westminster Presbyterian Church engaged in renewal and transformation of a merged congregation, I continuously seek new ways to build cooperative and ecumenical relationships with other faith communities. I have been involved in Michigan Presbyterian Pilgrimage for almost 10 years and believe it is one of the best pilgrimage experiences anywhere. MPP is a lay led and clergy supported ecumenical Christian ministry.

In 2014, I personally challenged NWPC congregation of less than one hundred members to have at least five members participate in MPP to enhance and enlarge their spiritual experience with other faithful Christians. Seven church members participated in the 2014 fall MPP weekend and I served as one of the Spiritual Advisors. All of the MPP participants experienced affirmation of their relationship with God and a renewed sense of belonging and acceptance into their own church community. This spring, at least half dozen new members are planning to participate and two of the previous participants are planning to volunteer as servers.

I am excited and grateful for God's invitation of the NWPC congregation to grow together in Jesus Christ through the MPP ministry. I would also like to extend my personal invitation to you and your congregation to join us in the grace filled pilgrimage in the future.

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