

# PENN WEST CONFERENCE RENEWAL SWEEPSTAKES AND RETREAT

## **Life Changing Ministry.**

### **THE RETREAT IS FOR ALL CHURCHES:**

- Churches who feel stuck, without inspiration and are overwhelmed
- Churches who feel they are OK yet yearn for a deeper, more vibrant experience of God's Mission
- Churches who feel positive and hopeful and see even greater ministry and mission for God is possible, if only.....
- Churches who don't think they need renewal.
  
- YES – all churches!

### **THE ENCLOSED MAILING HAS SEVERAL PIECES ABOUT THE JANUARY TRANSFORMATION AND RENEWAL RETREAT.**

- *“Is your Church Pregnant?”* This may be startling to some. Is God giving a new birth within your church? A new birth of Spirit? Of Faith? Of Hope? We encourage pastors and lay leaders to use this to guide reflection and prayers about what is (only by us but not God) impossibly being born in your congregation.
- A flyer with the complete details about the Retreat: theme, topics to be covered, our resource leader and registration
- Bulletin inserts to inform the membership about the hope for a deeper and wider ministries and missions for God.

### **IN THESE TIMES, RENEWAL IS MORE URGENT THAN EVER.**

- Renewal is urgent for God's Mission to reconcile the world, for God's Realm of Love is born again and anew.
- Renewal is urgent for churches struggling with lower memberships, older buildings and seeking to sustain ministry.

*In light of all this, here's what I want you to do. While I'm locked up here, a prisoner for the Master, I want you to get out there and walk—better yet, run!—on the road God called you to travel. I don't want any of you sitting around on your hands. I don't want anyone strolling off, down some path that goes nowhere. And mark that you do this with humility and discipline—not in fits and starts, but steadily, pouring yourselves out for each other in acts of love, alert at noticing differences and quick at mending fences.*

*You were all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together, both outwardly and inwardly. You have one Master, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who rules over all, works through all, and is present in all. Everything you are and think and do is permeated with Oneness. (Eph. 4.1-4)*