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### What do "On Mission" churches look like?

Missional churches are indigenous. Churches that are indigenous do, to some degree, reflect the culture of their community. An indigenous church looks different from Vandalia to Manchester to Parkview. Why should Eaton have to worship like Milford Lifespring? Why should Fairfield have the same ministry style as Goshen? Indigenous churches mirror, to the best of their ability, the culture and preferences of the people they are trying to reach.

A church is not missional because it is contemporary or traditional. Traditional churches that are engaging communities that are receptive to traditional methods are just as missional ... as are contemporary, blended, ethnic, emerging, etc.

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### Sabbatical Anyone?

On mission pastors are healthy pastors. Read about Keven Wentworth's (Dayton Beaver Creek) time away and the renewal and refreshment he received. [Read more.](#)

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### Being the church

Cincinnati Lockland will be out in the community giving gifts to needy kids and also to the elderly at nursing homes this Christmas. Sounds like something Jesus would be doing!

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### Salt and Light

One of our newstarts, Covenant Church, will be passing out bags of salt along with flashlights in their neighborhood on 12/15. There will be a sticker on the bags and flashlights with info about their church. If any of our churches would like to help Covenant with these supplies, please contact them at 513-255-5582

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### Leap Seminars

Check out the **seminars** that MVNU are offering for 2008.

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### MVNU Prayer Summit

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### Books Our Pastors Are Reading

[Comeback Churches](#) by Ed Stetzer  
[Healing Is A Choice](#) by Steven Arterburn  
[UnChristian](#) by Kinnaman and Lyons  
[Reveal](#) by Greg Hawkins  
[Beyond Charity](#) by John Perkins  
[Revolution](#) by George Barna

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### Websites Our Pastors Are Using

[www.sermonspice.com](http://www.sermonspice.com)  
[www.bluefishtv.com](http://www.bluefishtv.com)  
[www.bible.org](http://www.bible.org)  
[www.biblegateway.org](http://www.biblegateway.org)  
[www.sermonsearch.com](http://www.sermonsearch.com)  
[www.sermoncentral.com](http://www.sermoncentral.com)  
[www.drurywriting.com/keith/](http://www.drurywriting.com/keith/)  
[www.pastors.com](http://www.pastors.com)

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### Comeback Churches

From [Comeback Churches](#) by Ed Stetzer and Mike Dodson. What changes the most in churches who have made comebacks?

Pastors of churches who have made a comeback were asked to rate seventeen areas arranged in random fashion. Listed below are the ten big areas of change that occurred. The higher the rating, the greater the number of changes that were made in that area of ministry during these comebacks.

(1) No change (2) Little change (3) Some change (4) Many changes (5) Drastic changes  
 Prayer - 3.83  
 Children's Ministry- 3.82  
 Evangelism - 3.78  
 Youth Ministry - 3.76  
 Leadership - 3.73  
 Missions - 3.68  
 Assimilation - 3.46  
 Worship - 3.29  
 SS/Small Groups - 3.22

Mark your calendar for the **Regional Prayer Summit at MVNU**

[Organizational Structure - 3.00](#)

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### **Free Telephone Conference**

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Don't have the time or money to go to a seminar? How about listening to a telephone conference? To check out the upcoming conferences [click here](#). To listen to past conferences, go to the [audio archive](#).

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