



## New Beginnings Assessment Service Coming to Texas

This September, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Presbyterian Church USA, and United Church of Christ are joining efforts to offer the New Beginnings Assessment service to congregations in Texas! The service specializes in helping congregations make bold decisions about their future.

### If your church answers “yes” to three or more of the following, it may be time for a New Beginning:

- ◆ Less than 70 in worship, or more than 70 in worship but significant decline for a decade
- ◆ Wrestling with future vision for the church
- ◆ Significant building issues
- ◆ Aging membership or a changing neighborhood
- ◆ Trouble paying bills and/or paying off a loan
- ◆ Currently in interim time of transition

### With New Beginnings, your congregation will:

- ◆ Receive a comprehensive report of strengths and challenges, as well as a realistic picture of possible future directions.
- ◆ Be trained in a discernment process to follow God’s lead in choosing a new direction.
- ◆ Discover available ministry opportunities in the community.
- ◆ Learn how to discuss and implement change in a healthy, open manner.
- ◆ Receive additional leadership training on leading through change.
- ◆ Set a course for future strategic and visionary ministry planning.

Three **Come and See Events** will be held in Texas on Saturday and Sunday, September 13 and 14. These free two-hour **Come and See Events** are designed to inform congregations about the process and schedule for the New Beginnings Assessment Program. Congregations are encouraged to bring pastors and teams of 5-10 leaders to the **Come and See Events**, which will be held from 10 a.m. to noon in Houston and Dallas on Saturday, Sept. 13, and in San Antonio from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 14.

Congregations from all three denominations are invited to participate in the **Come and See Event** in their area. See the other side of this flier for **Come and See Event** locations.

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## New Beginnings Come and See Event Locations

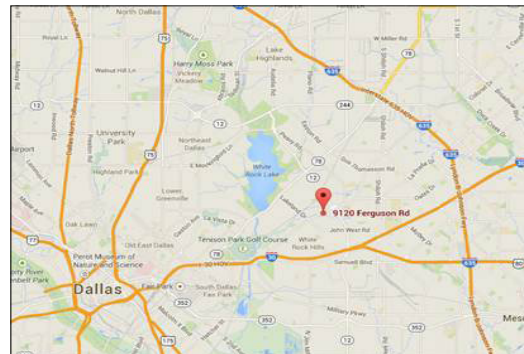
Congregations from all three denominations are invited to attend the **Come and See Event** closest to them. These events will share the same information as well as have specific information for participation by congregations from each denomination as well.

### Dallas Come and See, Saturday, Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. – Noon

#### First Community United Church of Christ

9120 Ferguson Rd, Dallas  
The Rev. Harry E. Middleton Jr.:  
Church telephone 214-823-2117  
Website <http://www.fccdfw.org>

Parking is available in church parking lot.

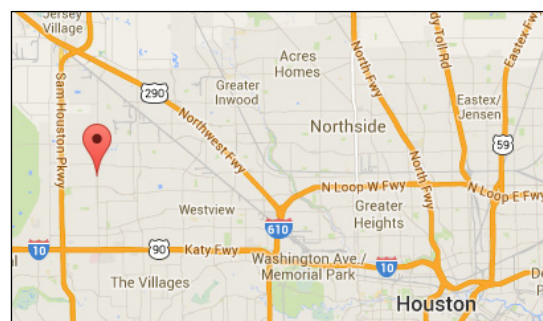


### Houston Come and See, Saturday, Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. – Noon

#### John Knox Presbyterian Church

2525 Gessner Rd., Houston  
The Rev. Becky Downs  
Church telephone 713-462-5448  
Website <http://www.johnknoxhouston.org>

Meeting in the sanctuary. Parking available in church parking lot.

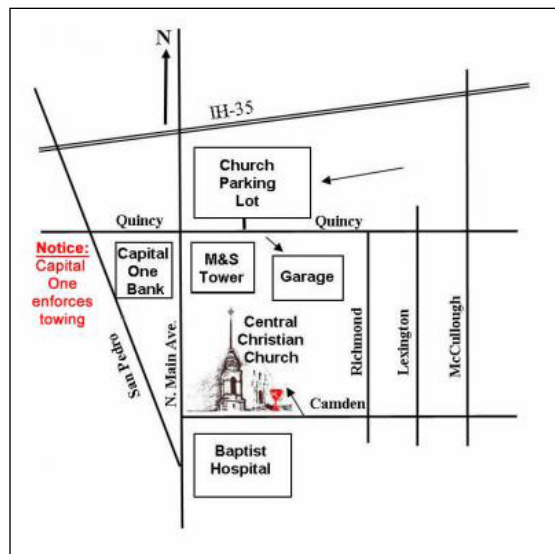


### San Antonio Come and See, Sunday, Sept. 14 from 3 – 5 p.m.

#### Central Christian Church

720 North Main Avenue, San Antonio  
The Rev. Michael Passmore  
Church telephone (210) 227-5273  
Website: <http://www.cccsa.org>

Meeting is in Fellowship Hall. Enter the building through the front doors on the south side, the West side door on north Main Avenue, or the east side doors on the patio from Camden Street. Elevator service is available from the north side of the building. Parking is free on Sundays in the Central Christian Church parking lot at the corner of Quincy Street and North Main Avenue, and in the M & S Tower Parking Garage. Enter either parking area from Quincy Street. The parking meters on Camden Street offer free parking on Sundays.



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