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wonderfully
MADE.

Psalm 139:14

THIS IS A JOURNEY
WHERE WE ARE INVITED
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS
(II CORINTHIANS 2:16-17)
AS WE BECOME THE PEOPLE
WE WERE CREATED TO BE BY GOD
(GENESIS 1:27).

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(PSALM 139:14)

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Our journey's guide is **Anita Howard, Ph.D.** Anita has been an executive coach and organizational consultant with over 20 years' experience in corporate, non-profit, and educational settings. She also serves as an adjunct professor at Case Western Reserve University, where she teaches courses in organizational leadership and management. In her journey, she has worked in university administration at Tufts University, Harvard University, and Radcliffe College.

Anita was raised in a Presbyterian family and her father was a pastor. Active in the Civil Rights movement, she understands the invitation of God in the midst of deep change. Those who have met Anita know her to be a blessing of God!

The mission of the Muskingum Valley Presbytery is
Journeying with Jesus to touch the world!

Empowered by the Spirit to: Make disciples, nurture our faith,
and serve the needs of the community.

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to *Discover* ourselves.

THE JOURNEY

CLAIMING OUR MISSION;
REALIZING MY CALL

2013-2014
Schedule of Programming

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Have you ever longed for more from your life? Do you watch others fearlessly follow their dreams and wonder "How can I do that, too?" Do you feel lost? That *something* is missing, but you're not sure what it is, or how to find it?

What's missing is your call -- God's call -- for your life. And we want to invite you on a journey to discover exactly what it is and equip you to achieve it.

Discovery 1 **What is my call?**

The first discovery invites us to dream: What would it be like to do what you are passionate about and stay true to your core identity in Christ? What is your ideal? Identifying the intersection of our passions, our gifts and the world's needs is finding God's call for our life. Discovery 1 helps us find our "call" and start the journey toward experiencing the joy from becoming the people God created us to be.

Discovery 3 **What is the plan?**

How do I get there?

How many dreams have failed to materialize because the resources to achieve them were not available? In addition to material resources, our individual preferences for learning, planning and doing impact our ability to live our dreams. Discovery 3 provides resources and tools by which to develop a learning plan that helps us live our call.

Discovery 2 **Where am I now?**

Imagine you awake in an unfamiliar place. How can you get home if you don't know where you are? Your current bearings determine what course you set as much as the coordinates of your destination. Discovery 2 involves naming where you are now. You'll celebrate how you are already aligned with God's call, and identify areas where you can grow to support your call.

Discovery 4 **How do I start?**

Beginning any new journey involving change can feel scary and overwhelming. That's why Discovery 4 helps us take those first significant steps toward making our dreams a reality with an immersion retreat experience. You will be able to practice new habits in a supportive community of faith. You will have the opportunity to experiment without fear of failure or judgement.

Discovery 5 **Who will help?**

No one is an island. God has promised us "Be not afraid, for I am with you" (Isaiah 41:10). Throughout The Journey, you will be surrounded by others who can support you throughout your personal journey to discover God's call and mission for your life. You will connect with others who are on a journey just like you, and be prepared to step out in faith to claim your mission and your call because of the empowering support of community.

Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Topic and Location
October 19, 2013	8:30 am – 4:30 pm	Discovery 1: What is my call? Christ Presbyterian Church, Canton, Ohio Cost: \$10 suggested donation
January 11, 2014	8:30 am – 4:30 pm	Discovery 2: Where am I now? Faith Christian Church, New Philadelphia, Ohio Cost: \$10 suggested donation
March 22, 2014	8:30 am – 4:30 pm	Discovery 3: What is the plan? How do I get there? Faith Christian Church, New Philadelphia, Ohio Cost: \$10 suggested donation
May 19–21, 2014	8:30 am – 4:30 pm	Discovery 4: How do I start? Mission Immersion, Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, Newark, Ohio *Cost: \$10 plus retreat accommodations (see note)
Monthly	By Parish	Discovery 5: Incarnational Relationships Made known by the Company of Elders and our shared life together

The Cost

Muskingum Valley Presbytery is excited to make this life-changing opportunity available to you. That's why we are keeping the cost of attending this program accessible to as many people as possible.

The cost of participating in The Journey is a suggested donation of \$10 per discovery.* A \$10 investment in each discovery (1–3) will get you a jumpstart on the life God is calling you to lead. The actual cost of providing this program to you is \$55 per session, but we feel so strongly about the value of this training that we are absorbing some of the costs in order to make the program accessible for everyone. This program is an ideal use of the continuing education funds for pastors. We welcome donations above and beyond the \$10 per session from those who are able.

Let us be clear -- The Journey is for you. It is for anyone who desires more from their life. It is for anyone who wants to serve God through their passions and gifts, but is unsure how to start. It is a journey to discover what makes us alive, and the training to equip us to go do it. That is why we are committed to not make the cost of attending the program a burden on those who wish to participate in it.

***Note:** Discovery 4 involves a mission immersion at the Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, in Newark, Ohio, and onsite sleeping accommodations are limited. Retreat accommodations are \$100 for a dorm room (twin bed in a dorm and shared bathrooms) or \$150 for a shared private room (2 twin or 1 double beds) and private bath. Private accommodations are limited; please register early.

Registration

Questions regarding the program or registration can be directed to Candice McMath at the Muskingum Valley Presbytery Mission Center at Candice@MVPJourney.org or 330.339.5515.

To register, visit our website at www.mvpjourney.org or detach this portion of the flyer and return it to:

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Checks may be made payable to "Muskingum Valley Presbytery" with a note of "The Journey" in the memo section.

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