

Dare to Vision Bigger at Every Step

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I cannot express how important it is for you to VISION BIG. No matter how big your vision is — as long as God gave it to you in the first place — it does not make God afraid or cause God to become concerned.

My vision started with the notion that I was to plant a new model within The United Methodist Church that evolved to include:

- A multi-cultural gathering of people who are committed to sharing the love of Christ with the world.
- “Doing Church Differently” so we reach people who aren’t currently affiliated or attending church, and doing it in a way that makes people comfortable, surprised and excited.
- Core values of service, prayer, honesty, community, compassion and economic development.
- Giving back 10% of receipts to the community.
- Designing less bureaucratic or more flexible operational structures and systems.
- Relationships first, membership second.

Sometimes your vision can be so big, it frightens you and those around you. This is an ongoing process. As we were preparing to launch our first worship experience, I thought about donating a car or van during our first experience. I was visioning big. So big, I was afraid to tell some close friends about the crazy idea. Although ultimately we decided against the car/van donation, we considered it seriously even though it was really out of the norm.