

The Missional Question

“Are you the One who is to come...?”

Matthew 11

Derry

A Local Pastor

“The End of the Home- Field Advantage

George Hunter, missiologist

“A Mixed-Economy of Church

Both/And Thinking + Living

Florida 2025

Walls/Bridges

An Anglo Minority/Ingathering of Nations

A Post-Christian Culture: Benedict/Francis

Biblical Illiteracy: Blame/Teach

Congregations: Death Tsunami/Next Generations

Clergy: Chaplains of Church Culture/Missionaries to Neighborhoods

Laity: Internal Organizers/Equipped Disciplers

The Closest Chinese Restaurant

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500 Churches and
500 Fresh Expressions

The 500 churches are fewer than we have now. The Nehemiah Project is our pathway to get to 500 churches. The 500 Fresh Expressions are led by laity, bi-vocational pastors + full-time clergy appointed to existing churches. The 500 churches tracks with our anticipated clergy supply.

We use the same curriculum for Fresh Expressions, Nehemiah Project churches, the Young Adult Missional Movement + Residency in Ordained Ministry.

-Spiritual Formation/Discipleship

We avoid the language of “closing churches” + rediscover the purpose of creating communities of disciples (class meetings).

Alignment of Purpose + Resources

How will you be a missionary where you
are?

What inspires a Derry?

And how missional is the closest United
Methodist Church to where you live?

Thank you for living into these questions.
May God bless you!