

## Will you be courageous enough to Dare to Dream with me?

*And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. I will show wonders in the heavens and on earth.*  
*Joel Chapter 2: 28 -30a*

One thing you may not know about me is that I enjoy reading poetry from time to time. One of the poems I read recently comes from a book I was given long ago "The Treasure Chest." I would like to share one of those poems with you.

### The Church of My Dreams

This is the church of my dreams;  
The church of the warm heart,  
Of the open mind,  
Of the adventurous spirit;  
The church that cares,  
That heals hurt lives,  
That comforts old people,  
That challenges youth;  
That knows no divisions of culture or class,  
No frontiers, geographical or social;  
The church that inquires as well as avers,  
That looks forward as well as backward;  
The church of the Master,  
The church of the people,  
High as the ideals of Jesus,  
Low as the humblest human;  
A working church,  
A worshipping church,  
A winsome church,  
A church that interprets the truth in terms of truth,  
That inspires courage for this life and hope for the life to come;  
A church of courage  
A church of all good men,  
A church of the living God.

John Milton Moore

Six months ago we made a big decision to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church and to continue in our long heritage as a Methodist

congregation. We elected to affiliate with the Global Methodist. As a congregation we officially changed our name, filed with the state, created new by-laws, began updating the roles, paid off the sanctuary building and the bus, attended our convening conference, celebrated the ordination of Kelley Sexton, (one of our former members), confirmed our first confirmation class as Global Methodists **and began making plans for a gathering of the church which would allow us to Dare to Dream about the church we want to be and to envision those steps toward achieving those goals.**

**Well, the date has been set. August 5, 2023 9:30 to 3:30.** We will have breakfast items available. Childcare for children. And a catered lunch.

Sure, I know Saturdays are filled up with family responsibilities like mowing the yard, running kids to sports events, catching up on laundry and a few moments of rest. **But I am going to be bold in asking you to join me and your fellow members as we gather to dare to dream about the future of our church.**

Our church is not only for us, we also have a calling in the community to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, help the sick and suffering. We have taken that seriously in the past and so I know that will be an important aspect of our future.

**We will have special speakers and musicians to join us and did I mention the catered meal.**

**This is so important to the life of our church; I trust you will be a part of this church-wide event! So mark your calendar for Saturday, August 5, 2023 9:30-3:30.**

*In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Acts 2:17*

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