

Te Cuento...The Story Inside

We Need a Mascot!

Wouldn't it be cool, a big Free Methodist mascot with a big head? You know, like the sports teams have? It could be, like, two guys in a bench costume. His name could be "Free Pew," and he could show up at the many Free Methodist events and make exaggerated silly gestures and pretend to fight with the Nazarenes. His eye holes could be where the hymnal rack is. As you can see, I've got this pretty much all worked out. It's pretty clear to me that the secret of growing a church is zany antics.

I went to the Catalyst convention and wasn't sure which part of the resourcing for young church leaders I liked best: it was a tie between the Chick-Fil-A cows dancing to a live mariachi band and the guy they shot out of a canon into a net. Now that's evangelism the old fashioned way!

Don't worry, if the mascot thing doesn't work out I've got a lot more good ideas like that for how to grow the church. And I guess this is a good place for me to apologize for my earlier idea of suggesting that small groups led by lay-people could simply meet with their neighbors and tell them the stories of God. I mean, how could we get enough mascot costumes for every lay person? What was I thinking?

LESSONS FROM THE DOUGH!

Keys to Creating a Reproducing Culture

When you get your starter culture out of the fridge:

Warm it up (encourage those you're sending into ministry)

Feed it with flour (pour yourself into those you're sending into ministry)

Give it space (give authority to those you're sending into ministry)

"The key to blanketing this country with great pizzas isn't in the number of pizzas we make, but the number of pizzamakers we send out!" - the baking bishop

La Red Latina

¿Sabías que formas parte de la Red Latina? Cada Metodista Libre que proviene de la cultura latina pertenece a la Red Latina. La Red es una forma de ayudarnos a conectar y entrelazar a los hnos. y pastores de trasfondo latino a la cultura eclesiástica mayoritaria aquí en los Estados Unidos. La red se maneja a través de una Directiva Ejecutiva de seis personas que procura promover eventos, escritos, y herramientas para el pueblo Metodista Libre latino.

Actualmente el pastor Matías González es el presidente de la Red Latina. Juntamente con su equipo, están programando un evento super atractivo para la **última semana de junio de 2012** en la ciudad de Tampa, Florida. Desde ahora tu puedes programar y ahorrar para poder asistir y ser bendecido en gran manera.

¡Que en**red**ado estás!



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My Plan for the Cities

I saw a man with a turban,
 I saw a man in a poncho,
 I saw a woman begging at the intersection of Putty Hill and Charles Street,
 On my way to church.

They didn't show up, for worship, I don't know why.
 Maybe their kids had ballet classes.

That turban scared me;
 I couldn't have understood the Poncho-guy, anyway;
 The woman begging? They're really rich you know and stand out in the cold, humiliated,
 just to get richer at the expense of us rubes.

Tomorrow I've got meetings about reaching people in the cities.

David Roller's 2011-2012 Calendar

NOVEMBER

- 1-2 Mission Society board meetings (Atlanta)
- 3-7 Paraguay Annual Conference (Asunción)
- 10-15 European Leadership (Madrid)
- 15-16 United Kingdom leaders (Manchester)
- 17-21 Chilean Annual Conference (Concepción)
- 22 EAST video conference
- 24-29 Nikkei Annual Conference (Brazil)
- 30-Dec 1 Board of Bishops (Indianapolis)

DECEMBER

- 3-10 Vacation
- 12-17 Office in Baltimore
- 19-31 Vacation

JANUARY

- 3-10 Board of Bishops Retreat (Texas)
- 13-15 Haiti Prov. General Conference
- 16-17 Coordinating Holistic Missions (Texas)
- 23-24 EAST superintendents (Orlando)
- 27-29 North Central Conference Men's Retreat

November looks crazy,
 December looks pretty
 good!

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