# The Vision Commission 2039 – A Miracle In Motion Project

#### What is the "Vision Commission 2039?"

In essence, The Vision Commission 2039 – is comprised of everyone who truly loves this church and desires to see it inherit a glorious and spiritually productive future. I believe that describes you!

In detail, the Vision Commission 2039 is a comprehensive seventeen-year plan that addresses our aging church population and the declining number of younger people in attendance in many of our local congregations. Current church demographic information estimates the average age of our membership is 63 years of age. This means, that by 2039 when our church celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, these members will be eighty years old. With the absence of younger people in attendance and an aging

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However, this bleak and dismal future can be transformed into a blessed and beautiful future by what we choose to do today! If we decide to ignore the reality of this dire situation and simply plunge our heads into the sands of denial and

attempt to conduct business as usual; then we are turning our backs on our Christian duty and responsibility of providing a gospel preaching and teaching church for the next generation. The only thing necessary for a church to die, is to lose one generation.

Our story doesn't have to end that way. The Vision Commission 2039 is about

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unification! It's about the people of God coming together and corporately acknowledging this troubling situation, repenting from our failure to collectively address this matter sooner and together bringing the matter in prayer and fasting

before God. Only then can we ever hope to begin to successfully address this dilemma. This is God's church and whenever God's church needs adjusting, God is the only one for that job!

## How Specifically Does the Vision Commission 2039 Plan to Accomplish Its Goals?

First and foremost, nothing can be accomplished without prayer. Until the Spirit of God moves, our plans are just like Ezekiel's valley of dry bones. That being said, the Spirit led us to embrace two primary objectives; "Retain and Reclaim." This visionary mandate calls us all to work together to retain and reclaim all of the promises of God. This begins with addressing the important need of retaining our current attending membership while simultaneously striving to reclaim the younger demographic.

### How Will You Accomplish the Goal of Retaining and Reclaiming These Populations?

God's church has never experienced a need that God had not already provided the remedy. The Spirit is constantly speaking words of guidance, we need only to posture

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- The national church's leadership will help to establish a national supportive network of temples and other available resources that gives our membership access to ideas and successful strategies being experienced in our local churches and others ministries outside of our organization.
- The national church provides "models of ministry" that can be taken into districts and local churches and "unpacked" and put right to work.
- District and local church leadership will begin to use the national goals of "Retain and Reclaim" as the standard by which all ministry efforts are weighed against.
  Meaning that before we engage in any ministry effort or activity, that ministry effort or activity must somehow show just how it contributes to the our "retain and reclaim" goals.
- Leadership on all levels will provide ongoing encouragement, rewards and incentives to those who consistently work towards the efforts and goals of the Vision Commission 2039.

- We will actively work to recruit, coach and mentor younger people to provide leadership in every level of ministry (national, district and local).
- We'll NEVER STOP PRAYING AND TRUSTING GOD FOR THE ANSWERS!

#### What Can We Do Now?

Right now, we need your prayers and your supportive participation. If you support the goals of the Vision Commission 2039, then, click the link below and join our current Executive Board and many other supporters as official members of the Vision Commission 2039 -Miracle In Motion Project! By joining today, you will serve as an encouragement to countless others to support the efforts and goals of the Vision Commission. You will also be eligible to receive regular emails, texts and other very important information about our churches and their efforts in this area. Sign up now, and help us begin building a brighter future for our church today!

