

Itineracy

This way of understanding vocation is countercultural, and it requires great dedication and strong commitment.

—Pennel, p.4

How do we keep pastors in a place long enough to do some solid work? How do we give the same value to pastors serving in small places that we give to those in tall-steeple pulpits?

—Cotton, p.6

Itineracy was perceived not as divinely prescribed, but rather as immensely effective and therefore worth preserving.

—Warner, p.9

Using itinerant moves to resolve conflict is enabled by a parsonage system, but it is a roadblock to evangelistic effectiveness. —Hoyle, p.11

Sooner or later most clergy will second-guess a projected appointment, either their own or that of a colleague.

—Carr, p. 13

Generally speaking, the system is not set up to identify, nurture, and appoint specialists. The system is set up to identify, nurture, and appoint generalists. —Ritter, p.16

We boast of having an open itineracy at annual conference, we do “show and tell” and say that we’re such an inclusive church. It’s a sad day. —Gardner, p.16

[The itineracy] is a great system of ministry when the decision makers are graced with wisdom, flexibility, and compassion. When the decision makers are not, the system seems greatly flawed. —Sawada Yoshino, p. 16

There are fewer congregations reacting with surprise or dismay when finding they will receive a woman or a cross-racial/ethnic appointment. —Rader, p.21

Despite all the challenges, there is much to celebrate that is right about the itinerant system. —Robinson, p.23

Wrestling with the free market in light of the church’s mission is one of the most formidable tasks confronting the church.

—Carder, p.25

The spiritual anguish of a disrupted call to ministry will be slow to heal for both pastor and congregation. —Holland, p. 27

Editor’s Note: We have chosen to use throughout this issue the spelling as it appears in *The Book of Discipline*, that is, “itineracy.”