

# Thinking Like Disciples

TO ACT REGULARLY AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS Christ, we must think regularly as disciples of Jesus Christ...we act without considering God as a force to be reckoned with. We weigh a purchase asking “Can I afford it” but not “Am I being a faithful servant?”

— *William Obalil, p. 4*

DOES OUR RETIREMENT PACKAGE SAY anything about who we are as the body of Christ? Does our registration scheme for vacation Bible school connect with the way Jesus welcomed outsiders? Does a facility-use fee glorify God?

— *James C. Howell, p. 9.*

CHRISTIANS NOW REQUIRE FORMATION that opens outward and equips the disciple to embrace “the present age,” as the pluralistic, multi-faith, complex diversity that it is...Our Methodist DNA makes us uniquely suited to embrace this new reality.

— *Patricia Farris and Susan Henry-Crowe, pp.10, 12.*

HOW CAN WE REFORM OUR OWN THINKING and acting to bridge the cultural divide between clergy and laity? How can church culture affirm the engagement of laity? The answer seems to lie in counteracting the vestiges of the dualistic paradigm of ministry.

— *Ann A. Michel, p. 15.*

THE BOARD WANTED SANDRA'S OPINION on what they should do about Henry, and she got the impression that they were hoping she would tell them authoritatively what to do.

— *Charles Wood and Ellen Blue, p. 20.*

WHEN WE NAME WHAT WE ARE DOING, the power of it all increases exponentially... Maybe we need to recommit to being conscious about formation within Christ's church and giving voice where we see formation in our congregations.

— *Jean G. Hauxhurst, pp. 24, 25.*