Change and Transition: Doing a New Thing
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth. Do you not perceive it?

Isaiah 43:19
What are some of the changes your congregation has experienced:

• in the last 20 years?

• In the last 10 years?

• In the last year?
What are some metaphors for change?

People say change feels like:

- “walking on Jello”
- “herding cats”
- “pushing string”
- “standing in quicksand”
- “running in place”
Transition and the Trapeze
Change and Transition: What’s the Difference?

- Change is the **outward** event that happens.
- Transition is the **internal** process that happens - emotional, psychological, mental, and spiritual responses to change.
Transition is like a Journey

Ending

En route

Beginning
What does the Bible tell us about transition?
Think about your sphere of influence

- I control
- I influence
- I have no control or influence
God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; the courage to change the things I can; and the wisdom to know the difference. Amen.
Praying through Change:

A. What must change as we move forward in gathering around our ministries (and not our minister)?

B. What must we accept that we cannot change? (B is always longer than A!)
Supporting Resources:


Additional Resources:

_The Fear of Transformation_, a song performed by Fran McKendree, words by Danaan Perry, © Earthstewards available at www.franmckendree.com/orderform.html