

# Painting Your Own Landscape:

## *A Missional Workshop*

### *from Next Church and the PTCA*

This year, our Presbytery meetings will carry a renewed intentionality around four unique elements: worship, fellowship, required business, and education/inspiration under the theme, “Nurturing thoughtful expressions of God’s mission in the world.” You’ll hear more about that plan on Sept. 11 in a joint report to Presbytery from the moderator and the executive presbyter.

For the September meeting, the moderator, Rocky Rockenstein, has invited the Rev. Jessica Tate, director of the dynamic Presbyterian organization Next Church, and the Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis, co-chair of the NEXT Church Strategy Team and pastor of a Presbyterian church in Rhode Island, to help us explore a deeper missional understanding of ministry.

Then, on Wednesday, September 12, from 9:30-to-1:00 at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church in Bloomington, Jessica and Shavon will follow-up on their spoken challenge at Presbytery meeting with some hands-on teaching, conversation, and coaching for teaching and ruling elders. In **Painting Your Own Landscape**, they will explore how the big picture finds expression locally.

*We’ll delve more deeply into the themes lifted up in the presbytery meeting, invite conversation about how the challenges and opportunities facing the church today manifest in your particular ministry contexts, and challenge leaders to take action to lean into a challenge/opportunity in front of you. Part connecting, part teaching, part conversation, part coaching, we trust that learning together and investing more deeply in reflection and action we’ll discover that the palate we have to work with is larger and more vibrant than we might suspect.*

**We need you to register for the Wednesday gathering with Jessica and Shavon.** You can do that at <https://bit.ly/2P3FKvt>. There is no charge. Lunch

will be provided for you. Please email [office@ptcaweb.org](mailto:office@ptcaweb.org) with any dietary restrictions.

Come take advantage of this remarkable opportunity to step into this new program year.