
COMMITTEE STUDY

APRIL

Prayer

Gracious God, thank you for calling us to serve you,
and to lead a congregation for those so in need of your love and grace.
You've called us to be a place where people can live in love,
and where people can experience your presence.
So be with us as we make decisions tonight.
Help us to seek your wisdom over mere human wisdom,
your logic over common logic,
and your guidance over the guidance of convention and convenience.
Help us to be your servants serving collaboratively and cooperatively,
seeking unity of heart and mind,
so that we can lead our church with your guidance, grace, and love.
Amen

David Steindl-Rast, *I Am Through So You*

When we live in the moment, for us that moment becomes surprising and fresh as dew. This insight is possibly what stands behind God's great promise in the Apocalypse: "See, I am making all things new" (Rev. 21:5). If we live and move and have our being in God, consciously, then everything is renewed in every moment. The passage in the Apocalypse does not mean, "at a certain moment in history, I will renew everything—and from that point it will grow old again." Far from it! Instead, it means, "Look here! Wake up! I am making everything new at this very moment." That's the great promise. There is no such thing as repetition, not ever.



Discussion Questions:

- In what ways do we typically resist renewal personally?
- How can we be more lead in ways that lead to renewal in our congregation and its mission and ministry?