

Behold I Create a New Heaven and a New Earth

seeing mission with new eyes.



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New Orleans, Louisiana

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Four hundred years ago, Galileo's breakthrough use of the telescope provided the world with a new vision - one that extends to the stars and planets of our galaxy.

Today, as we are confronted with the changing realities of mission, we are called to see with new eyes what God is unfolding before us. And together, gather from our vision, a mission that moves us towards a new heaven and a new earth.

The Mission Conference is set in New Orleans whose rich history illustrates an ability to integrate cultural diversity, create a new musical form (jazz), and rise above the recent misery and chaos from Katrina to build a new city of God. It is to this area where the eyes of many young people have been opened to the call to be of service to God's people in need.

Keynote Speaker

ANTHONY GITTINS, CSSP

Mission Conversation (Panel)

A moderated panel discussion that looks into how experience of pervasive poverty and desperation lead to hope-filled response to mission.

Sr. Judy Gomila, MSC and Bishop Yves Marie Pean, CSC

New Orleans Immersion Experience

Using the lens of the New Orleans' rebuilding experience, we explore mission creativity, partnership, and effectiveness arising out of chaos and disorder.

Dialogue Sessions

Extending Our Vision and Responding Creatively to Mission

Lay Leadership in Mission: Seeing Mission with New Eyes

Dcn. Mickey Friesen, DMin. and Ms Kim Smolik

How does an increased presence of laity in mission bring a new perspective and a new response to the church's missionary efforts? What do we see as challenges and possibilities for formation, economic sustainability, and a lifelong response to mission?

Mission in the New Economic Reality:

Resourcing the New Perspectives in Mission

Dr. David J. Suley, PhD.

How do we remain faithful to our mission when economics force us to narrow our priorities? What resources are revealed by the pressure of necessity?

"Guess Who's Coming to Church?" Immigration with New Eyes

Dr. Alicia Marill, DMin. and Rev. Bill Morton, SSC

What aspects of the immigrant experience re-form our perspectives of Church and mission? How are immigrants, missionaries in our time?

Religious Charism: Leading Us Creatively to Mission Today

Sr. Jane Burke, SSND

How does a founding sense of urgency draw religious to a new sense of partnership and a sharpening of our missionary responses? What cries out for a new heaven and a new earth that religious can uniquely respond to?

Out of the Womb of Katrina:

Forming Future Missioners Through Short-term Immersion Experience

Matt Ruosso and Jim Houck, Jr.

What has Katrina taught us about the youth sense of mission? How does being faced with pressing needs like Katrina become formative experience to tomorrow's missioners? How are short-term immersions transforming how they see themselves, the Church, and mission?

FACILITATORS

SR. MARY MCGLONE, CSJ & REV. MICHAEL LINDEN, SJ