



# A NEW DAY IN YOUR CONGREGATION

# FOUR KEY RENEWAL CONVERSATIONS

## DATE

May 16, 2017

## LEADERS

Donna Claycomb Sokol and L. Roger Owens

## OVERVIEW

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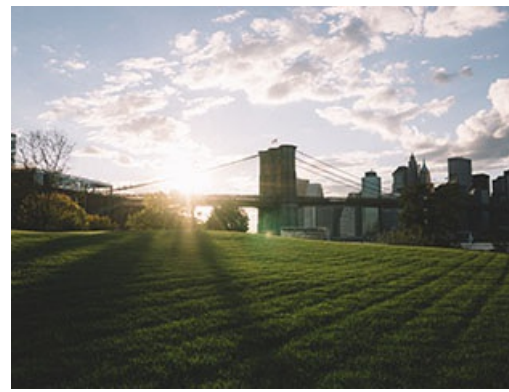
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## AUDIENCE

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