**MCCI: Changing Course**

Changing course is not necessarily a bad thing…not every time. A ship or plane may have to change course when it begins to toss violently in the midst of a storm or if another hazard lies directly ahead. At that time, they may have no choice but to change course.

However, at other times we change course in order to make for a more enjoyable trip or avoid disaster. For instance, a pilot may be warned about a severe thunderstorm ahead. A good pilot will change course and fly around the storm.

On my return home this summer from vacation we were completely stalled on the interstate in Florida by a traffic accident. We were able to exit at the first available ramp, get a bite to eat, and then continue on a detour until we returned back on the interstate north of the accident. Although it took a little more time, it was much better than sitting in the car, going nowhere for hours.

At other times we have been advised along the route by those who are familiar with the region about a better road to take. The route might be quicker or more scenic or safer.

We do not mind change nearly so much when we are those who are actually initiating the change. You know what I mean? Well, guess what? We *are* initiating the change at Trinity. We are changing course in order to find the best possible route to take. This new route will provide for a much more enjoyable adventure.

We are not being forced to change course because we are suddenly in the middle of a violent storm (like most churches). We are taking full control of this change of course ourselves.

True, we do not know entirely what lies ahead on this new route. The challenges will be different. But we are being advised by “the locals” (MCCI Team) who know the region well. They will help us steer into the best course possible for the most enjoyable adventure ever!

In Christ,

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