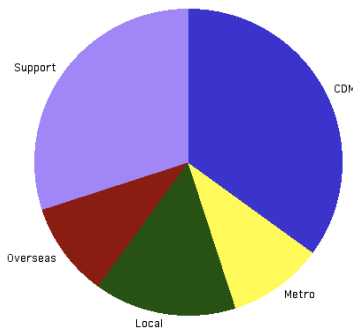


Dear Friends,

Over the last several months we've faced some big decisions regarding our career direction with the Navigator ministry here in New York City. We sense God calling us to a greater portion of our time being spent in vocational ministry, so that we will now be considered full-time Navigator staff. When we sold the building that housed the Malverne School of Music in May of 2006, we began to pray and move toward this possible direction, and our leadership has affirmed this decision. This letter is to let you know our plans, to ask for your prayers and to invite you to share with us any confirmation that you sense from God.



I'll continue to work with churches and provide leadership for our NY Metro Church Discipleship Ministry (CDM). The majority of this time is spent in partnering with churches that have committed to our Intentional Discipling Church process. The remainder is given to overseeing our staff and ministry partners and in developing relationships with new churches that are considering partnering with us. This work will represent about 35% of my Navigator time commitment.

The new responsibility that I've added on since March of this year involves our NY Metro mission. In New York our strategy has always been to minister not only "in" but "to" the city of New York. We've seen our involvement with churches as integral to this vision. As a result, we've been working to bring cooperation between the various



Navigator missions in New York, and this has led to a new position – Director of Field Ministries. This involves spending time with each of our staff to support and encourage them, meeting with a leadership team that is bringing vision and alignment between the missions and expanding the pool of stakeholders who share this vision. In a lot of ways this role overlaps with my CDM City Director position, but it has some unique elements, so I'm earmarking an additional 10% of my time for these responsibilities.

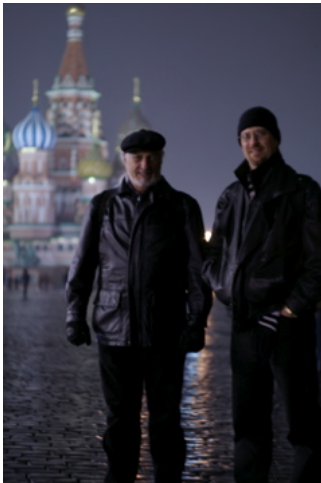
We've found that our attempts to influence others towards Intentional Discipling are enhanced by our modeling of these same principles. Therefore, we are committed to living and discipling in our own local community – where we live, work and play. To a great extent this community happens for us around our relationships at the Malverne School of Music (MSM).



Over the last two years God has graciously brought several teachers and staff to us who have stepped up and taken over a good bit of my responsibilities in teaching and operating the school. This is freeing me up to concentrate more on my role of director at the music school - building a musical community through ensembles, classes, concerts and other support groups. I believe this role will be a natural fit for both

MSM and our Nav ministry. I plan to still work at the music school about 10 hours per week, and the ministry opportunities there will represent an additional 10-15% of my ministry time.

One of our most intriguing opportunities has been our ministry in Russia and Belarus. Our interest in this region began through our relationship with Zina and the American Belarusian Relief Organization. Zina just completed her 9<sup>th</sup> summer with us here in the US. We traveled to see her in her country in 1999 and again last year.



As our interest in this region of the world grew, we became acquainted with other Navigators who were also working there. I traveled to Russia in November of 2006 to meet with our Russian counterparts working in their churches, and will do so again November 15-27 this year. Obviously, this part of my ministry is concentrated into a few weeks per year, but my plan is to devote around 10% of my overall time to our overseas work.

All of this may sound somewhat complex as I try to explain the various facets of the ministry that God has called us to, but as I look back on how these opportunities arose, I see that they came out of decisions to follow Christ on a day-to-day basis. Our scriptural role models for ministry have been

Aquila and Priscilla, the tent-makers who used their trade to provide for their involvement on Paul's missionary team. As I mentioned above, we will maintain this bi-vocational style of ministry, but with a definite shift toward receiving more of our income through ministry donations. This will require a commitment of about 30% of my time to support team building and office administration, at least in the near term.

As always we welcome hearing from you, and especially now as we face these new opportunities.

Love in Christ,  
*Steve and Audrey*