

# ***On the Winds of the Spirit.....Reimagining Church***

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **How often do the action teams meet? How long is the journey?**

There will be three gatherings of Congregation Action Teams over the course of nine months (September 16, January 13, and April 7). Individual action teams will meet as needed between the gatherings to engage the missional experiment they identified at the gathering, reflect upon their learnings, interact with their coach, and communicate their learnings with the congregation. This journey is ongoing with Action Teams invited to continually refine their challenge, engage new missional experiments, and share their gained insights with others in the congregation. A new cycle of gatherings hosted by the Synod will begin each September. Action Teams may choose to participate in more than one cycle of the Reimagining Church gatherings.

### **Do team members need to participate in all three gatherings?**

In order for your Reimagining Church journey to be fruitful, you must have the majority of your Action Team at each gathering. However, we know that occasionally there will be scheduling conflicts and one or two members may not be able to participate. If a critical mass of the Action Team is unable to attend all of the gatherings, it is best for your congregation to wait until another cycle begins when your Action Team can commit to all three of the gatherings.

### **What is the cost?**

The cost is \$30 per person for one entire cycle (three gatherings) of the Reimagining Church journey. Participation is by registration only! Please register for the 2017-2018 Reimagining Church cycle by August 15. Registration forms can be found online at [ecsw.org](http://ecsw.org).

### **How are pastors and deacons involved in the Reimagining Church journey?**

Pastors and deacons serving congregations engaged in the Reimagining Church journey are there to support and encourage, not lead, the Action Team. The pastors and deacons do not serve on the Action Team. Rostered ministers will attend the Action Team gatherings; however, the pastors and deacons will not sit at the same table as the Action Teams. Rather they will sit with other rostered ministers for their own processing of the trainings. Pastors and deacons will form their own learning group and will participate in the Rostered Minister gatherings (Sept. 26, Jan. 25 and April 7) to identify leadership challenges they face and develop experiments to address those challenges. A new cycle begins every September.

### **What is the role of coaches?**

Each Action Team will be assigned a lay person from another congregation in our synod to be their coach and will meet monthly with their coach either in person or via phone/video. All coaches will have undergone training with The Missional Network about the Reimagining Church journey. The pastors and deacons learning group will also be assigned a coach who is a rostered minister to guide them through the journey.

### **How can action teams prepare for the Reimagining Church journey?**

- Pray for God's guidance and insights.
- Talk about the challenges your congregation is facing.
- Ask yourselves "What is God doing in our midst?"
- Read [The Agile Church](#) by Dwight Zscheile.