

Reimagining Church



East Central Synod of Wisconsin

**What are the most pressing challenges your congregation is facing right now?
Would you like to join with other congregations facing similar challenges?**

What does it mean to effectively be church today?

The East Central Synod of Wisconsin invites congregational lay leaders and rostered ministers to take a journey with us as we reimagine church in light of today's changing culture.

Action learning teams will gather with other action learning teams three times over the course of nine months to journey together – dwelling in the word, sharing stories, ideas and challenges so that we might learn from and support one another.

How do we engage youth and young adults?

This is a Spirit-led journey in which we are invited to engage the spiritual practices of listening, discerning, experimenting and reflecting as we wonder into the deep challenges facing our congregations.

Pastors and deacons, likewise, are invited into a parallel process that will help name and address challenges they face as rostered ministers leading congregations. They, too, will gather three times over the course of nine months for mutual support as well as sharing ideas and stories of their experimental discoveries.

How can we better engage our neighborhood?

Each congregational team of 5-7 lay people (an action learning team) will focus on the most pressing challenge facing their congregation and be connected with other congregations facing similar challenges.

This is an exciting time to be the Church as God calls us into the new reality of God's promised and preferred future! Join us for the Reimagining Church journey as we discover that future together!

How do we form deep spiritual relationships when there are so many demands upon our time?

Through simple, small-step, low-risk, holy experiments requiring little to no cost, we will learn from each other's experiences and live into God's promised future. Each congregation action learning team will be coached as they take this journey of discovery!

What does leadership need to look like in our congregation?

You are invited to join with other congregations from across the synod in a journey, led by the Spirit, learning together how to engage the most pressing challenges facing our congregations as we move into God's promised future.

On the Winds of the Spirit....

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Mark Your Calendars!

Congregational Action Learning Team Gatherings

Saturday, September 16, 2017

9:00-3:00

Place TBD

Saturday, January 13, 2018

9:00-3:00

Place TBD

Saturday, April 7, 2018

9:00-3:00

Place TBD

**Please note: pastor(s)/deacons of participating congregations are expected to attend the Congregational Action Learning Team Gatherings as well as the Rostered Minister Action Learning Team Gatherings!*

Rostered Minister Action Learning Team Gatherings

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

9:00-Noon

Place TBD

Thursday, January 25, 2018

**note date change*

9:00-Noon

Place TBD

Saturday, April 7, 2018

9:00-3:00

Place TBD

