



# **CONGREGATIONAL MISSION PLANNING**

DISCOVERING AND CARRYING OUT OUR CALL

# START BY LISTENING

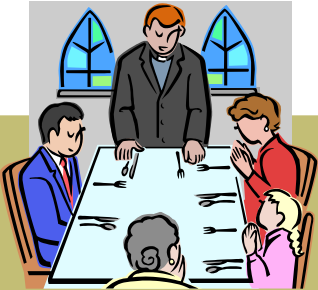
To God



To Community in which we are located



To the Household of Faith



# WHAT IS GOD UP TO?

IT TAKES TIME AND INTENTION

# **MISSION PLANNING IS RELATIONAL**

**God**

**Each Other**

**New Jersey Synod and ELCA**

**Other ELCA Congregations**

**Ecumenical Partner Congregations**

**Social Ministry Organizations**

**Community Programs**

**Global Partners**



# **MISSION PLANNING FOCUSES ON GIFTS**

**God has given us everything we need to accomplish what God is calling us to do .**

**Every congregation has unique assets, strengths, resources and opportunities**

**How will you steward what God has provided and entrusted to you?**



# **MISSION PLANNING IS SERIOUS ABOUT CONTEXT**

**Outside of the walls of the church and into the world God loves**

**Culture**

**Language**

**Ethnicity**

**Socio-economic Realities**

**Demography**

**We practice incarnational ministry as we engage our context**



# **MISSION PLANNING IS A SHARED JOURNEY**

**This work belongs to the whole congregation**

**Everyone is involved in prayer, Bible study, faith conversation, listening to the community**

**Leaders will take a greater role, but will not impose a plan on a congregation.**

**Everyone will participate through their presence, the generous sharing of resources and contributing their assets to the mission of God through the congregation.**



# MISSION PLANNING IS ONGOING

Change is a constant. We will never be finished with our mission discernment.

Activities will need to be evaluated and revised.

Some things will need to be discontinued and new things embraced for the sake of the mission of God.

The use of core values or key behavioral guidelines will help determine what to change and how to align the mission of the congregation with God's purpose

**INTERDEPENDENCE**

**GENEROSITY**

**RESPECT**

**CHANGE**

**FAITHFULNESS**

**DIVERSITY**

