

Equipping Day 2017

The Next Three Years - Equip!

Prayer

- O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

"This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I
am well pleased; listen to him!"⁶

Matthew 17



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Deepen Congregational Vitality

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Enhance Local and Global Mission

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Develop Servant Leadership



Deepen
Congregational
Vitality

- Faith Practices
- Planning
- Communicate

Enhance Local
and Global
Mission

- Food Insufficiency
- Young Adult
Companion Synod

Develop Servant
Leadership

- All the Baptized
- Rostered
Ministers

Deepen Congregational Vitality



Faith Practices

Congregational Planning

Communications

Congregational Vitality





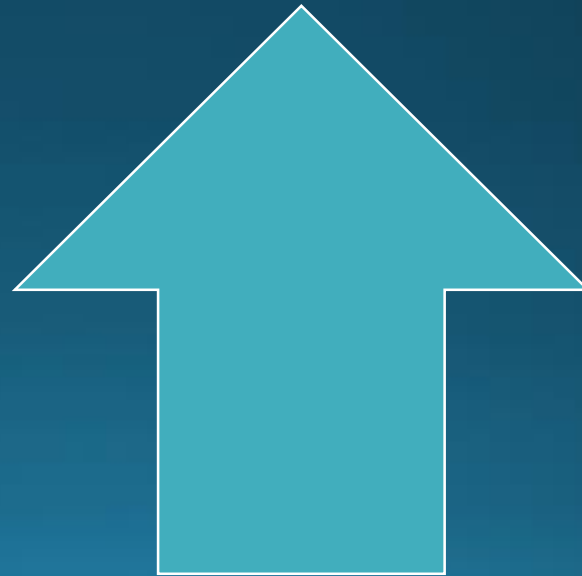
Local Mission

- Engage Mission Field
- Hunger / Diversity



Global Mission

- Young Adults
- Companion Synod
- Forming Leaders



Local Mission – Mission to Mississippi Minnesota project in Springfield area



Global Mission Companion Synod – Young Adults





Develop
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All the
Baptized



Lay
Preachers



Rostered
Ministers



Youth/Young
Adults



Lilly Economic
Challenges



Congregation
Ministry Leaders

Lay Preaching – Region 3 Project





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Challenges and Opportunities

Can we live with joy and purpose in the turmoil of life today?

• Challenge

- Greater conflict
- More uncertainty
- Economic and other forms of resentment

• Opportunity -

- People need to hear the Good News God is for them when they don't know
- who they are and
- where they are going.



Demographics

- **Challenge**

- Congregation participation down
- Fewer people in many of our communities
- Non-traditional Lutheran
- Class
- History
- How to bring people in?

- **Opportunity –**

- Reach out to all people
- Young adults
- Elders
- New Neighbors
- Repent of Ethnic idolatry
- Live in joy and freedom of Christ
- Love all people
- How do we send people out?



Lots of Broken People

• Challenge

- Families struggle
- Individuals struggle
- Jobs
- Health
- Sin – communal and personal

• Opportunity –

- Remember Jesus is a healing Lord
- Jesus loved to announce forgiveness and you can too
- Jesus sought to bring healing to people, you can too.

Congregational Survival - Vitality

- Challenge
 - go under 50 at worship a week
 - Can we sustain our ministry
- Opportunity
 - If we are not going to survive...
 - How then will we live?
 - Freedom
 - Joy
 - Meaning
 - Purpose



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Forming and Sustaining Leadership

- **Challenge**

- Fewer pastors – retirements /new seminarians
- Pastor-centric
- Live our theology

- **Opportunity -**

- Equip all the baptized
- New formation paths
- How do we share our ministry
- Lay Leaders
 - Lay preachers
 - Worship
 - Catechist
 - Evangelists



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Changing Church in Changing Culture

• Challenge

- Grief
- Losses
- Greater competition for time and financial energy

• Opportunity

- New Gifts
- Focus on center and do jazz
- Traditioned Innovation
- Priority on people not buildings
 - 11th commandment –
- Planning



Cross Cultural

- Challenge

- City / Rural
- Interfaith relationships

- Opportunity

- Curiosity
- Growing deeper/ wider
- Studying others culture, helps us become aware of our own
- Learn
- Invite
- Share
- Testify



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Political Turmoil – Buckle Up

•Challenge

- Division
- Silence
- Disrespect
- Anger

•Opportunity

- Preaching Gospel
- Loving God
- Following Jesus
- Loving Neighbor
- Justice
- **Focus on** how do we make the reign of God present now – in moments, fragments here and now?



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Re-member



Cross at center - Christ is Lord

Back to the Source....Sources

Deepen Community

Practice and Pass on the Faith

Equip all the baptized

Leadership

Trust in God

Theology of the Cross

Zoom

- Disruptive Change
 - Challenges
 - Opportunities
- Just starting to understand how internet will change lives and communities of faith



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Fuel – Energy
Gathering

Lilly - Economic Challenges of Pastors

**Equipping Faithful Stewards:
Financial Strategies for Pastors in All Seasons –
The Lilly Project**

Embrace God's Mission † Equip God's People Funding Initiative







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