

# Adventures in Renewal

Listen. Learn. Be Transformed.



Greater Milwaukee Synod

## Naming God's Activity

**We assume that God is present with us in everything we are doing each and every day.  
Sometimes we are more aware of God's presence than others!**

**We want to engage in a practice of listening to our own lives and stories and wonder together where God might have been present in the midst of those experiences.**

**We want to get more comfortable naming what we think God might be up to  
in our midst.**

**Being able to name God's activity in our midst gives us the chance to join with what  
God is presently inviting us into.**

**Step 1:** Take five minutes of silence to reflect on the story you just shared with your partner.

**What might God have been up to in that experience?**

*(Jot down a few notes below)*

*Helpful prompts to consider:*

- *What do you think God might have been doing in this time in your life?*
- *In the Biblical stories, God feeds people, teaches them, reassures and encourages them, challenges them, provides for them, saves them, etc. What language might you use for how God was active in your story?*

**Step 2:** Pair back up with the same partners from before to share what God might have been up to in your stories. Again, listen well to your partner's sharing, as that will be what you share back with the large group. (Each person gets 5 minutes).

*Note: Once more, check in with them, and only share what they allow you to share.*

**Step 3:** Come back to the large group to discuss: **What did you hear from your partner?**

**Step 4:** Have a large group conversation to discuss:

**What did you notice about that time of sharing with each other?**

**What might God be nudging us to consider as a group?**

*(Take notes on the wisdom that emerges to add to the congregation's "learnings log")*