



Summary Notes

1. Mission can look like “working for,” “working with,” and “being for,” but it always begins with incarnation (“being with”).
2. Our first goal in this mission renewal work is following God’s lead through listening and curiosity to see who we may be called to be with, and how God may change us through that relationship.
3. The shift from hosting to being hosted is an important dynamic in mission renewal. Keep finding ways to be outside your congregation in a stance of accompaniment, and you might just find a “Lydia” or two whose heart is already open to working with you for the good of all.
4. Use your community map to plan several prayer walks, asking questions like
“where are there signs of health?” “where are there signs of hurt?”
“where are people gathering?” “where are people not gathering?”
“where are there signs of God’s presence?” “what else are you noticing on this walk?”
5. Take time to collate and summarize your team’s learnings from all the activities we have done so far:
What is God teaching you?
Where is there an invitation to learn more?
Who are the Lydias in your community?

Make sure to find engaging ways to share these learnings with your congregation’s leaders and with those who come on Sunday mornings.