

Adventures in Renewal

Listen. Learn. Be Transformed.



Greater Milwaukee Synod

RENEWAL TEAM EXPECTATIONS

A Renewal Team is the conduit through which the congregation as a whole is invited to participate in this mission renewal process. They will receive coaching on how to engage others both inside and outside the congregation. A coach will be available to help them answer questions that arise and address challenges they face in the process. The Renewal Team should be made up of around 4-7 participants.

A participant on a Renewal Team should have the following characteristics/skills

- Ability to work in cooperation with a team
- Willingness to experiment with new activities and behavior as the process will invite
- Ability and willingness to personally invite others in the congregation to participate at different points in the process
- Commitment to participate in all/most of the Renewal Team meetings, and watch the training videos beforehand when the group decides that is best.
- Renewal Team members together should represent the diversity of their congregation in terms of age, ethnicity, gender, and socio-economic status
- Commitment to respond to communication related to the process (i.e. email, phone calls)
- Willingness to personally practice some of the spiritual habits integral to the process (i.e. Dwelling in the Word, Listening to the Neighborhood)
- Demonstrated leadership ability in some other context
- Commitment to enter the process as a learner without a particular agenda other than to follow God's leading for the congregation.

TIME COMMITMENT

On average one meeting per month with members of your Renewal Team.

This meeting will be the space where the planning for the execution of each of the steps in this process will take place. Meetings will include the participation of your congregational coach. Time and place will be determined by the team.

Time spent recruiting and training other participants in the congregation throughout the process (i.e. Renewal Team members will train other people in the congregation how to Dwell in the Word, interview other church members, and walk their neighborhoods with a spiritual focus). Renewal Team members will also practice these things themselves.

CO-LAB events scheduled at 4-6 month intervals. Renewal Teams as well as anyone interested in innovative mission renewal gather for 2-3 hours to participate in experimental "laboratories" – playing with AIR resources, sharing stories, and getting curious together about what God might be up to.