

Adventures in Renewal

Listen. Learn. Be Transformed.



Greater Milwaukee Synod

Community Mapping Exercise

This exercise is an invitation to notice people and places that are easily (albeit unintentionally) forgotten due to familiarity.

This is about seeing every person and place as an invitation to ask, “What is God up to here?”

STEP 1: Take a blank sheet of paper. Draw a cross in the center.

The cross represents your congregation.

STEP 2: Add anything you can to the map, from memory.

Important Notes:

- a. No detail is too small. Add streets, names, families, businesses, parks, farms, etc.
- b. Try to avoid feeling ashamed about the blank spaces (Remember: No shame. No blame.)
Blank spaces are just invitations to learn more!
- c. Make sure everyone participating fills in what they know.
Everyone notices different things & we need each other!
- d. Keep this map and keep filling it in as you continue on with the videos.
Consider inviting others (Sunday School kids or others?) to contribute!

STEP 3: Discuss the map exercise as a team, using the questions below.

Some of these questions will be helpful in the future, as well!

- a. What was easiest to add to the map and what does that tell you?
- b. What do you notice about the blank areas on the paper?
- c. Who/what do you already feel connected to?
- d. Who/what do you not already feel connected to? What’s the invitation here?
- e. Who/what do you want to learn more about?
- f. Who might you listen to in these spaces?
- g. Who might some “Lydias” be in these spaces?

STEP 4: Make sure to record your learnings from this discussion!