

# Faith Practice: LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Resources to engage the central faith practices of the Greater Milwaukee Synod

## How does your congregation live out Leadership Development?

At the 2019 Assembly, our Greater Milwaukee Synod adopted a Vision, Mission, Core Values and Practices statement that named LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT as a central faith practice, and described it this way:



We support and encourage new people into leadership roles, focusing on those who have often been overlooked and undervalued.

You are invited to use the resources below to lift up this faith practice.



### KEY QUESTIONS

We invite you to choose a scripture from the list below, and lead a devotion and discussion time with your congregation's council, or other leadership group.

**+ Who is one of the best leaders you have known? What qualities did they possess that made them good at leading?**

**+ Make a list of the key leaders in your congregation (staff, elected leaders & significant volunteers). What voices are missing from this group? Can you identify perspectives that are not represented? Who could you invite to lead, and how might you support them?**



### SYNOD-WIDE "HASHTAG" PHOTO SHARING

Invite your members to share photos on social media that look like leadership development. Use the hashtag **#LeadershipGMS**. Google the hashtag to see photos from across the synod!

**SCRIPTURES**  
*to use in worship, adult forums, council devotions*

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1 Samuel 16:1-13  
(David anointed as king)

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Luke 10:38-42  
(Mary and Martha)

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Luke 19:1-10  
(Zaccheus)

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John 20:11-18  
(Mary Magdalene)

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1 Corinthians 1:26-31

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1 Corinthians 12:12-31

**HYMNS**

For All the Faithful Women  
(ELW #419)

Take My Life, That I May Be  
(ELW #583)

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore  
(ELW #817)

The Story of Your Life  
(Matthew West)

**BOOKS**


**How To Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going**  
(Susan Beaumont)

**Faith-Rooted Organizing Mobilizing the Church in Service to the World**  
(A. Salvatierra & P. Heltzel)

**Canoeing the Mountains**  
(Tod Bolsinger)\*

\*It is important to read the ELCA's "Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery" in conjunction with this book.

**VIDEO**



Search YouTube for **"The Danger of a Single Story"** by Chimamanda Adichie (19:17)

**SYNOD RESOURCES**

Invite a representative of Diakonia, Campus Ministry or outdoor ministry to speak about their hopes for the future. Contact synod staff for info