

# Faith Practice: INNOVATION

Monthly resources to engage the central faith practices  
of the Greater Milwaukee Synod

## How does your congregation live out Innovation?



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

**We know that the Church and our world are changing, and we need to take risks and explore new ways of being faithful, building relationships, and organizing our life together.**

You are invited to use the resources below to lift up this faith practice in the month of October.



### 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.

- + What is one specific challenge our congregation is facing for which we might need a creative and "outside the box" approach to begin to address?
- + What other times in the past can we think of when our congregation (or other Christian groups we know of) have changed in creative ways to share Christ's grace in new ways? What strength and learning can we draw from these examples?



### SYNOD-WIDE "HASHTAG" PHOTO SHARING

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

#### SCRIPTURES

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

Isaiah 42:7-10

Mark 4:1-9

Luke 10:1-11

Acts 16:6-15

2 Corinthians 5:17

#### HYMNS / SONGS

New Things, O God,  
You Now Declare  
(sundaysandseasons.com)

Spirit of Gentleness  
(ELW #396)

Rise Up, O Saints  
of God  
(ELW #669)

Will You Come  
and Follow Me  
(ELW #798)

Help Us To Love  
(Tori Kelly)

#### BOOKS

**"The Agile Church"**  
(Dwight Zscheile)  
Short chapters with  
discussion questions  
make this great for teams.

**"Christianity For  
the Rest of Us"**  
(Diana Butler Bass)

**"Surprise the World:  
The Five Habits of  
Highly Missional  
People"**  
(Michael Frost)  
A quick read!

#### VIDEOS



Search YouTube for:  
**"FHIL - Stages of  
Design Thinking"**  
(8:42)

When they use the language of "end user," consider the people who are not already engaged in the life of your congregation!