How does your congregation live out Learning?

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

We strive to be learning communities, committed to a deepening engagement with scripture and theology as well as training that equips us to live out our faith in the world and confront racism and discrimination of all kinds.

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.

+ What would we like to learn about the community surrounding our congregation that might help make us better neighbors? How could we design a way to listen to those outside the congregation to learn more about what's going on in our community and in their daily lives?

+ What do we think the members of our congregation would like to learn more about in the Bible or in their faith? How could we ask them what they are curious about? What resources might we know of that could help us all feel more empowered to learn about our faith?

**SCRIPTURES**

to use in worship, adult forums, council devotions

- Psalm 119:105 (A lamp to my feet)
- John 14:26 (The Advocate will teach)
- Ephesians 4:11-16 (We grow up into Christ)
- Colossians 1:9-10 (filled with knowledge)
- Colossians 3:16 (teach each other...)
- Hebrews 10:24-25 (provoked to love)

**HYMNS**

Learning (Jason Gray)

- The Word of God is Source and Seed (ELW #506)
- Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil (ELW #512)
- Listen, God is Calling (ELW #513)
- We Eat the Bread of Teaching (ELW #518)

**BOOKS**

Short Stories by Jesus

DVD included

- Inspired (Rachel Held Evans)
- We Make the Road by Walking (Brian McLaren)

**PODCASTS**

The Bible for Normal People

On Being

Failing Boldly

**VIDEO**

Now What? Learning From the Emerging Future

vimeo.com/354023944 (53:20)

**SYNOD RESOURCES**

Attend the “Together in Mission” workshop event each February

Visit milwaukeeesynod.org/faithful-innovation to learn how to be part of an intentional learning community