

Faith Practice: INVITATION

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

How does your congregation live out Invitation?



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

We actively invite others into deeper relationships with Jesus, welcoming them into communities shaped by unconditional love and acceptance.

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 are ways our congregation already models God's invitation as seen in the scriptures and named in the description above?
- + What are one or two ways we could grow in our practice of inviting others into relationship with Jesus?

SYNOD-WIDE "HASHTAG" PHOTO SHARING



Invite your members to share photos on social media that look like God's invitation. Use the hashtag **#GMSInvitation**. Google the hashtag to see photos from across the synod!

SCRIPTURES

to use in worship, adult forums, council devotions

Matthew 25:31-45

Luke 14:12-14

John 6:32-35

Acts 10:34-43

Hebrews 13:2

Revelation 22:17

HYMNS

I'm a-Goin'-a Eat At the Welcome Table
(TFF #263)

All Are Welcome
(ELW #641)

All Who Hunger Gather Gladly
(ELW #461)

God Extends An Invitation
(ELW #486)

MOVIE

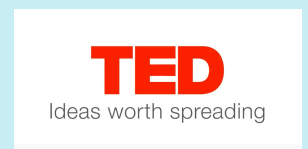
Encourage your members to watch
"All Saints"
(2017)

(based on the true story of an Episcopal church who welcomed recently resettled refugees)

BOOK

"One Coin Found"
(Emmy Kegler)

VIDEO



Do a Google search for:
"Why the only future worth building includes everyone"

A TED talk featuring Pope Francis

(17:52)