

Outcomes



At the very heart, this process is centered in the belief that God has provided everything a congregation needs to carry out the ministry God intends for it.

Congregational renewal is a spiritual and structural process. It is connecting with Jesus, one another and the world by lining up the congregation's purpose, identity, and work with God's vision and plan.

Teams learn the basic principles of congregational health and renewal to create and implement a mission plan for moving forward toward God's promised future.

How it Works



Getting Started:

Church council and pastor make a decision to participate, assemble a team, gain congregational support and consult with the Nebraska Synod Evangelist.

The congregation's transformation team registers and attends the first training along with the congregation's coach and pastor. See Nebraska Synod website for registration details.

Cost: \$40 per participant which includes all the materials, meals and refreshments. Travel and lodging expenses are the congregation's responsibility as well as the travel expenses for their coach's visit during the first six months.

The training and process will be facilitated by local synod pastors and lay people who are experienced and trained in the ELCA Transformational Ministry 2.0 process for congregations.

Transformational Ministry

Changed people change churches;
changed churches
change the world!



Spiritual, Systemic, Sending Change
for:

Yourself

Your Congregation

Your Community

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What It's About

- + Renewing your congregation by linking the gifts that God has given you with God's vision for the world.
- + Celebrating and using what you have, rather than lamenting and obsessing about what you don't have.
- + Finding energy, purpose and direction using God's work, prayer, conversation and faith practices.
- + Navigating change calmly, confidently and effectively.



What You'll Learn & Experience

- + **Growing spiritually:** Deepen faith, strengthen commitment and rediscover purpose.
- + **Telling your story:** Discover how God's story and your story reshape community.
- + **Discovering gifts and assets:** Congregations discover and cherish their God-given gifts as they use them to serve neighbor and follow Jesus.
- + **Leading through change:** Change is hard, but essential for the church to grow. Learn how to lead in a time of change.
- + **Action planning:** Teams learn the basic principles of congregational renewal and develop a faith action plan for their congregation.
- + **Building teams:** Teams develop into well-formed and effective equippers and encouragers who know where to find support for the faith action plans they live out.

The Journey & the Process

Grounded in Bible study, prayer, conversation, action, and reflection, congregations will engage in a transformational ministry process to live out the gospel of God's vision for the world.

- + Each congregation will have a coach who walks with them during the process, actively listening and asking appropriate questions to keep the process on track.
- + Prior to the first training day, a congregational transformation team is named by church council and blessed in a worship service. This team will consist of the pastor and 4-7 lay leaders whose commitment to and caring for the congregation are well-demonstrated.
- + There will be a total of four weekend training events, each about six months apart.

Upcoming Opportunities:

P4: May 5, 2018- Alliance
P1 & 3: August 4, 2018- Lincoln