

R3 Congregational Renewal Process



Homework from Event #2

A constant reminder that the R3 process is action oriented. We don't come to events just to learn – we come to take what we are learning and then put it into practice when we return to our congregations. Each step of the way includes not only learning and talking about things at events and meetings, but also planning and doing to implement and explore these new ideas as well as involving others.

Here are the things that should happen before your team returns to the next event in March.

1. Meet as a team (preferably within 48 hours of going home)
2. Meet with your coach
 - a. Reflect on what you heard and learned at the event.
 - b. Talk about what you are to do with this in preaching, worship, education and fellowship to try to help others begin to talk more clearly about how God is at work in the world and in their lives.
3. Begin to think about the pros and cons of the three ways to foster dialog/listening sessions that you have in the handouts from the event (sermon series, potluck, progressive dinner). What are the advantages of each and what are the drawbacks. Work with your coach to decide which approach to do, what modifications make things work in your setting, and plan the details to make it happen.
4. Meet with your cohort to discuss what's happening, where you are succeeding, finding resistance, curious, excited, etc. (info on this is on a separate handout).
5. Continue to work on the following ways of speaking about God (since we never check anything in the process off the list – just incorporate it into what we do):
 - a. **Pastors:** go over your sermons and determine how you do or don't talk about God now. How has that changed in the last months?
 - b. **Laity:** reflect over the last month and think about situations of some significance in your life. Is this easier to reflect on than when we started?
 - c. **Teams:** work to invite people to share how their lives are part of God's work in the world. How is this going? Are you actually inviting people into this and how are they responding?