

## **R3 Congregational Renewal**

### **Process Handout with Event and Work Timeline**



The work of renewal is a multifaceted approach to the Christian life and to congregational life. It involves intentionality in our spiritual lives, our shared congregational life, and our relationships as we engage the world around us.

As a result of this need for intentionality, this process is clearly laid out with each step of the process identified ahead of time and with an outline of the work to be done along the way. This will allow your team of leaders to create a basic roadmap before you start the journey and stay on course as we move ahead.

Of course, the basic map is just a starting point. Each step along the way will bring insights that improve your vision and help us make ministry adjustments. It will be a mix of commitment to the process and openness to the Spirit as you move ahead.

You will have a coach and synod staff that will accompany you in this journey. Research shows that people who want to transform succeed best when they have an outside companion for the work. A coach gives outside eyes, asks important questions, helps you stay accountable to your goals, and can encourage you when progress seems slow. Each step of the process below includes both congregational work and interactions with your coach.

On the next page is the process outline with all of the event dates and the expectations for your team and congregation following each workshop. Mark these dates on the church calendar, your personal calendar, and in INK so that they are commitments for the work ahead.

The next two years will make a difference in the way your ministry functions for years to come. You will likely never get more attention placed on helping your congregation for such a small financial cost. With outside consulting to guide the whole process, the synod is investing significant resources to ensure the highest quality work and the highest chance of success. Each congregation is also getting a one on one coach.

Miss this chance and you will likely set the stage for mediocrity, since if you don't excel with help you will likely not excel without it! Use this well and you will be more effective and vibrant and your future will be most likely be stronger as a result!

Finally, it isn't on the timeline, but don't forget to pray often (daily!). Your connections to God and what God is up to will guide your way and determine your path!

## **IMPORTANT DATES AND FUNCTIONS FOR R3 CONGREGATIONAL RENEWAL**

### ***WORKSHOP #1 – September 16, 2017 (St. Matthew, York)***

#### ***“Developing a Spiritually Grounded, Missional Climate”***

- Within 48 hours: Meet as a Team
- Within 4 Weeks: Meet with your coach
- In November: Meet with your cohort
- Before next workshop: Complete your assignment

### ***WORKSHOP #2 – December 9, 2017 (Zion, York)***

#### ***“Developing a Congregational Culture for Mission”***

- Within 48 hours: Meet as a Team
- Within 4 Weeks: Meet with your coach
- In February: Meet with your cohort
- Before next workshop: Complete your assignment

### ***WORKSHOP #3 – March 10, 2018 (St. Matthew, York)***

#### ***“Developing Relationships with our Neighbors”***

- Within 48 hours: Meet as a Team
- Within 3 Weeks (before Easter!): Meet with your coach (note tighter timeline!)
- In April (after Easter): Optional meeting with your cohort
- Before next workshop: Complete your assignment

### ***WORKSHOP #4 – MAY 5, 2018 (Zion, York)***

#### ***“Do something!”***

- Within 48 hours: Meet as a Team
- Within 4 Weeks: Meet with your coach
- July/August: Meet with your cohort
- Before next workshop: Complete your assignment

### ***WORKSHOP #5 – September 22, 2018 (St. Matthew, York)***

#### ***“Developing a Strategy for Mission”***

- Within 48 hours: Meet as a Team
- Within 4 Weeks: Meet with your coach
- Optional Meeting with Cohort (as it is helpful)
- Before next workshop: Complete your assignment

### ***WORKSHOP #6 – November 10, 2018 (St. Matthew, York)***

#### ***“Maintaining a Culture for Ongoing Mission and Ministry”***

- Within 48 hours: Meet as a Team
- Within 4 Weeks: Meet with your coach
- Optional Meeting with Cohort (as it is helpful)