EQUIPPING LEADERS: ON THE WAY RETREATS

Leaders dream together and share the vision with the community!

In summer of 2021 several workshops were developed in collaboration with lay and rostered leaders who sought to equip folks for innovative, contextually intelligent ministry that reflects this journey.

Synod staff worked together with parish leaders to design **workshops to support church councils, executive committees, and small group leaders** in several congregations to dream new dreams.

Each workshop was uniquely tailored to the gifts and interests of the group. Together we considered refocusing outreach ministry on the **authentic values and mission of a congregation,** explored **community mapping,** and identified and **celebrated ministry gifts among leaders**.

In these ways, leaders have imagined church in new ways! In some instances, we've had the opportunity to experience dinner church together, or model and practice sermonic conversation.





As we believe that multiplication is a key component of discipleship, it has been a joy to equip and accompany these leaders, who continue the journey with the folks of their parishes, and with Jesus.

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