



2016 Thank You Video Talking Points

- ❖ As you watched the video, what inspired you?
- ❖ Where did you notice that God was at work?
- ❖ How do you see God working these ways in your own community?

- ❖ One of the videos (Table of Grace) was from a new congregation in a fast growing suburb. Since their arrival in North America, Lutherans have been planting churches where people are moving. When was your church planted? Who was moving into your community at that time?
 - Did you know that there are 340 ELCA new-start ministries under development in the United States and the Caribbean through the work of 65 synod mission tables made up of local leaders, directors for evangelical mission and bishops?
- ❖ One of the videos (Pueblo de Dios) is from a new congregation among new immigrants to our state. Was your church started among immigrants? Do you know of any nearby that were? What language did they speak? Why is it important for new immigrants to establish communities that worship in their native language?
 - Did you know that the ELCA has missionaries and accompanies church bodies in 18 countries in Latin America?
 - Do you know who the South Dakota Synod's Companion Synod is in Latin America? (*see below for answer)
- ❖ One of the videos (Woyatan) is from a congregation being formed among mostly Native American People. How might your congregation strengthen its relationship with Native American Communities in this state? Would you like to reach out to the people at Woyatan or at The Lutheran Lakota Shared Ministries in Pine Ridge for assistance?
 - Did you know that 6,685 American Indian/Alaska Native members of the ELCA live in every part of the church; 23 percent reside in the Alaska Synod? Since the church was formed in 1987 American Indian/Alaska Native membership has increased more than 18 percent.
- ❖ One of the videos (Church on the Street) featured a ministry among people who struggle with homelessness. Who are the most vulnerable people in YOUR community? What are some ways that you could begin to or continue to be in relationship with them?
 - Did you know that the ELCA has nearly a dozen new congregations dedicated to serving people who struggle with homelessness?
- ❖ One of the videos (First Lutheran African Ministry) featured a ministry among immigrants from Africa.
 - Did you know that the ELCA walks side by side with Lutheran churches in 24 African countries, among over 20 million African Lutherans?
 - Do you know who the South Dakota Synod's Companion Synod is in Africa? (*see below for answer)