



RELATIONAL MEETINGS

Congregation and Neighborhood/Community Conversations Guide

CONGREGATION

Engage one-to-one relational meetings with 25, 50, 100, or with all members, including some or all of the following questions:

Sample Core Questions:

1. What brought you here (to this congregation)?
2. What keeps you here?
3. If God has God's way with us in the next five years, what would that mean for us?

Optional/additional questions:

1. What are some of the things most important in your life? Your church?
2. How long have you belonged to this congregation?
3. Why did you join?
4. How has your church changed since you first came here?
5. What are some of the greatest strengths of your church? Challenges?
6. What do you like about this congregation?
7. What are things you'd like to see in the future?
8. Who are people you admire or look up to in the congregation?
9. What are ways you feel you could make more of a contribution to the ministry of the congregation?
10. Five years from now, what should our church be doing differently?
11. Are there any concerns that you have about the congregation?

- What will be your renewal/transformation/dream team’s strategy to engage the congregation with one-to-one relational meetings?

- Please list ten people in your congregation with whom you could individually schedule one-to-one relational meetings in the next six weeks:

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10. _____

- Who will hold you accountable and help you process these conversations?

NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY

Engage one-to one relational meetings with 50, 100 or more people in the congregation's neighborhood/community (parish context), including some that are no longer active participants, a couple/few former/past members of the congregation, and some people who are unchurched. Utilize some or all of the following questions or those you develop (see "One-to One Starter Kit" for additional information) as appropriate to your context:

1. What are some things most important in your neighborhood/community?
2. What is happening in your neighborhood/community? How should a church respond?
3. Why did you come here? What has it been like for you? Have people reached out and been welcoming?
4. Are there things going on in the neighborhood/community that make you angry?
5. Are there things going in the neighborhood/community that make you hopeful?
6. If you could change one thing about this neighborhood/community, what would it be?
7. Who do you see as positive leaders in the community?
8. If you want to know something about your neighborhood/community, who do you ask?
9. Five years from now, what do you hope will happen in your neighborhood/community?
10. What one good idea can you share?

- What will be your renewal/transformation/dream team’s strategy to engage the community with one-to-one relational meetings?

- Please list ten people in your neighborhood/community with whom you could individually schedule one-to-one relational meetings in the next six weeks:

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- Who will hold you accountable and help you process these conversations?
