

The Stewardship of Relationships

Making your congregation the most loving church family it can possibly be is all about relationships. Asking the right questions of each other: What brings you joy? What are you passionate about? What inspires your generosity? What gives your life purpose and meaning? Whether in worship, study or fellowship settings, a congregation that affords its members many opportunities to share their life stories will develop a greater sense of love and belonging. The dividends will be tremendous in terms of attendance, active involvement in ministries, and in giving of time, talent and treasure.

Sharing stories and experiences that have impacted your life is a most effective way of creating close connections to other members of your congregation; especially stories that trace your faith journey. This will foster feelings of comfort, connection and care, creating a more loving church family. In spite of an ocean of social media and all manner of “things” that aid in communication, feelings of loneliness, despair and isolation abound.

We encourage you to attend a future Synod Assembly. It’s like a vaccine against these feelings. Hearing the stories of the ministries of all the many mission partners of the Synod creates a sense of synergism that there are many hearts seeking God’s will and many hands doing God’s work. Amen.