**Publicity for a Taste of Heavenly Meetings**

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**Want a Taste of Heavenly Meetings?**

*Are your church meetings boring and last too long?*

*Do you wish more people would speak up?*

*Do only a few people make most of the decisions?*

Experience heavenly meetings for yourself at **A Taste of Heavenly Meetings**! We’ll meet online to experience three activities that help people connect, review progress, and make decisions quickly. We’ll use the three activities to discuss topics related to engagement and church life.

This highly interactive 90-minute workshop will be offered twice on Zoom, once on Monday 8/29/22, 4:00 to 5:30 PM CDT and again on Tuesday 9/13/22, 4:00 to 5:30 PM CDT. Cost is $10 per session, and you can come to one or both.

Whether you are experienced at leading meetings or at using zoom or not, if you want more engaging church meetings, this workshop is for you!

**Register now on the Damascus Project Network**

<https://the-damascus-project.org/classes/heavenlymeetings>

**Learn about the Damascus Project**, a joint ministry of the Minnesota and Wisconsin Conferences of the United Church of Christ
<https://the-damascus-project.org/>

**Check out other offerings on the Damascus Project Network**, including “Leading Faith-Filled Meetings,” a comprehensive course in how to lead better church meetings with confidence.
<https://the-damascus-project.org/registration>

**Course description (use in longer articles)**

This workshop, A Taste of Heavenly Meetings, demonstrates how you can encourage more participation in church meetings by changing how you invite people to contribute. By using alternatives to the usual status reports and discussions where only a few people speak, you can both get more business done in your meetings and foster community within your congregation.

We’ll experience three simple and highly adaptable activities designed to encourage participation. These activities enable groups to **connect**, **share opinions**, **review progress,** and **make decisions** in a healthy and inclusive way. We’ll use them to discuss topics related to engagement and church life.

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