

Twelve Suggested Shifts for a Church Unleashed by the Holy Spirit

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1. From survival to revival.
2. From fear to bold proclamation.
3. From planning to preparation (spiritual discernment and prayer).
4. From attractional evangelism to incarnational evangelism (which is really just another kind of “attractional evangelism,” actually).
5. From belonging to an organization to belonging to Christ and therefore to each other as members of his body.
 - a. *Koinonia*: Participation or sharing in something in common, and the fellowship or communion that results from that mutual sharing
6. From “the congregation” to wider network of relationships, including synod and ecumenical partners.
7. From “volunteers” to Spirit-unleashed disciples!
8. From ethnic heritage (or anything else!) to the Holy Spirit as the bond of Christian unity
 - a. Challenging us to stand against all “isms” that separate: sexism, racism, classism, heterosexism
 - b. RACE: The Power of an Illusion (PBS Series):
http://www.pbs.org/race/000_General/000_00-Home.htm
9. From familial fellowship to a more expansive, inclusive fellowship
10. From avoiding conflict to living into the “full forgiveness of sins”
11. *Where* and how we are sent into mission
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- a. Congregation-based community organizing:

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Publicly-Engaged-Church/Congregation-based-Community-Organizing>

Questions for Discussion:

1. How do you tell the story of Jesus in your life? How does your congregation tell the story of Jesus in your neighborhood?
2. What would “incarnational” evangelism look like in your community or neighborhood?
3. Which of the twelve shifts are you most excited to share with your congregation?
4. Which of the twelve shifts will be the hardest for your congregation? Why?