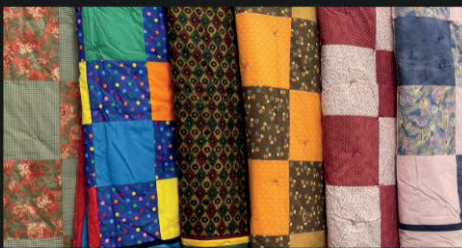
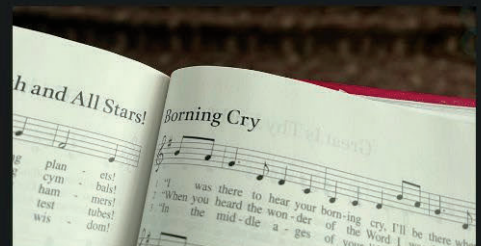


Our Generosity Story:



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Congregational Story

This booklet is to help capture the collective story you have discovered so far as a congregation. Gather responses, insights, and questions together to create your shared story. Add additional stories, share with the congregation, and/or explore the next step ideas. Keep cultivating and telling your story!

What is Stewardship?

Below, write down individual responses shared from the mind map.

Congregational Story: What is Stewardship for us?

What themes, values, or connections are named? What might connect to our congregation? What is stewardship for us?

Offering Memories

Share below memories of the offering shared with the group.

Congregational Story: Creating Offering Memories

What current practices or traditions are meaningful to folks?

What new practices or traditions might create offering memories or more meaningful time around the offering?

Learning Generosity

Who taught us to be generous? What did that look like?

Congregational Story: Teaching Generosity

Who are we teaching to be generous? What are new folks, younger folks, or folks outside our congregation seeing related to our generosity?

Scripture Stories 1

Share below scripture stories around generosity and stewardship that have been named. Keep this list to explore again later!

What values or themes are present in these stories?

Congregational Story: Connecting to a scripture story

What scripture stories, values, or themes connect to our congregation?

What values or themes might we want to live into more? What challenges us?

Scripture Stories 2

Think about key characteristics, stories, or ministry priorities of your congregation. What stories in scripture connect to your congregation?

Congregational Story: Connecting to a scripture story 2

Pick 1-3 stories from the list on the previous page that most resonate with your congregation's history and stories. List them below and a brief description of why they are meaningful.

Celebrating Generosity

List below answers shared from individual lists. Keep asking, “What else?” until you have gotten a full list!

Story 6

Congregational Story: Celebrating our Generosity

Note any often repeated answers or emerging themes or other noticings. Celebrate with a yay after each answer!

Congregational Story: What is the offering for?

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Core Activities

What activities have been named as absolutely essential?

We would not be our congregation if we stopped doing:

What things could you possibly stop doing and still be who you are?

What have folks named that surprised you?

Congregational Story: Our Core Story

Share your core activities or ministries below, and include why they are essential to your congregation and your identity.

Congregational Story: Our Shared Stories

Look back on the past 8 story prompts. Cultivate a list of learnings, wonderings, themes, celebrations, etc. Share key learnings and stories with the whole congregation!

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Fill the next pages with learnings, stories you want to remember, and ideas for next steps.

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received grace
upon grace.*

