



Missional Assessment Process (MAP)

The Missional Assessment Process (MAP) is a facilitated process that helps faith communities explore the core question of Mission: **What is God doing in our neighborhood and how can we participate?**

Missioners and Commissioners from the Episcopal Church in Minnesota offer guidance, tools and companionship over a series of sessions as faith communities pray together, study together and work together in order to expand their understanding of and ability to translate *Missio Dei* theology into a practical way of being together and engaging in God's mission in their unique cultures and contexts.

Missional Assessment Teams consist of a Core Team of faith community leaders (clergy, elected, vestry, lay, volunteers, etc.) and a larger group (12-20) of faith community members.

Session 1: Creating Shared Meaning

In the initial session, your Missioner or Commissioner will meet with faith community leaders to develop a common understanding of the process and outcomes of the MAP. Occasionally, information is also collected about the community through the use of online tools.

Session 2: Building Intentional Community

Session 2 focuses on building community and understanding mission through the creation of a Community Covenant, Gospel Based Discipleship and a short "Mission 101" interactive workshop.

Session 3: Who Are We Together?

Session 3 uses the Appreciative Inquiry process to uncover positive stories of mission within the faith community, allowing us to draw on that energy as we begin to explore what makes our faith community unique. This session also focuses on gifts discernment and introduces the 5 Marks of Mission.

Session 4: God in the Neighborhood

Session 4 introduces tools for community engagement. These tools help us to explore what God is doing in our neighborhoods and how we can participate. This includes a discussion of "Who is our Neighbor?" as well as community asset mapping.



Session 5: Common Mission

Session 5 reviews and draws out the discoveries of sessions 2-4. We begin to discover and name where our unique gifts as a faith community meet the needs, passions or activities of our local neighborhoods and how we can begin to take a more active role in God's mission.

Session 6: Sharing the Message

Session 6 focuses on helping your Missional Assessment Team process and share the MAP findings in the larger faith community. Teams will begin to name and identify next steps including leadership development, relationship development and networking, formation needs, resources, etc.

After Session 6 Missional Assessment Teams and their larger faith communities will continue to work with the Commission for Mission, the Commission for Community Engagement and others as appropriate to move forward.