

# ***ONE-TO-ONE RELATIONAL MEETINGS***

## ***Congregation and Neighborhood/Community Conversations Guide***

### CONGREGATION

Engage one-to-one relational meetings with 25, 50, 100, or with all members, including some or all of the following questions:

*Sample Core Questions:*

- i. What brought you here (to this congregation)?
- ii. What keeps you here?
- iii. If God has God's way with us in the next five years, what would that mean for us?

*Optional/additional questions:*

- i. What are some of the things most important in your life? Your church?
  - ii. How long have you belonged to this congregation?
  - iii. Why did you join?
  - iv. How has your church changed since you first came here?
  - v. What are some of the greatest strengths of your church? Challenges?
  - vi. What do you like about this congregation?
  - vii. What are things you'd like to see in the future?
  - viii. Who are people you admire or look up to in the congregation?
  - ix. What are ways you feel you could make more of a contribution to the ministry of the congregation?
  - x. Five years from now, what should our church be doing differently?
  - xi. Are there any concerns that you have about the congregation?
- What will be your renewal/transformation/dream team's strategy to engage the congregation with one-to-one relational meetings?

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- Please list ten people in your congregation with whom you could individually schedule one-to-one relational meetings in the next six weeks:

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- Who will hold you accountable and help you process these conversations?

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## NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY

Engage one-to-one relational meetings with 50, 100 or more people in the congregation's neighborhood/community (parish context), including some that are no longer active participants, a couple/few former/past members of the congregation, and some people that are unchurched. Utilize some or all of the following questions or those you develop (see "One-to-One Starter Kit" for additional information) as appropriate to your context:

- i. What are some things most important in your neighborhood/community?
  - ii. What is happening in your neighborhood/community? How should a church respond?
  - iii. Why did you come here? What has it been like for you? Have people reached out and been welcoming?
  - iv. Are there things going on in the neighborhood/community that make you angry?
  - v. Are there things going in the neighborhood/community that make you hopeful?
  - vi. If you could change one thing about this neighborhood/community, what would it be?
  - vii. Who do you see as positive leaders in the community?
  - viii. If you want to know something about your neighborhood/community, who do you ask?
  - ix. Five years from now, what do you hope will happen in your neighborhood/community?
  - x. What one good idea can you share?
- What will be your renewal/transformation/dream team's strategy to engage the community with one-to-one relational meetings?

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