



EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CONNECTICUT
PARTICIPATING IN GOD'S MISSION

SPRING TRAINING & GATHERING Materials for Leadership Teams

These materials are offered to assist vestries and other leaders maximize their experience and learnings when attending Spring Training & Gathering as leadership team. There are 3 sections: I. Pre-event reflection and planning, II. Day of training strategy and take-aways, III. Follow-up and implementation of new learnings.

I. Pre-Event Reflection and Planning

These reflection questions can be engaged individually or as a leadership group.

Strengths that our parish could share with others:

In what ways does our parish excel at engaging God's mission beyond the walls of our church? How have we connected and discerned the needs of the community in which our church is located?

In what other ways does our parish excel?

What is our parish particularly good at? What five tips could we share with other parishes? (These can be big or little things)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.



Challenges we are facing

In what ways do we struggle with engaging God's mission beyond the walls of our church?

What other challenges is our church facing?

Workshop selections

Which workshops have content that our church would most benefit from?

Which workshops would I personally most benefit from attending?



II. Day of Spring Training & Gathering: Strategy and Take-Aways

Workshops to be attended

Who attends which workshop will need to be finalized upon arrival. Attendees will not be assigned to specific workshops. The workshop schedule is created based on interests indicated by attendees during registration.

List who will be attending which workshop. You could insert names next to the above listing of workshops you created. Note that there are benefits of having more than one member attend each workshop.



Reflections/notes on each workshop attended

Workshop Session #1

Name of workshop:

Based on the content of this workshop, is there anything my parish could be doing differently?

What are the three most important points for me to bring back to the whole vestry?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Who else in our parish would benefit from having this information?

Is there someone I met in this workshop whom I could connect or partner with on a project or just to talk through a new idea? If so, record name, parish, and individual's email and/or phone number.



Workshop Session #2

Name of workshop:

Based on the content of this workshop, is there anything my parish could be doing differently?

What are the three most important points for me to bring back to the whole vestry?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Who else in our parish would benefit from having this information?

Is there someone I met in this workshop whom I could connect or partner with on a project or just to talk through a new idea? If so, record name, parish, and individual's email and/or phone number.



Workshop Session #3

Name of workshop:

Based on the content of this workshop, is there anything my parish could be doing differently?

What are the three most important points for me to bring back to the whole vestry?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Who else in our parish would benefit from having this information?

Is there someone I met in this workshop whom I could connect or partner with on a project or just to talk through a new idea? If so, record name, parish, and individual's email and/or phone number.



III. After Spring Training & Gathering: Follow-up and Implementation of new learnings

Vestry or leadership team conversation: Looking at the previous pages and “take away” lessons, when will you share this information with other leaders and decide what new things you will “try on”? This could be an agenda item at your next regularly scheduled vestry meeting.

Follow up with new contacts: Who did I/we meet at Spring Training & Gathering who I/we could have further conversation with to build relationship, explore ideas about a specific project, or explore possibilities of partnering and/or collaborating?