

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS – QUESTION #1

- Food Pantry
- Retirement Center Visits
- Practice Sustainable Way of Living = guilt
- Ecumenical Sharing/Services
 - Christmas/Holy Week
 - Positive feelings
 - Community Vibrancy
- Stephan's Ministry
- Committee Work
 - small groups
 - deeper connections
- Resourcing for Congregations in crisis
- Conversations
 - safe
 - welcome disagreement
 - intentional
 - Christ centered

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS – QUESTION #2

- Learning to live with limits – sustainable
- More time
 - communication
- More people
 - delegate pastoral work
 - lay leaders
- Grace in disagreement
- Imagination
 - destroy box
 - expectation of success
- Culture Shift
 - redefining success
 - trying
- New Worshipping Communities – Assistance in Crisis

CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY – QUESTION #1

- Community Outreach/Connection!! Journey in Journey out
 - difference between other essential services & our church/congregation?
 - cycles of involvement/activities
 - use of building every day – farmers market, other church groups, AA
 - connecting with community

- Praising God!!
 - creates community
 - differentiates us from others
 - alive in other areas
 - carrying through the week
- Only church in Charlton
 - family welcome/warm
 - intergenerational gathering

CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY – QUESTION #2

- Re-engaging lay/Christian ed/forums for nurturing & growth/bible study/growth in faith
 - resources of time & energy & commitment
 - Sunday school for families – how to do?
- Re-energize in face of so much need/how to identify passion
- More technology/outreach
- An addition to building/bldg. improvement
 - could support more groups using our facilities
 - more space for more outreach

CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY – QUESTION #1

- Task/Community
- Focus on priorities
- Assist local community/outreach
- Connection with larger church
- For Presbytery – being connected on the ground
- Not being able to quiet people down before worship
- Open to raising questions, not always agree – bible study & session
- Tithing from sale of property
- Energy directed toward figuring out how to help
- Sticking together across different sides
- Stuff going on in building
- Generationalizing & two adult baptisms
- Would be missed if it wasn't there
- Brave to take risks
- Worship – intensity

CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY – QUESTION #2

- Encouragement

- Clear Communication
- Meet people where they are
- Emphasize gifts in congregation
- Get communities to release kids/church – soccer field
- Learn from the margins
- Consistency of Leadership
- Agency of Holy Spirit
- Risk-taking/grow wings
- Not afraid to look bad

MISSIONAL LIVING – QUESTION #1

- How we can serve, opportunities
- Food pantry, children’s cooking class
- Jail ministry, Food ministry

MISSIONAL LIVING – QUESTION #2

- Create youth center at old Catholic church in Schoharie
- Get out of our churches
- Find productive employment & safe, secure housing for those in need
- Using our buildings to reach out to our neighborhoods & communities

MISSIONAL LIVING – QUESTION #1

- Food Ministries – food pantries, cooking classes
- Adopt a School – backpacks, school supplies, etc.
- Community meals – congregation & community members sharing together
- Caring for the earth

MISSIONAL LIVING – QUESTION #2

- Daycare
- Parenting classes
- Meeting basic needs
- Establish shelters in empty parish buildings
- Debt forgiveness – jubilee living
- Financial counseling
- Race relations
- Resources needed:
 - more congregants
 - activate inactive members
 - funds
 - education on what missional living is and how to live it out