

Revisioning God's Mission in the Southeast Michigan Synod

Introduction to the
Strategic Planning Process

We Get the Basics

- Faithful and meaningful life in Word and Sacrament Ministry.
- God shows up when we gather for worship.
- People are fed, equipped.
- God gives us everything that is needed for life and mission.
- How we live that out is the challenge before us.

The Old Ways Don't Work Like They Used to

- Traditional parachute drop mission starts. We have not had lots of success.
- Traditional redevelopments don't work so well in a changed world.
- Congregations increasingly are challenged to connect with changing communities.
- Synod Staff & Mission Directors as “experts with the answers” while at times helpful just don't have and perhaps should not have the answers “that work.”

Thank God

It's not just

about Us.....

And we've got

lots of evidence people in our
congregations get that.

Congregations Engaged in their Communities

- 47 food pantries that we know of
- 45 programs where people serve meals to people in need from their church or someplace else
- 13 clothing programs, some of them are huge
- 17 housing programs, Habitat, homeless in our churches

And there's more

- 20 programs giving people some kind of medical assistance or support,
- 9 blood drives.....

And there is more than we know about

And we've got more than hunch

- That God is up to a lot more
- That people are eager to become engaged in what God wants us to do
- That we want to do what really matters

And we believe deeply

- That God has a dream for Southeast Michigan
- That we are invited to live out that dream with God in the world
- That God is already giving eyes to see, ears to hear and hands to act

God is calling us

- To do this together
- To learn from one another
- To discover the resources, insights, passions and capacities that we have.

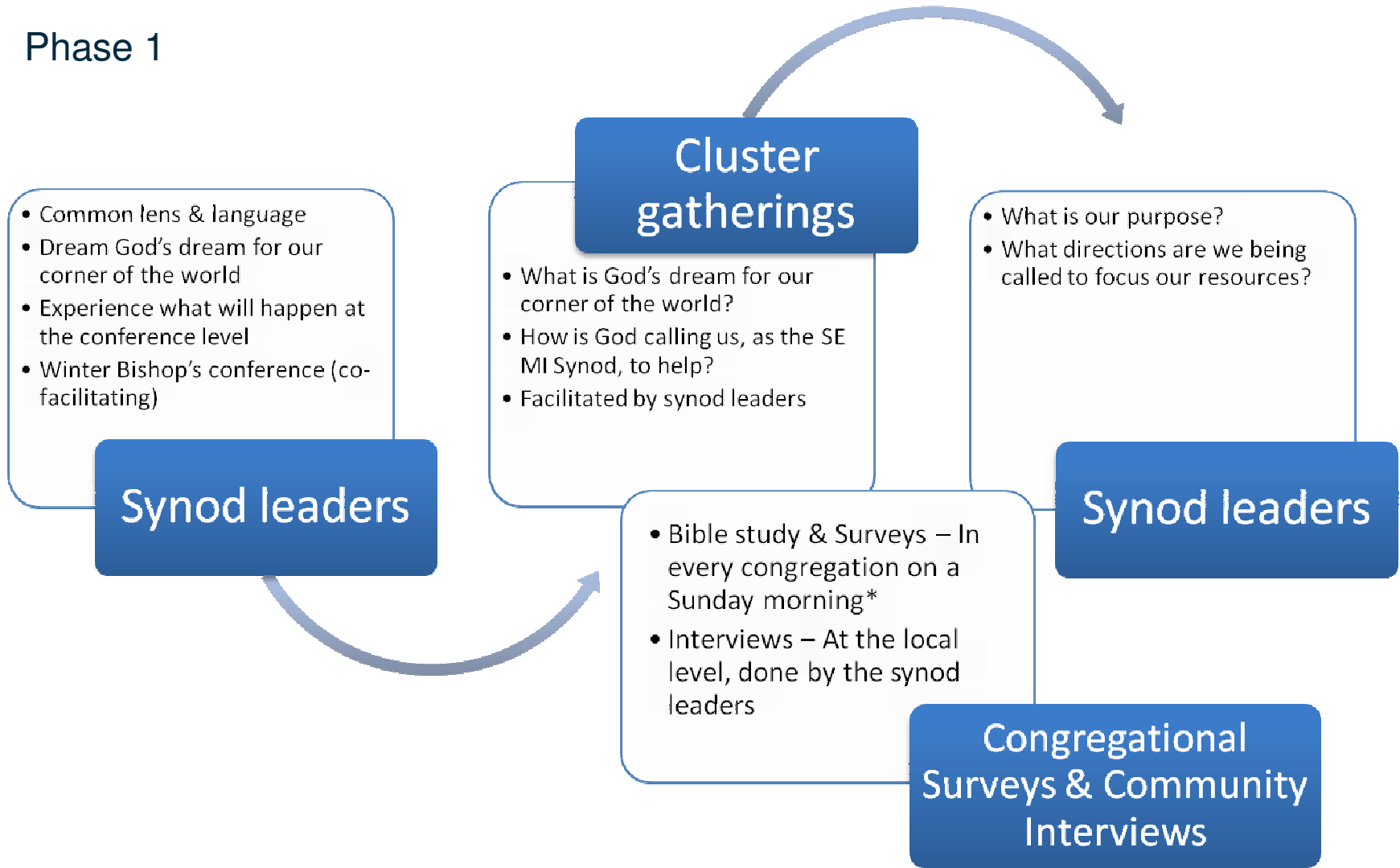
The Time is Now.....

Phase 1 - A Two-Prong Process

What is our purpose?

What directions are we being called to focus?

Phase 1



The Synod, Congregations
and all of us will ask key questions.

What in the world is God up to?

What is our role in that work?

What is God's purpose for us?

God will be with us when we ask
these key questions.

We will see God in our
conversations and see God at work
in our communities.

We, the world, the church will be
changed.

God can do this in us, through us.

When we know this we can...

Be who we are

See what we have

Do what matters

How Can We Participate?

Bible Study & Survey During
Worship.

Participate in Cluster Mission
Strategy Process Event.

Community Survey.

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The
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is
Now