

**How Can Our Congregation Participate
in
The Mission Strategy Process?**
A Overview Guide for Congregational Leaders

1. Share information about the Southeast Michigan Synod Mission Strategy Process with members of your congregation using the Mission Strategy Process brochure.
2. Use *A Mission Strategy Process in Southeast Michigan Synod: Bible Study and Congregational Survey* during Sunday morning worship. One pastor tied the Bible text and survey into the sermon, then gave people a chance to complete the survey during worship. Collect the surveys so they can be reviewed by your Congregation Council, then sent to the Southeast Michigan Synod. Send by March 1, 2010 all of the surveys to Pastor Jack Eggleston, Southeast Michigan Synod, 8115 E. Jefferson Ave, Detroit, MI 48214. Use this as another opportunity to invite people to your cluster event.
3. Register your congregation as a group for the Mission Strategy Process Cluster Event using the Congregational Registration Form. It is our hope that rostered leaders and a minimum of five leaders from each congregation will attend. You can bring 25, 100 or more if you like. There will be no charge for this event.
4. Use the *Reflection Guide for Congregational Councils* during a meeting of the council. Take time as a council to review the surveys from your congregation asking these questions: a) What is God up to in and through our congregation? b) What are we hearing God say to us about our purpose as a congregation through these surveys? and c) What are we hearing God call us, as leaders in this congregation to do?
5. Attend the Cluster Mission Strategy Process Event. As you experience it, consider what God might be saying about your congregation's purpose and how you might use a process like this in your congregation.
6. Congregational Leaders and members can use the *Community Interviews* guide to interview people in your community and community leaders. It is important that we have many interviews and responses from all over the synod to gain some clear pictures about what is happening. Take notes on the guide form and consider talking about this with congregational leaders. Send a copy of the interview notes by March 22, 2010 to Pastor Jack Eggleston, Southeast Michigan Synod, 8115 E Jefferson Ave, Detroit, MI 48214.
7. The Future Starts Now. Watch for information about the Transforming Congregations Project which will equip a team from your congregation to lead a process like this in your congregation.

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