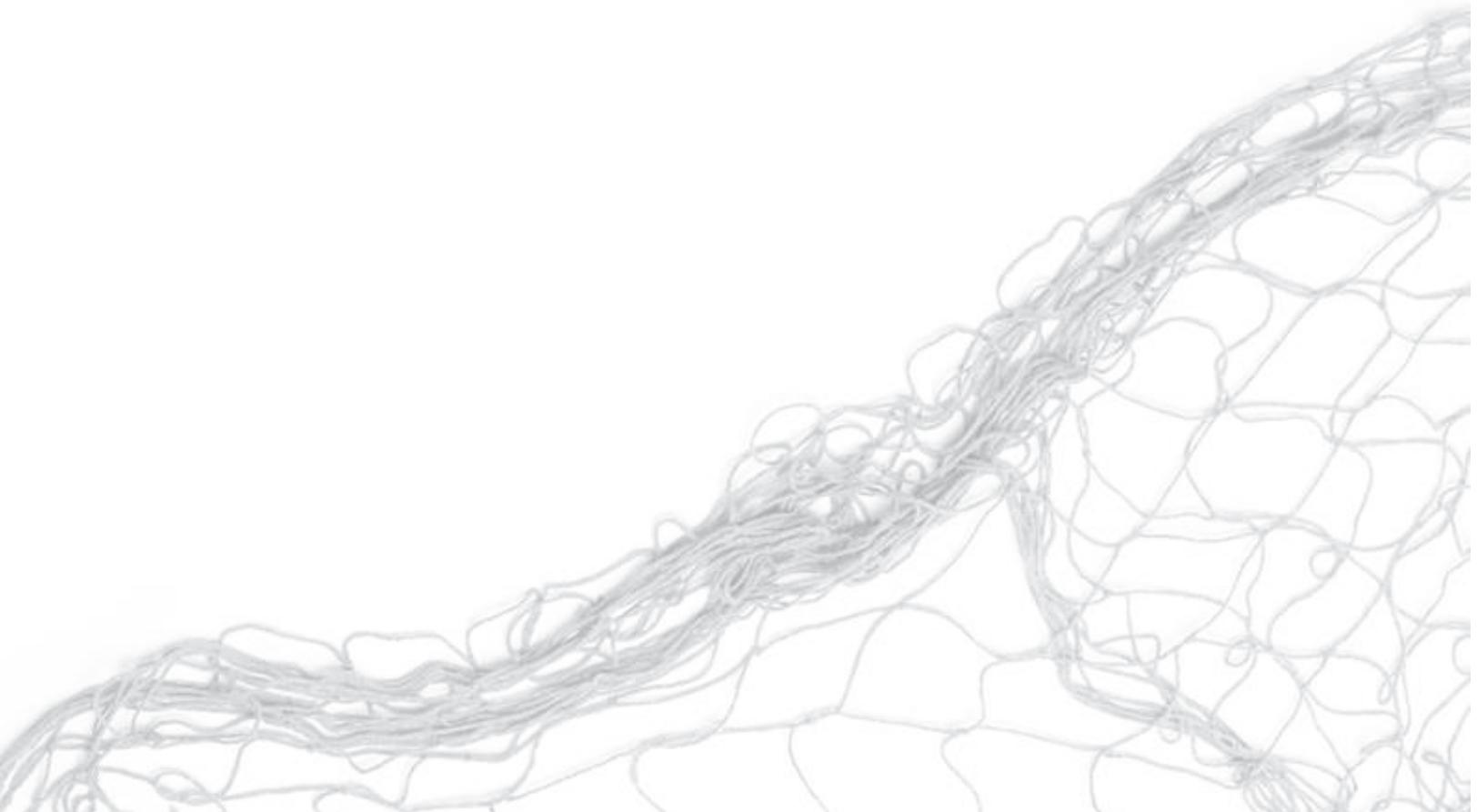




# *Retreat Journal*

November 1-3, 2021



## About the REtreat Journal and REtreat Box

Hello Friends!

We are grateful to have you participate in the REvangelism conference where we will explore the 8 Habits of Evangelism.

To encourage us in this exploration we have sent you this REtreat box and REtreat journal. This journal will be a guide for you to follow over the time of the conference. It provides liturgies for worship, questions for our cohort groups, information from our speakers, and room to take notes.

We have also included fun items to help represent the different evangelism habits we will learn about!

So enjoy this box & some Fair Trade chocolate (*Radical Welcome*), the MLK icon (*Justice*), finger labyrinth (*Prayer*), 8 Habits book (*Teaching*), a book of questions (*Fellowship*), a fish giving bank (*Generosity*), and communion (*Sacraments & Worship*).

We hope these will be a fun way to help connect you to the habits and enjoy your time at the conference.

There is also a small jar included in the box. Be sure to bring that to the opening cohort space at 4pm eastern on Nov 1st along with paper and a pen!

May God's grace and peace abound as we embark on this journey together!

The REvangelism Planning Team



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# Welcome!

Dear Sibling in Christ,

Welcome to the 2021 REvangelism Retreat! We are so grateful you have decided to be a part of this wonderful three-day event with us. We have been praying for you as we prepare and plan for this retreat time together. Thanks be to God for bringing us together for this special event.

Throughout our time together we will take a deeper dive into the 8 Habits of Evangelism. These habits were written by remarkable authors, who have committed themselves to this Project and to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Each of these Habits are meant to be taken together, to transform our lifestyles and bring us ever closer to journeying as disciples of Jesus Christ in this world. We believe that now is the time to re-imagine, re-claim, re-commit ourselves to the spiritual practices that take us deeper as a disciple of Jesus Christ, so that all may know and experience the love of Christ in us.

We encourage you to take notes in your retreat journal, to carve out time to truly engage and experience God's mystery and wonder through these 8 Habits of Evangelism. Together we will challenge the norms of what it means to practice evangelism in 21<sup>st</sup> century contexts and communities. We will explore the lifestyle that Christ exemplified for us all. We will worship and pray, listen and learn as Christ calls us closer in relationship to God and one another. This is an event that will challenge the norms and call us to really re-engage in this evangelism journey throughout our lives.

We hope you walk away inspired and empowered to practice these habits in your own lives and ministry contexts. We pray that the Spirit of God will transform you and call you into radical welcome, worship, fellowship, prayer, teaching, sacraments, generosity, and justice. We hope it is a chance for you to practice Sabbath rest and to encounter the holy and divine wonder of God in Jesus Christ. Please know that as you journey through this retreat and the 8 Habits of Evangelism, you have an entire Planning Team, leadership Team, and more who have been praying with and for you, and will continue each day of this retreat. Many blessings to each of you on your walk through the 8 Habits of Evangelism and on our faithful life together in Christ.

IN Christ,  
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