



IS IT TIME TO CLOSE OUR NWC?

When a New Worshiping Community Has Completed Its Life Cycle: Questions for Debriefing the Experience and Learning from the Ministry

The list of questions below can be used:

- as a self-assessment by the leadership team of a NWC reaching the end of its life cycle
- by a presbytery or congregational oversight team in conversation with NWC leaders
- by a coach with NWC leaders
- by 1001 staff with NWC leaders

The purposes of the interview include seeking healthy endings and learning from the ministry.

Questions

1. How was the decision made to close the New Worshiping Community?
2. Who was involved in the decision-making?
3. What would you say were the primary reasons for making this decision?
4. What was the vision for the NWC when it started? How did it change?
5. What would you have done differently at the beginning? At other times?
6. Who was part of the original leadership team? How did that change?
7. What support did you receive from the presbytery? Synod? Congregations?
8. What denominational resources did you use? How helpful were they?
9. What other resources did you use? How helpful were they?
10. How did (will) you bring closure to the ministry that honors the mission and the participants?
11. How will participants receive continuing care?
12. How will the leader(s) receive care?
13. How has the presbytery (partner congregation) responded to the closure?
14. What will happen to any property/resources?
15. What have you learned from the experience that you would like to share with others?