

Source Collaborative Town Hall Meeting Outline

Purpose: To educate, inspire, and gain team members for the Source Collaborative initiatives, and to listen for obstacles, suggestions, and concerns.

Thriving: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 6-9 “Wherever the river flows, every living thing that moves will thrive...wherever the river flows everything will live.”

Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-5a, 18-19. Mentimeter: What word or phrase or image do you sense?

A New Thing to Thrive: The Process

The Source Collaborative Team:

- Wesley Seminary and Lewis Center partnered with us to explore opportunities
- Epworth selected because of our strengths and potential to thrive
- Coach: Rev. Dr. Tony Hunt
- Student Guide: Allison Schwartz

Team Building:

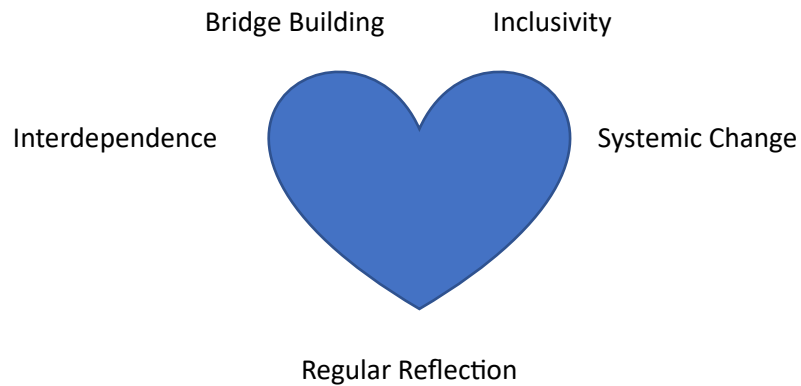
- Members: Linda Kauffman, Gwen Osborne, Murray Archibald, Todd Popham, Jack Palmer, Steff Kotch-Jester, and Vicki Gordy-Stith
- Prayers
- Strengths Finder

Understanding our Context:

- Epworth Mission review:
 - Vision: Explore Faith and Embrace Community
 - Mission: Inviting All, Belonging, Connecting, Caring
 - Review previous church work, such as mission alignment and Church Leadership Summit
 - Tree top view of all ministries: assessing their potential to help us thrive
 - Interviews with discernment partners (congregational members)
- Community review:
 - Mapped our local community
 - Reviewed Mission Insite demographic data
 - Community Asset Mapping Workshop
 - CAMP Rehoboth
 - La Esperanza
 - Lewes Senior Center
 - Epworth Preschool
 - Lewes Charge
 - LRAC
- Surveyed congregation through Mentimeter AND congregational survey listening for Core Values
 - A Loving Community
 - Inclusive and Welcoming
 - Meaningful Worship
 - Explore Faith
 - Embrace Community

Defined our Change Process:

In order to thrive as a loving community, we need **regular reflection** which will lead us to **interdependence** and **systemic change**, expanding our **bridge-building** and **inclusivity**.



Identifying Initiatives:

- What does Epworth need to do next in order to thrive as a loving community?
- Brainstorm ideas—about 50
- Categorized the ideas
- Selected three

Expanding the Team: Your Role

- Today:
 - Listen to each Initiative
 - Answer on Mentimeter: What words come to mind with each Initiative?
 - Select one initiative to delve deeper and go into breakout rooms
- Moving Forward:
 - Decide if you can commit to being a team member and which initiative
 - Need: emails and skills/interests you bring
- From EVERYONE: Honoring the Changes:
 - GRACE
 - Flexibility
 - Risk-taking
 - Experimentation
 - Spirit of adventure

Initiative Presentations:

Breakout Rooms:

- Assignments:
- Flip Charts: (Maybe post-it notes? Color-coded?)
 - What excites you about this initiative?
 - What concerns do you have?
 - What questions do you have?
 - What suggestions do you have?