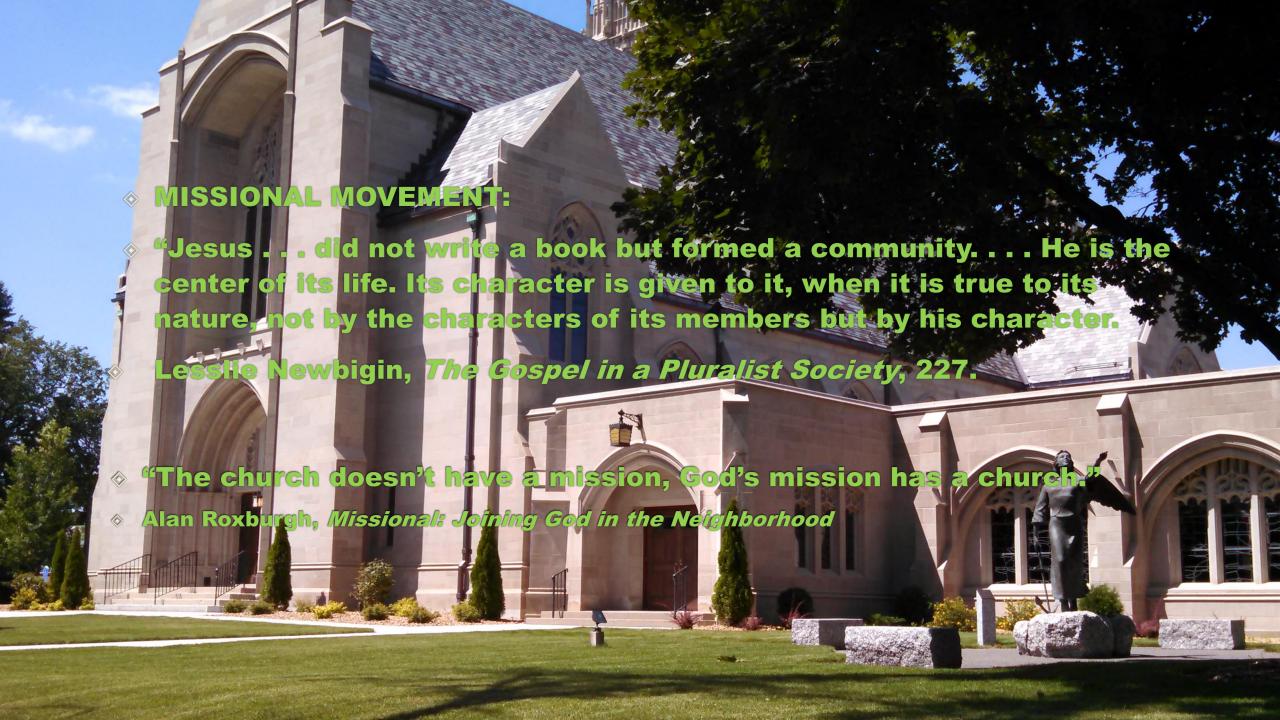
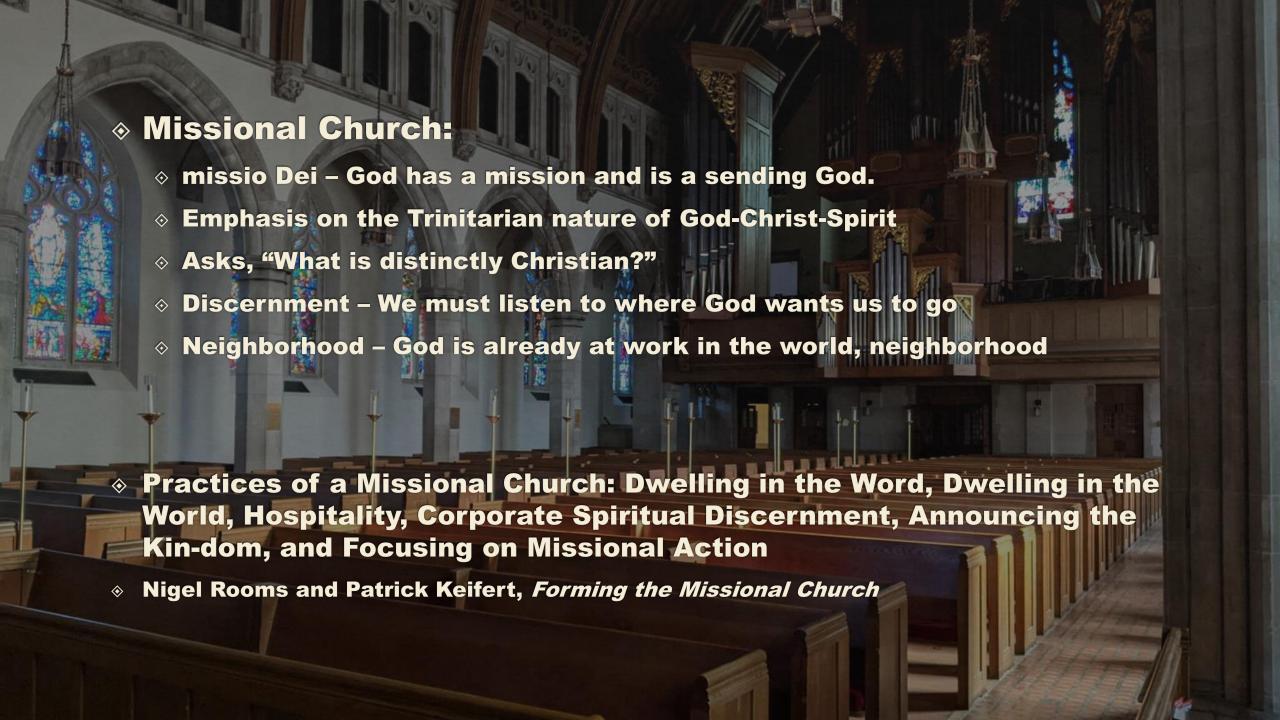


Years	TTC Pastors	Alan Roxburgh's Defining Paradigms
1914-1945	Swearingin and Odell	"Development of clericalist church"
1950s-1970s	Rev. Dr. Irving (1943-1969)	"Denominationalism at its height"
1970s-2000s	Rev. Calvin (1970-1993)	"Mainline fails to grasp the cultural shifts of the 60s through evangelicalism"
1990s-2000s	Rev Julian (1999-2006) and Rev. Dr. Fergus (2007-2018)	"Gradual recognition the culture has shifted"

Overview of Twentieth Century Trends in US Churches







Research Instruments

Baseline Survey

Research Question

Advent Dwelling in the Word

Neighbor Interviews

Changing World, Changing Church presentation

Missional Church and Theology of Hospitality online Zoom offerings

Lenten Dwelling in the Word

Dwelling in the World Prayer Walks

Endline Survey

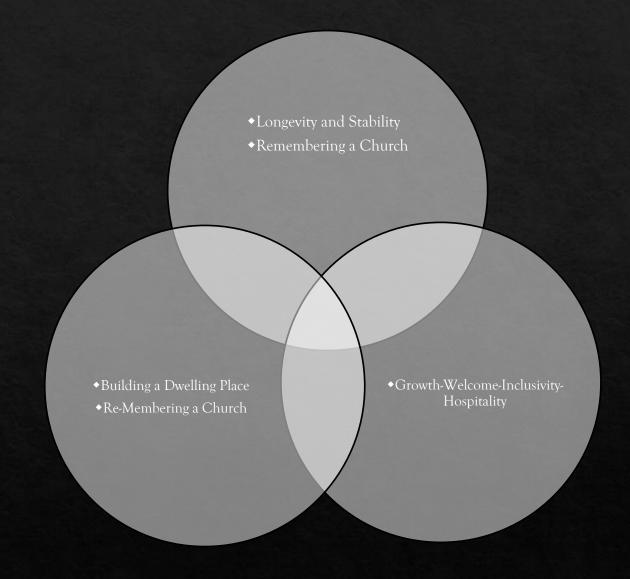
How might Action Research interventions utilizing missional practices of hospitality impact

The Tradition Church and its relationship with neighbors?



Theoretical Diagram 1

Axial Codes



PAST

- Longevity and Stability
- Remembering a Church

PRESENT

- ◆Building a Dwelling Place
- Re-Membering a Church

FUTURE

•Growth-Welcome-Inclusivity-Hospitality



In your own words ...

Quote from Online Survey

* "Institutional Christianity like that at TTC, while well-served, is deeply meaningful to only a passing group of people. It's locked in unresponsive theology, outdated identity and self-preserving focus. It no longer serves the spiritual longing of all but passing generations—becoming irrelevant, in danger of being a well-meaning, high quality, museum piece."

Quote from Online Survey

* "The church used to reflect the culture, by leading it. Somehow, we got stuck in traditional garb and practices from the middle ages and early modern period and many people have trouble breaking out from today's culture in our church. That said, I think we are a niche for people who want a progressive feel but are attracted to the stability and tradition. That's a unique combination but I think it will work for another generation."

Choice and Intent Matter Open or Closed; Improving or Deteriorating

- ♦ "In classical thermodynamics, equilibrium is the end state in the evolution of closed systems, the point at which the system has exhausted all of its capacity for change, done its work, and dissipated its productive capacity into useless entropy."
- ♦ Margaret Wheatley, *Leadership and the New Science*

"Evolution has become a synonym for progress, but this is not the science. Evolution describes adaptations that make the organism more fit for its current environment. That environment can be improving or deteriorating. The survival of any species depends on its recognition of how the environment has changed and what it demands if the species is to survive. Adaptations are not necessarily improvements or progress; they are intelligent responses to what has changed."

Margaret Wheatley, Who Are We Now?

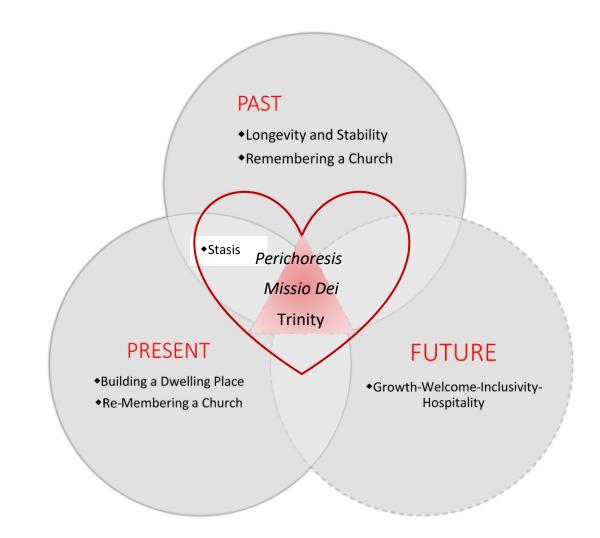




Theoretical Diagram 3

The signs of hospitality in ministry and an hospitable community are deceptively simple. It is a context in which affirmation is unconditional and expectations are explicit. It is an environment in which there is freedom to differ and be different. It is a place that entertains ideas and dreams and welcomes gifts from unexpected people.

Anderson, Zion 12 Conference, lecture manuscript, 38.



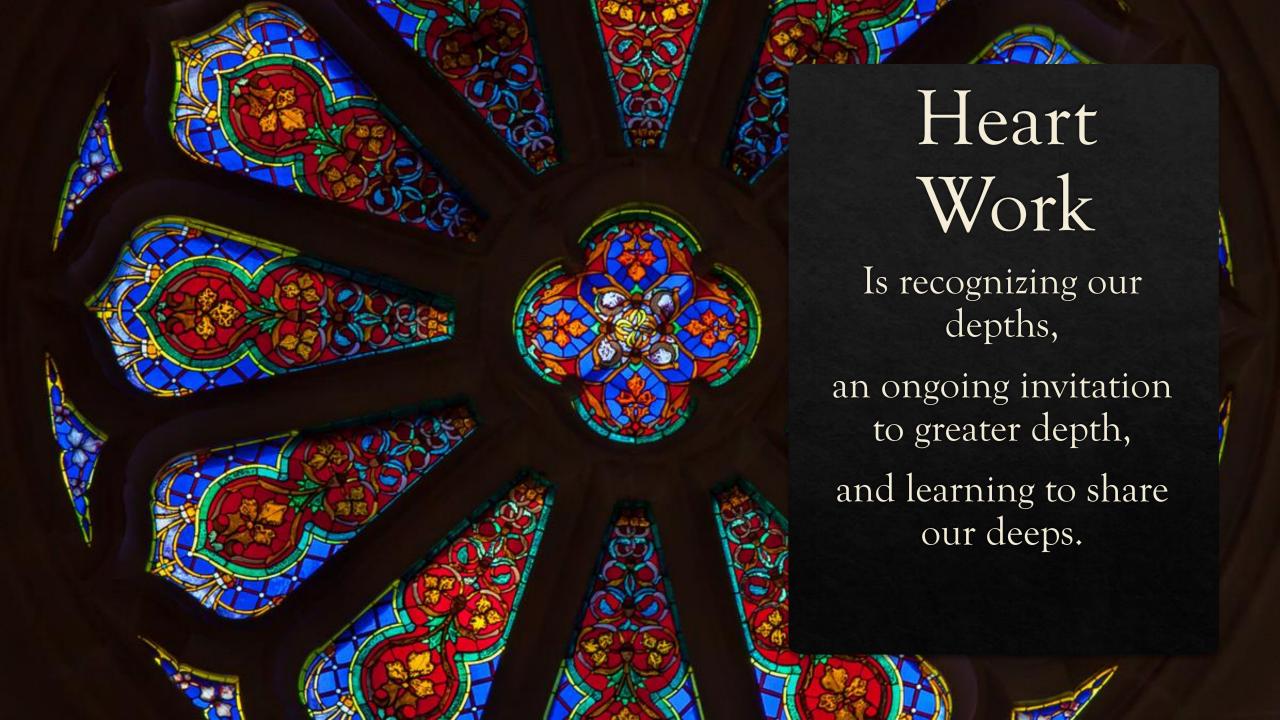
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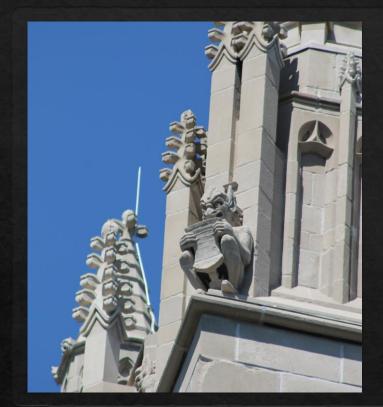
"I think many of us are on the margin, questioning what God is directing us to do. ... We are not an intimate church ... but have fostered many small, intimate groups. It's overwhelming at times to connect with these groups. Thinking about how to invite and host new people is challenging. How can we make them comfortable in our setting? I think for many of us it is easier to go out to them at the shelter and food shelf ... making room for others in the household of God. At times I feel I am more excluding rather than including. A financial contribution but not an emotional and personal one. The crux of this issue is my discomfort discussing faith, spirituality, with people that I know superficially."

Online survey response

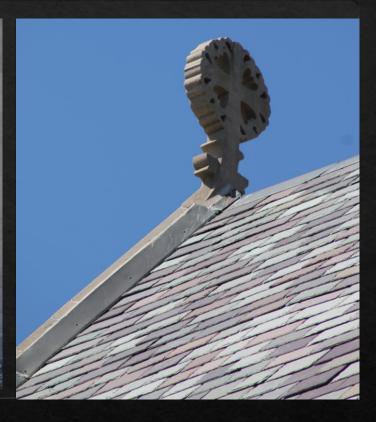












"Deep is calling to deep at the thunder of your torrents; all your waves and your billows have gone over me."

Psalm 42

"The Christian of the future will be a mystic or not exist at all."

Karl Rahner





Care of Souls

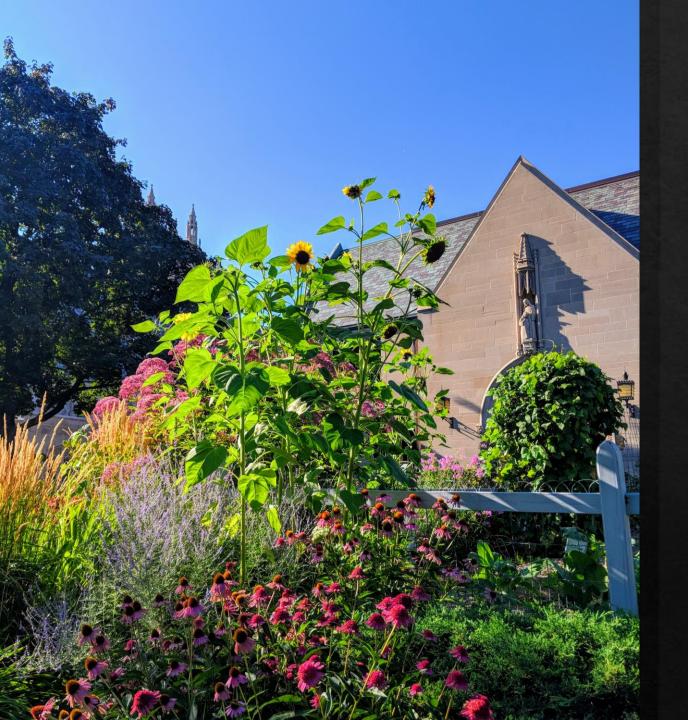
- * "... soul is the metaphor that reminds us most clearly that we come from God and are destined for God. Soul deepens the experience of being a unique and whole creature, simultaneously at one with God and with all creation."
- Herbert Anderson



Seelsorge

"For Luther, Seelsorge was a necessary pastoral alternative to the obligatory confessional. It was a probing conversation with a penitent on troubling religious matters. Perhaps the most distinctive Lutheran contribution to the modern development of Seelsorge is the mutual cure of souls of Christians for one another."

"May you know the urgency with which God longs for you." John O'Donohue



Additional Spiritual Practices and Formation

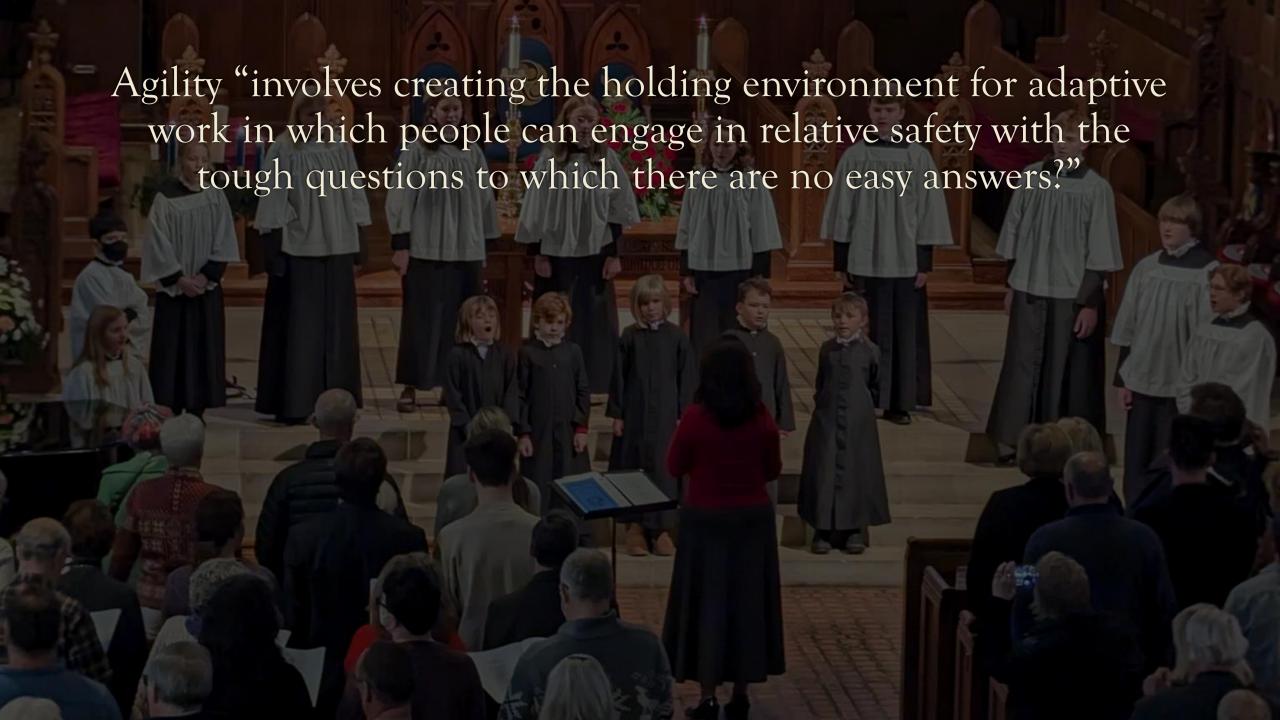
Spiritual Direction both Individual and Group

Quaker Clearness Committees

Discernment and other Spiritual Practices

Life Mapping and other Faith Sharing Opportunities

Caring and Sharing Depth as Spiritual Formation



How do we share our faith with younger generations who do not seem interested?

How can we give witness to abundant life in Christ in a broken world?

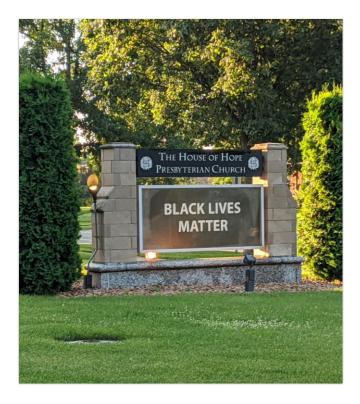




How can we form meaningful community with our neighbors in the name of Jesus?

What is God up to in our neighborhood?





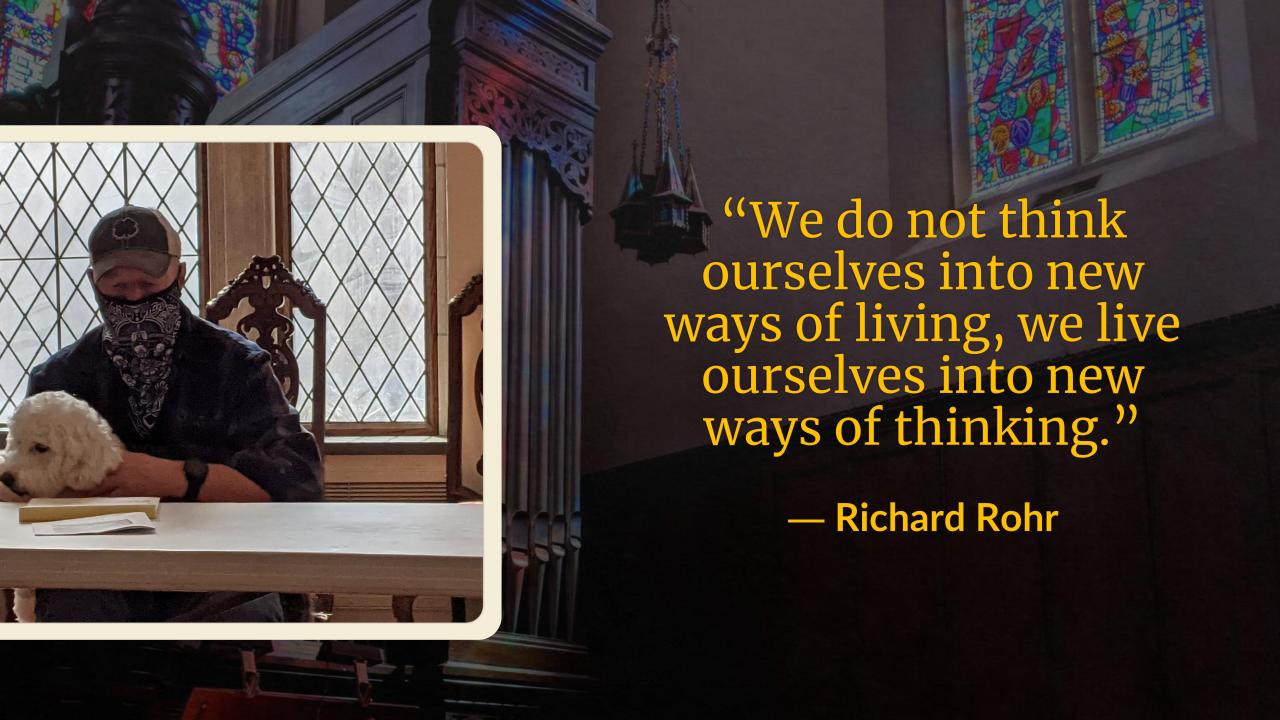


Spiritual Life and Community Care

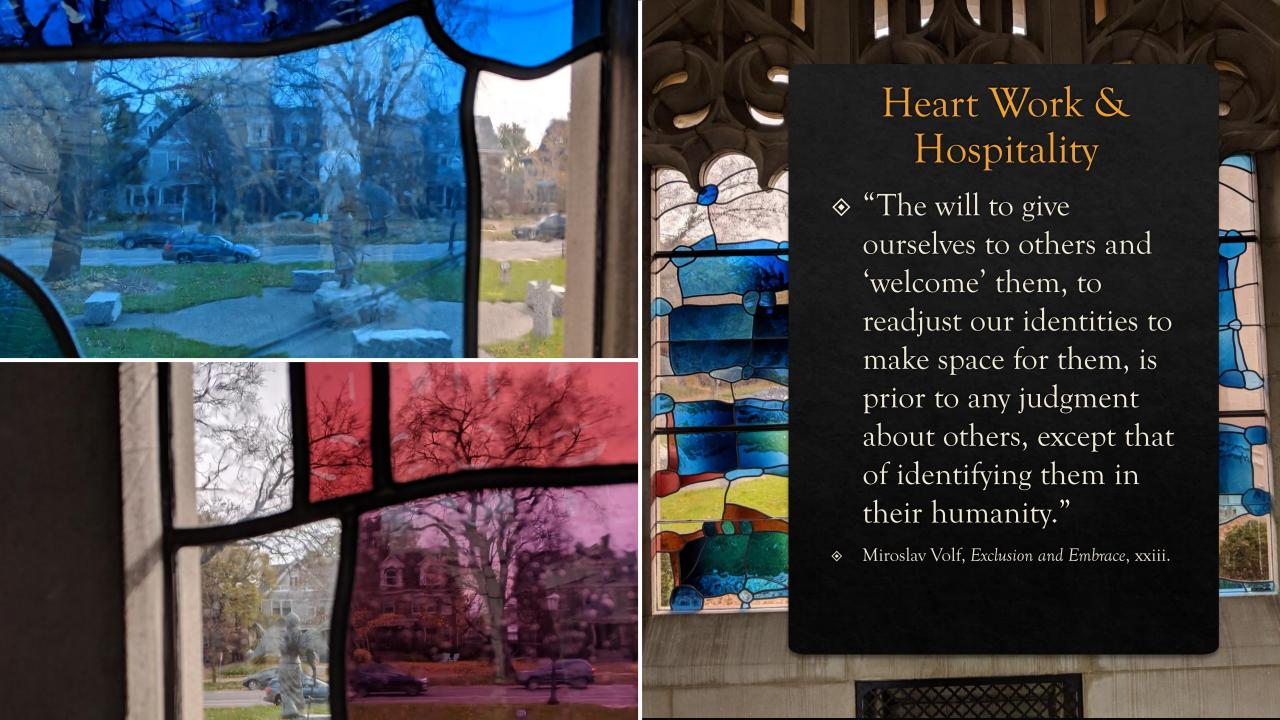
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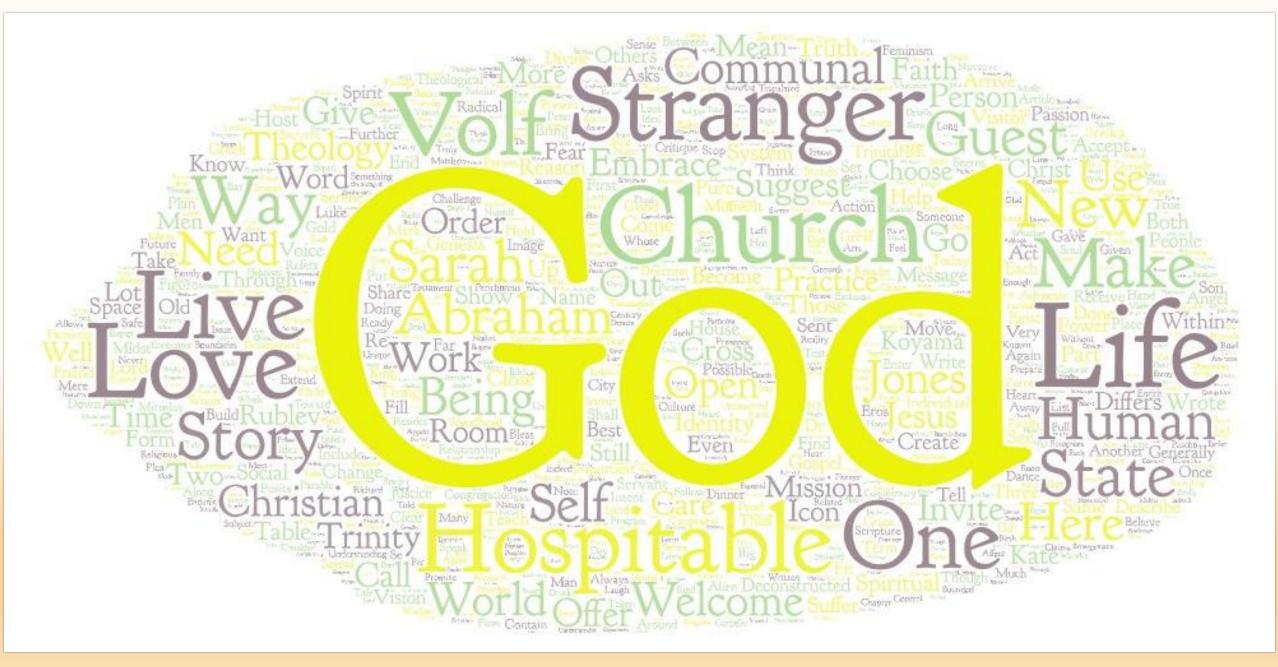
Close the gap between care of neighbor and care of members.

Intervene in patterns of helping that sustain poverty.











A Sense of Home by Melanie Weidner