



Prairie Star District

Congregational Conversation Results

This fact sheet includes basic information and some of the issues, problems and solutions, which **Prairie Star District** congregations discussed in their congregational conversations.

Do these results match what you would expect from other congregations in your district? What would you expect to be different?

The Basics

- Two (2) congregations in the **Prairie Star District** returned report forms.
- Both are **mid-size, Welcoming Congregations**.

Intergenerational Community Relations

- One congregation said it had “**willing, open and dedicated** youth and adults,” but also that the community was impacted by “misinformation or mistaken perceptions of adults and of youth about the youth group.” As a result, the congregation decided to engage misinformed parties, **acknowledge the problem** and “call upon the congregation’s good will.”
- Both congregations decided to offer more opportunities for intergenerational **community building** and a **mentoring program**.

Mission, Vision and Priorities

- One congregation described youth ministry as an “outlet for values” and the other said that “youth feel they are making a difference.”
- One congregation decided to emphasize a “sense of belonging and purpose” in its youth programming.

Curriculum, Resources and Transitional Age Youth

As a result of their conversation, one congregation decided to “design programs to better **meet the needs of families**” and “provide **practical resources** such as counseling, support groups, and parenting classes.”



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Leadership Development and Opportunities for Practice

- One congregation has a youth representative on their **Board of Trustees**.
- In order to improve their governance model, one congregation decided to have **leadership training** for youth and adults.

Serving the Spiritual Needs of Youth

- One congregation decided to increase youth involvement in worship service by restructuring Sundays to include **religious education for all ages** followed by a **worship service for all ages**.
- One congregation discussed ways to **strengthen staffing** for its youth ministry.