

# FRAMING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY Handout 2: Questions and Resources

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#### STARTER QUESTIONS FOR RELATIONAL MEETINGS:

- 1) What's a moment in your life where you felt God's presence?
- 2) What are some of your hobbies? Do any of them connect with your faith or your understanding of God?
- 3) What's a scripture passage that has spoken to you in your life? Why?
- 4) Do you think of yourself as a creative person? Do you want to be?
- 5) What does freedom mean to you? Are you free? What holds you back? How do you remind yourself you are free?
- 6) What's a moment when you questioned God's presence?
- 7) When do you hear the voice of Jesus in your life?
- 8) How do you experience the love of God in your life?

### There are many ways to use this practice in communities. I want to suggest three:

- 1) Relational Meetings by a pastor or leader with people in your congregation
- 2) Relational Meetings between youth directors, youth leaders, and youth
- 3) Relational Meetings between youth and older congregation members [When I was a youth director I gave youth a post-confirmation assignment to do a video interview with another older member of the congregation]

## For More information about Relational Meetings and Congregation-Based Community Organizing:

http://www.elca.org/Resources/Congregational-Based-Organizing

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#### **COLLECTIVE CLOSING PRAYER:**

God you have created and shaped amazing people and I am one of them. Never let us lose our sense of wonder when we meet another of your children. As we hear another person's stories of pain, fears, courage, hope, and faith let us grow closer to each other and closer to you. Help us share your love, the freedom we know in Jesus, and the abundance of gifts we know in you! Amen.