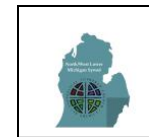


Cooperative Ministry Spectrum

Renewing the church - options for partnering



Sharing A pastor (Yoked)	Covenant Partnership (Multi-Point)	Merger (joining)	Anchor Church (partnership)	Area Ministry Strategy Individual	Geographic Parish Identity	Geographic Parish New Identity	Consolidation Combine New Identity
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There are a variety of cooperative ministries.
This spectrum may help visualize the various options.

Process for discernment:

- 1) Listen to God - prayer and bible study
- 2) Listen to each other - discussion
- 3) Listen to the community - one on one conversations
- 4) Formulation of guiding statement and covenant
- 5) Develop a plan of action with specific timeline
- 6) All entities agree/approve on plan/covenant
- 7) Repeat process when there is the feeling that folks are ready to move further on the spectrum or there are new people, partners, or time have elapsed
- 8) Consult with the Director for Evangelical Mission of the synod for advice and counsel. The ELCA offers some support and grant programs for some of the above cooperative ministries.

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