

Cooperative Ministry Spectrum

Renewing the church - options for partnering



Sharing A Rostered Minister (Yoked)	Area Ministry Strategy (Missional Covenant)	Covenant Partnership (Multi-Point)	Merger (joining)	Anchor Church (partnership)	Geographic Parish (Individual Identity)	Geographic Parish (New Identity)	Consolidation Combine (New Identity)
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There are a variety of cooperative ministries and partnerships. There does not have to be progression.

This spectrum may help visualize the various options. Many will not move in a linear fashion.

Process for discernment: Consult with synod staff, the Bishop and DEM

- 1) Listen to God - prayer and bible study; Listen to each other – discussion; Listen to the community - one on one conversations
- 2) Fellowship, Worship, Learn, and Serve together
- 3) Trust building activities
- 4) Formulation of a purpose statement and core values
- 5) Develop a plan of action with specific timeline
- 6) Work out the details
- 7) All entities agree/approve on plan/covenant
- 8) 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 has elapsed

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