Cooperative Ministry Spectrum
Renewing the church - options for partnering

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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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