



MISSION: REDISCOVERY

Introduction

This activity is about rediscovering the resources and gifts that your facilities could offer to the wider community and to help you envision your sacred place as a vibrant hub of new activity. Through it, you can learn more about the “good soil” in which you are planted by noticing opportunities and imagining new possibilities for your property. It may have been a while since you walked through your building(s); what will God show you this time?

Directions

Gather a small group of six to eight leaders/members to tour the facilities together.* Give each participant a copy of the “Mission: Rediscovery” worksheet (page 2) and a pen. Once everyone is ready, begin together with Step 1 of the activity.

STEP 1

Go on a Walk

This activity is about **noticing**. With the entire group, tour the facilities, stopping in each individual space (halls, classrooms, offices, even garden space). Open the closets and peek into the maintenance rooms.

As you go through the facilities, each person should fill out the “Mission: Rediscovery” worksheet with their own observations. Remind participants that this activity is about noticing and wondering. There will be group conversation as you review each of the spaces, but each person should fill out their own worksheet.

**If you have members with mobility restrictions, work out a route they can navigate. If some of your spaces are inaccessible, take multiple pictures of the spaces and lay them out on a table for folks with mobility restrictions to review.*

“Mission: Rediscovery” Worksheet

As you walk through the building(s) and grounds, identify a room/space that fits the description for “type of space.” You can list multiple rooms for each type of space.

Type of Space	Room Name
A space in which you could celebrate	
A space in which you could talk business	
A space in which you could take a deep, calming breath	
A space that just needs a little tender, loving care	
A space with great natural light	
A space for exercising	
A space in which an artist could create	
A space that could serve your neighbors	
A space with too much stuff	
A space that holds a lot of memories	
A great space for a heart-to-heart talk	
A flexible space where anything could happen	
A space that’s not living up to its potential	
A space with good acoustics	
A space that regularly bustles with activity	

STEP
2

Reflections

After the tour is complete, debrief as a group. Here are some questions you might ask:

- What memories came up for you?
- Which space is the most underutilized?
- Which spaces are you most excited to see new uses for?
- What is the most exciting idea you had during the tour?
- Who in the community should know about your facilities? Individual spaces?
- What feels like a good next step?

You have so many kinds of spaces in your facilities, and those spaces can support a lot of activities. Many individuals and groups are looking for the types of space you already have — they just don’t know that your space could be available to them.

STEP
3

Stakeholder-mapping

Consider the different groups and individuals who already know about all the spaces in your church or who should know about your facilities. As a group, think about a burning question you’d like to ask them that would help your church imagine new ways for your building to serve the community. This will set you up for the “Community/Building Conversations” activity. Don’t limit yourself to just one group!

Stakeholder Type	Stakeholder Names	Burning Question
Organizations that already use your space		
Mission partner organizations		

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Someone who might be interested in your space		
Local chamber of commerce		
Local government representative		
Local library		
Local arts groups		
Local social service organizations		