

Partnerships for a Season

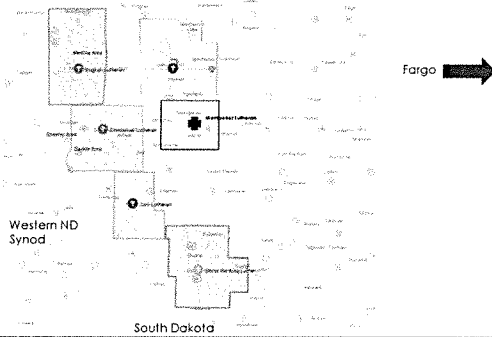
Adapting to Changes in the Past 4 Years

Christians in Action

- Christ the King, Ellendale
- Emmanuel, Gackle,
- English, Medina
- Montpelier, Montpelier
- Zion, Kulm
- Atonement, Jamestown
- St. John's, Jamestown
- Trinity, Jamestown

Bismarck

Fargo



Discernment Process

- November 2021 – May 2022 (7 months)
- Mostly met by Zoom
- Worked with Dialog Works
- Did not "solve problems" but identified areas of common interest

Common Goals

- Core Personnel
- Sharing Resources
- Recruiting and Equipping Lay Leaders
- Marketing
- Administration and Support
- Expanding Area Outreach

Local Coordinators

- Informing church leaders and members what is happening
- Thinking of ways to help each other's congregations (large and small)
- Attending meeting to know what is happening

Year One

- ▀ Pastors are working well together
- ▀ Church members are able to see a minister when needed
- ▀ Started projects together that we would not have tried as a single congregation

Financial Agreements

- ▀ Administrative Contribution (\$50 per month per cong.)
- ▀ Paying for the ways each congregation participates
- ▀ Pulpit Supply and mileage
- ▀ Additional pastoral services
- ▀ Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries
- ▀ Raising Up a New Leader
- ▀ Internship (calendar year 2024), Endowment Fund Grant

Tools to make this work

- ▀ Zoom
- ▀ Google Workspace (one account)
- ▀ Online Giving
- ▀ Common Website: NDChristiansAct.org

Shared Preaching Schedule

Week	Day	Time	Preacher	Notes
1	Sunday	10:00	John Luchman	
1	Sunday	11:00	Christ the King	
1	Sunday	12:00	English	
1	Sunday	1:00	Emeraude	
1	Sunday	2:00	Alton	
1	Sunday	3:00	Montclair	
1	Sunday	4:00	Christ the King	
1	Sunday	5:00	English	
1	Sunday	6:00	Emeraude	
1	Sunday	7:00	Alton	
1	Sunday	8:00	Montclair	
1	Sunday	9:00	Christ the King	
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Shared Website with links



Online Donations through Vanco



Ways our congregations have benefitted from this partnership

- No one congregation could start different programs. It took a group.
- Members love sharing the painting (by Paul Oman) with the other congregations.
- Able to hear other ministers preach
- Help financing summer worship together for community outreach



Challenges our congregations have faced because of this partnership

- Small churches wondered about having a different person to preach each Sunday
- Larger churches worried about pastor burn out
- Needed organization and coordination

Equipping Lay Leaders

- Worship Leaders
- Lay Preachers
- Visitors
- Joint Call Committees
- Summer Worship Outreach
- Local Coordinators

Questions

Thank you