

# 5 MOVES

## Shaping Congregational Life around the Mission of God



### 1. AWARENESS

Shaping all that you do in the life of your congregation around the mission of God starts with becoming aware of where you all are right now. You begin by uncovering the language, words and feelings that your people are using to express where you all are now.

### 2. UNDERSTANDING

From what you have discovered from listening to your people, where is there energy and hope? What does this tell you about where there might be possibilities to shift what you are doing to move more towards shaping congregational life around the mission of God?

### 3. EVALUATING

In light of your fresh understanding, take a look at what you are doing in your church and in the broader community. What might you all be hearing God's Spirit say to you in this? Where might Jesus be revealing what you are being called to do, or not do?

### 4. EXPERIMENTING

Out of the work of evaluating, create simple experiments to respond to what Jesus is revealing to you. Experiments reveal new understanding and build energy towards shaping congregational life around the mission of God.

### 5. COMMITTING

Reflect on the new learning that emerges from your experiments. What new rhythms of congregational life is the Spirit revealing to you? Naming and committing to these new rhythms is part of continuing to shape your congregational life around the mission of God.

