

Developing Missional Practices

Introduction:

Missional practices are *intentional and repetitive patterns* of individual and community actions. They lead to encounters where God's activity and God's invitation to Christ's mission are discovered. They lead us into relationships with God, the Living Christ, and the Holy Spirit. This in turn leads us to develop relationships of healing and wholeness with others.

Missional practices point our attention toward God and Christ's mission by asking two persistent questions:

1. What is God doing where we are?
2. What is God calling us to do to embody and live the concerns and passion of Christ?

We encourage everyone involved with LCM to consider experimenting with and creating missional practices that cultivate new understandings, ways of being, and living Christ's mission. Anyone can develop a missional practice. It can be as simple as drinking a morning cup of coffee as an opportunity to pause and be open to God's Spirit each day. There is an endless variety of missional practices yet to be created.

Template:

When developing a missional practice utilize the following format:

- **Title** of your Missional Practice
- Add the following **Definition** - *Missional practices: cultivating new understandings, ways of being, and living Christ's mission.*
- Provide a **Purpose**: The purpose of this missional practice is . . .
- Provide **Steps**: Brief step-by-step process. Remember, simplicity is the goal.
- Share **Tips** or suggestions to help individuals get started.

We recommend field-testing your missional practice. Invite friends or your congregation to try the practice. Adapt and improve the practice based on feedback. Send an electronic copy to: Rob Borkowski at rborkowski@cofchrist.org

We look forward to receiving your missional practice. **Note:** submitted missional practices are subject to editing and adaptation by LCM before sharing with the LCM community.