



### 2018 Stewardship Kaleidoscope Workshop

#### Congregational Vitality Indicators

- Vitality and Sustainability
- Key indicators for sustaining ministry



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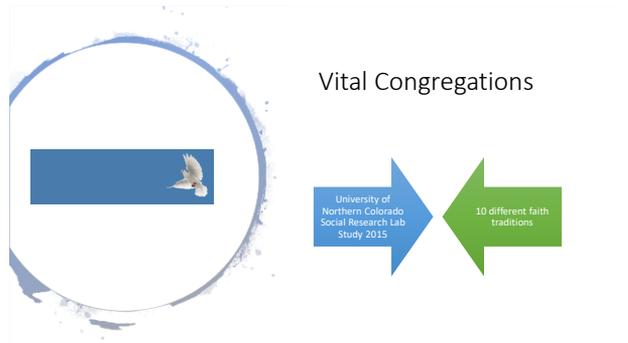
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## Vital Congregations

All faith communities had these things in common

- God's calls individuals so that they are transformed
- People engage deeply in their faith traditions to find meaning in their lives
- God calls people to congregations be transformed to transform the world
- The congregation is called to witness to the community



## Congregational Vitality

### What are the key indicators?

- A friendly welcoming atmosphere
- Tangible sense of God's presence in the congregation
- A sense of purpose understood by the congregation
- Members supported by nurturing, faith and identifying their gifts
- Understand and engage God's mission beyond their walls
- Intentionally connect with the wider Christian community
- Focus on relationships between members, God and the outside world



## Vital Congregations

### Low Vitality Congregations

Members participate minimally.

### High Vitality Congregations

Members are drawn deeper into faith in ways that transform their perspectives of themselves and the world around them.



## Sustainable Congregations

### What makes vital congregation sustainable?

1. **People power:** Building relationships among members, leaders and community.
2. **Resources:** Strengthened relationships that encourage people to support the ministry.

## Sustainable Congregations

### What makes vital congregation sustainable?

#### Sustainability:

Clear understanding of the mission of the congregation.

Leaders who effectively communicate the vision and mission.

Connecting members to their gifts and focusing on ministry beyond the congregation

A focus plan on how to acquire resources to increase ministry

Financial endeavors outside the congregation (entrepreneurship) that are designated for ministry.