

Connecting with your neighborhood (Neighborhood Faith Outreaching)

How to move from meeting the neighborhood's basic needs to forming relationships that foster faith and provide opportunities for neighbors to participate in the ministries of the church

Overview of process

1. Inventory what you already have (and may not know you have)
2. Change by addition
3. Incorporate faith moments
4. Pull together
5. No matter who comes.....all-inclusive
6. Spiritual toughness/real life
7. Look for partnerships (inter- and intra-)
8. Find leaders as you "minister with"

An example: St. Andrew story

Partners : how could partners work for you?

- a. Other United Methodist Churches
- b. University of Arkansas Agriculture extension
- c. Americorps
- d. Other immigrant-serving organizations
- e. Adult education
- f. Potluck Food Rescue
- g. Retirees & other volunteers perfecting their Spanish
- h. The people you serve
- i. Colleges, especially minority-focused ones
- j. Internship with higher education
- k. "Spanish table" contacts; Spanish class volunteers as a group; individuals who continue
- l. Individuals who saw the article on our sewing class
- m. Podcast/radio followers
- n. Grants through general boards
- o. Businesses owned by Hispanics
- p. City Neighborhood Center
- q. Churches sharing our space
- r. Existing food pantry
- s. Housing Arkansas United Community Coalition
- t. "Working Together" city/citizen group

Possible partners for us: _____ What goals and interests coincide? _____ How would a partnership work?

2. Possibilities: what way can you do faith outreach?

- a. Community council at school
- b. Homework club
- c. Feed people
- d. Recovery ministries
- e. Your ideas: