

# REDISCOVER MACEDONIA

A spirit of gratitude and generosity



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

## Rediscover Macedonia Relational Ask Conversation

Household: \_\_\_\_\_

Team : \_\_\_\_\_

I. Introductions

II. Opening Devotion – Read 2 Corinthians 7:16 — 8:7

A. This passage starts with Paul having confidence in the Macedonians. How do you experience God's confidence in you?

B. Where do you see a spirit of gratitude and generosity in the community around you?

C. How are you growing in your relationship with Jesus Christ?

Let us pray. Gracious Lord, be with us in our time together as we listen to how you are at work in our midst. May our hearts and minds be open to the Holy Spirit. In this time together and the days that follow, may we discern how to use the gifts you have entrusted to us. Amen.

III. Our Purpose:

A. To strengthen our relationship with Jesus Christ and each other through open conversation about God's gifts to us and our generous response.

B. To develop an understanding of the direction that God is calling the ministry of our congregation, including a personal response to make a financial commitment to support God's work.

IV. Our Process will be to engage in active conversation and listening. This is a relational conversation growing into a relational ask.

Do you have any questions?

V. Household Information

For our records, please update the following information:

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Adults in conversation \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Names of children \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Information to Share

VI. Our Congregation's Case Statement and Priorities  
(Share points provided by leaders in your congregation.)

VII. One-to-One Conversation Starters

A. How long have you been a member of our congregation?

B. What do you most appreciate about our congregation? Why?

- C. What are your hopes and dreams for the future of God's work through our congregation?
- D. Are you familiar with the theme and purpose for our visit? (If not, share them.)
- E. Through these visits we are learning to share our faith journeys with each other. Here is what I would like to share with you ...
- F. Please tell us about your faith journey. What would you be comfortable sharing?
- G. When was a time you experienced the spirit of generosity? I recall ... What has been your experience?
- H. Through these visits we are also talking about principles for giving? For example, I have learned ... What principles guide your giving?
- I. Through these visits we are also talking about giving to God's work. Here is what I have discovered is important to me ... What is important to you?
- J. We are also inviting people to grow in their faith practices. This includes prayer, worship, serving, learning and giving. I have chosen to grow in ... Where are you most comfortable growing in your faith practices?
- K. One of the ways I have found to grow in my faith practice of giving is by making a financial commitment to our congregation. I have found this to be ... How are you accustomed to making a commitment to give?

#### VIII. Relational Ask

We invite you to prayerfully consider making a financial commitment this year. We invite our members to practice proportionate giving. This means growing your giving by

whatever percent would be significant for you, and then asking God to bless that commitment. (Team of Two shares what you plan to grow in your giving in a specific or general way.)

We invite you to join us in making a commitment. (Hand them the commitment card) Here is the card. Here are the places to fill in ... You have the option to do this now, bring the card to worship on Sunday, [Date], or turn it in to the church office by [Date]. (You may talk about electronic giving or planned gifts if these are options in your congregation).

Thank you for this engaging and open conversation. I feel we have strengthened our relationship with each other and with our community of faith. I look forward to seeing you in church.

#### IX. Prayer Requests and Suggestions

A. What prayer requests do you want to share with me?

B. What suggestions do you have for our congregation?

Let us pray. God, bless this conversation, our relationship with each other and our relationship with you. May we discover the spirit of gratitude and generosity that you taught the early church. May this spirit of joy and generosity be present in our congregation as well. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.