

# **Congregations Cooperating for Mission**

**October 14, 2017  
First Lutheran, San Marcos**



# Agenda

## Saturday, October 14th

<b>Saturday</b>	
9:30	Welcome, Spiritual Pilgrims
10:00	Trust building
11:00	Communication
11:50	Lunch
12:30	Workshops: 1. Administration & Finance 2. Structure (staffing, governance, decision-making, church size characteristics) 3. Programming
1:30	Concrete Next Steps
2:30	Creating a culture of collaboration & cooperation
3:20	Spiritual Pilgrims
3:30	Buen Camino

## Spiritual Pilgrims: Dwelling in the Word

### 1 Kings 19:1-18

1Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. 2Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow."

3Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

4But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." 5Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." 6He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. 7The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." 8He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. 9At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 10He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

11He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; 12and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. 13When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 14He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." 15Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. 16Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. 17Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. 18Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

## Session 1: Trust Building

What are some concrete ways we can build trust within our congregation?

What are some concrete ways we can build trust with other congregations?

Other reflections:

## Session 2: Communication

Within the congregation:

Between Congregations:

Between Pastor(s) and People:

Other reflections:

## Session 3: Workshops

Programming Notes:

Administration and Finance Notes:

Structure notes;

## Session 3: Workshops

What did I hear that surprised me?

What am I encouraged about?

What are some other thoughts I have?

## Session 4: Next Steps

What are we currently doing cooperatively?

What sparked my imagination from the workshop(s) and/or the morning sessions?

What should we try?

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## Session 5: Creating a Culture of Collaboration & Cooperation

New Practices we will try:

Where and how can we try these practices?

**Agenda for:** (Date/Location) \_\_\_\_\_

Step / Topic	Presenter	Action	Completion Date
Opening Faith Practice:			
Reflections on what we have learned since the last meeting:			
Action Items Before Next Meeting:			
Congregational Messaging:			
Next Meeting:			
Closing Prayer:			

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