



### **An Invitation to Join the “Practicing Community”**

**In these rapidly changing times, do you find yourself asking,  
“How are we called to be Episcopal communities today, in this place?”  
Do you ever wonder what God is up to in your church’s neighborhood?**

The Episcopal Church is looking for a cohort of 12 Episcopal churches who are ready to engage these questions in concrete ways and who are hungry to go deeper into relationship with each other and their neighbors for the sake of starting new, collaborative ministries. We call this initiative *Genesis II: Re-Vision and Renew*.

*Genesis II: Re-Vision and Renew* is a 18-month initiative in which these 12 congregations across the Episcopal Church meet online 2x/month (April 2020 - Nov 2021) to learn skills, collaborate as a cohort, and innovate new ways of being church today. The participants are supported by committed members of a Wisdom Community (practitioners, mentors, and curriculum collaborators) who bring their experience of redevelopment for the sake of new ministries to bi-monthly meetings of participants.

*Genesis II: Re-Vision and Renew* highlights specific practices that strengthen parishes for the challenging, yet exciting, work of launching new ministries. We have a particular focus on the practice of building stronger relationships not only within our churches but also with our wider community, especially those often unseen in our faith communities. In Resolution AO32 (GC-2018) the church is charged to “*redevelop to better engage the cultural realities of their communities for the sake of launching new ministries.*” We believe that as we deepen relationships with all of our neighbors, we discover the ways God is already active in and around our congregations and the potential for new partnership emerges.

**To learn more about the Practicing Community and/or to apply  
to be part of the 12 church cohort, follow [this](#) link by March 30, 2020.**