



“We haven’t failed: the world has changed”
-Bishop Lane in his second Convention address

The world *has* changed. More and more of our neighbors are encountering God in places other than church buildings and services. And more and more, if we want to encounter God with our neighbors, we have to go out into our neighborhoods and see what God is up to.

Over the next two years, Episcopalians across Maine will work with our friends in the Dioceses of Connecticut... Southwest Virginia... and East Tennessee, doing experiments in how we might join God in our neighborhoods, and coming together locally to learn from the results.

This will be exciting! We’ll have great support, from people like Dwight Zscheile (*People of the Way*), Alan Roxburgh, and Craig Van Gelder. We’ll help and learn from one another. And we’ll move step by step so that everyone can take part.

The first step is coming up soon, and you’re invited!

WHAT: *Joining God in the Neighborhood*, a one-day program that will offer ways you can meet God where your neighbors are, and that will invite you to consider trying a few experiments in company with others

WHEN: Saturday, May 21, 10 am to 3 pm (coffee’s on at 9:30)

WHERE: Christ Church in Gardiner

WHO: Everyone! We especially hope that a clergy person and at least a couple of lay leaders will come from many congregations, big and small, all across Maine

WHY: Because God is doing a new thing, and we’re part of it

The fine print: Every Episcopalian in Maine is welcome and wanted. It’s best (but not required) if you come with a few lay leaders and a clergy person from your congregation. Registration is NOT required, though it would be helpful if you let us know you’re coming—if you can, send an email to Michael Ambler at mambler@episcopalmaine.org. Same thing if you need further information or have any questions. Bring a brown bag lunch, and whatever you need to take notes.