



Introduction
Living Local—Joining God
LL: JG

Episcopal Diocese of Maine

FOUR DIOCESES
IN THE PROCESS OF LL: JG

Maine



SW Virginia



Connecticut



East Tennessee



FOUR BISHOPS
FOUR POINT PERSONS

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THREE CONSULTANTS
THE MISSIONAL NETWORK

Maine



Connecticut



SE Virginia



East Tenn.

LIVING LOCAL: JOINING GOD

- A Process NOT a Program
 - Learning new practices and habits
- A Journey of Discerning the Spirit's Leading for Being the Church
 - Discovering our core identity
 - Developing our culture to align with this identity

LL: JG 5-Step Process

Listening—Jan to May 2017

Discerning—June to Sept 2017

New Behaviors—Oct 2017 to May 2018

Reflecting—June to Sept 2018

Living into a New Future
 Oct to Dec 2108

LED BY: CONGREGATIONAL GUIDING TEAM

- Five-to-Seven (small cong. 3-5)
- Lay Volunteers
- Diverse Perspectives
- Meet Regularly
- Commit to 18-24 month process
- Ability to involve others from congregation



STEP 1: LISTENING

- Learning to Listen
- Listening to Learn
 - To the Word—Discerning the Spirit
 - To One Another—Our Stories
 - To Our Neighbors—Their Stories



STEP 2: DISCERNING

- How is God at work among us?
- How is God at work among our neighbors?



STEP 3: NEW BEHAVIORS

- Stepping into what God might be up to
- Behaving our way into new thinking



STEP 4: REFLECTING

- What are we learning from trying out our new behaviors?
- Where are we encountered the Spirit of God at work?



STEP 5: LIVING INTO A NEW FUTURE

- Discovering new ways of being the church
- Deciding on other new behaviors to try

