



**Church of the Redeemer  
Visions of Ministry  
Open Space Report**

**Topic:** **Ways to Get New & More People Involved  
Contributing their Time and Talent**

**Summary of Key Discussion Points:**

- Communal aspect: can't do what we want to do without people getting involved; as we know and saw in the pre-retreat survey, lots of people are involved but there are some untapped resources.
- Being involved is important from a personal point of view, part of following Christ and leading a Christian life.
- Need to lower the barriers to getting involved. Examples of barriers:
  - Not knowing what committees or ministry areas do
  - Not knowing the needs
  - Time constraints – people don't have the time to meet every third Tuesday of the month; want to have shorter-term commitment
  - Not everyone (maybe particularly youth) don't want to be in committee meetings.
- Another challenge: identifying talents within the community; i.e. knowing each other

**Next Steps:**

- Re getting to know each other; getting welcoming right
  - Encourage people to introduce themselves.
  - Encourage them to sit in other places.
- Re lowering barriers to getting involved:

- Getting Connected group of extraverts to be a very visible beacon for people who want to get involved. Activities of group:
  - Matchmaking
  - Maintenance of a clearing house of ministry area needs, making these known via a bulletin board on the website and/or eNews
  - Organizing info sessions between services
- Like the group that discussed what the meaning of church would be in 10 years for our church school kids, we also mentioned getting youth involved in music and services.