



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

**Topic:** **Lunch Program**

**Summary of Key Discussion Points:**

- Are lunch program guests integrated into the community?
- Are we showing leadership with program to other churches?
- Role of program: fill tummies or save souls?

**Next Steps:**

- Explore the need for a women only evening program.
- Vision/plan for lunch program going forward.
- Language: does the “Lunch Program” reflect the offering/mission? It is an internal phrase. Guests call it “Redeemer”.
- Opportunity for government funding? Closer association with CAMH? Mental health and spirituality.
- Current mandate: keep on doing what you’re doing.
- Need for new mandate?
- Maxed out in terms of resources. Should we be content with our current sustainability, given that we are at max, or should we be thinking of ways to expand?
- Advocacy – Church of Redeemer’s role
- Not about leadership mandating changes; it’s about the community.

Question from the floor: what is the relationship between the parish and the lunch program? Shouldn't the parish be responsible for replacing the dishwasher in the kitchen, rather than a separate Lunch Program entity?