



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

**Topic:**                    **The Meaning of “Church” in 10 Years for our Church School Kids**

**Summary of Key Discussion Points:**

Currently there are 17 five-year olds in the Church School.

- Key Assumption:
  - The church is a beacon of the community - members are not the same.
- Music is one element that brings people together. Important to have a common element that brings people together.
- Kids like the fun events and the “real” events – the trips are a great focus.
- Church also needs to be a practice.
- Need to continually invest resources, people, ideas.

**Next Steps:**

- Connections to people and relationships are key.
- Music is bringing in more and more young people.
- Intellectually link current issues and universal themes with church programming and special events.
- Be aware of the contemporary expressions of universal issues – interpret for church programming.
- How do you lead kids to have experiences of a “God moment”?
  - Community embedded in common spiritual journey.

## **Ideas**

- Involve kids more in the music programming in tactile ways – e.g. drum circle.
- Embed kids in services more often in key roles such as preaching or serving. Standing in front of the congregation says to a kid “I belong”.
- Be intentional in providing opportunities to serve.