



Growing in Hospitality

Central States Synod



United with Christ in baptism.

Traveling the way of Jesus.

Joining God's reign of justice and radical
love in the world.

Radical Hospitality



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But Wait!

We're already hospitable!

Do we *need* more training?

Does it matter why?



ELCA
Future
Church

A Welcoming Church



Engaging new, younger, and more diverse



How?

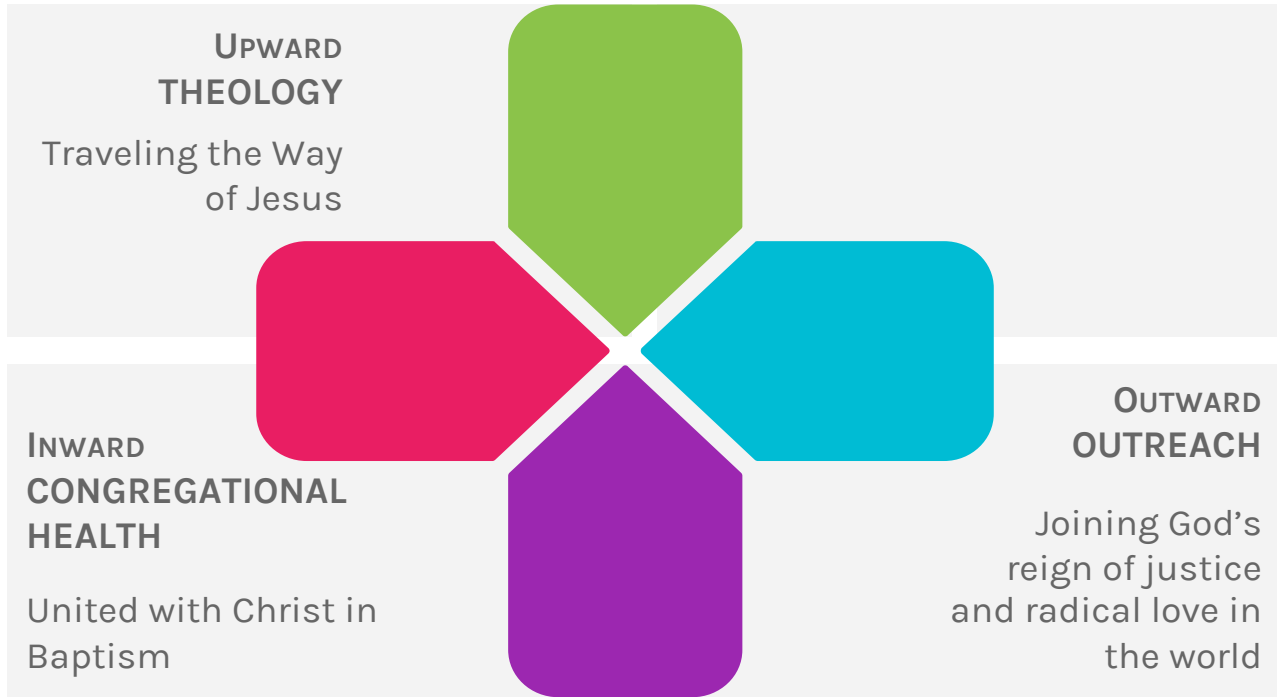


The Central States Synod is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Synod

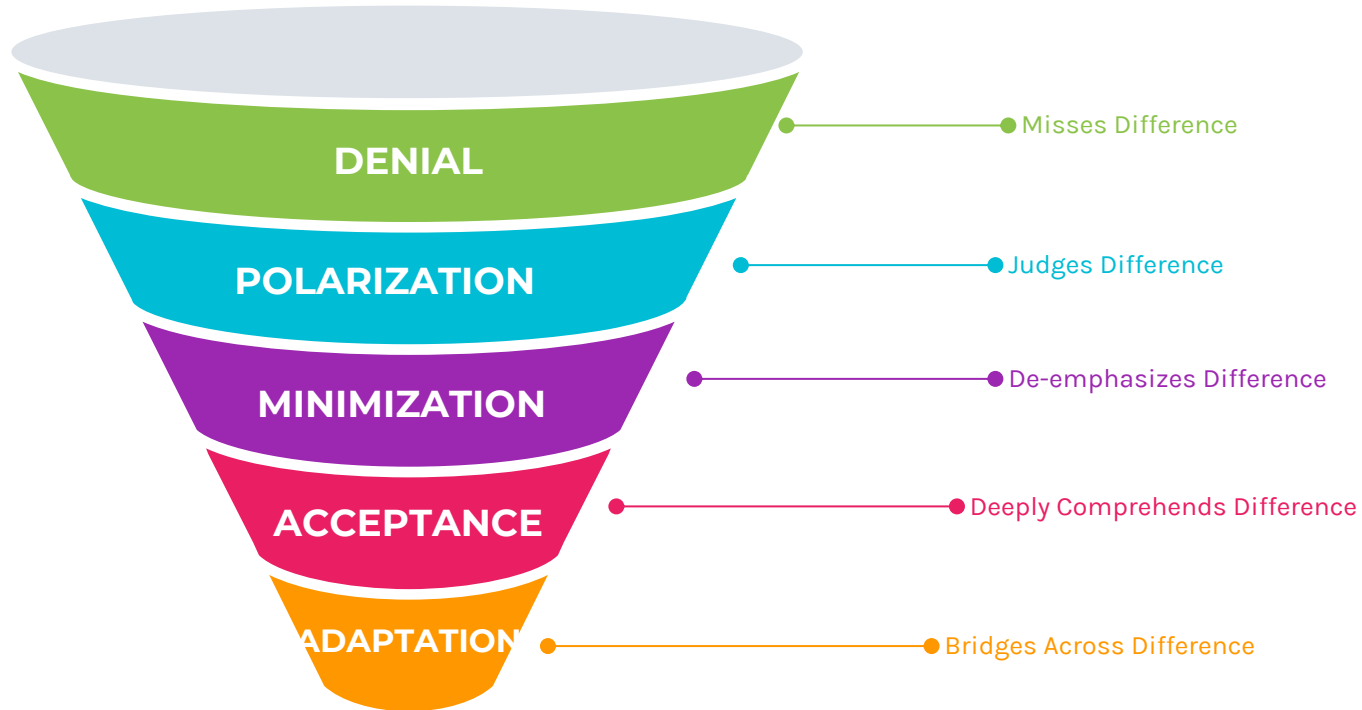
Traveling the way of Jesus, who commanded his followers to love one another as Christ has loved, and believing that all persons are created in the image of God, this synod welcomes people of every race, background, age, political affiliation, economic and social status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and mental and physical ability. As a synod we strive to enable all people to participate fully in the life and work of the church in the ministry of Jesus Christ.

CSS Hospitality Training

This series of workshops, studies, and resources is intended to be approached as a buffet. Congregations can pick and choose what is most appropriate and helpful for them given their specific context and background. As they complete one selection, they might choose the next, or they might do more than one at once.



Levels of Entry



UPWARD

Exploring Mission Statements

How does your congregation's mission statement connect to that of CSS?

Theological Toolbox

The Radical Hospitality of the gospel; possibly a sermon series.

"I'm New to the Conversation"

Hearts Across the Heartland is working on this resource.

Traveling the Way of Jesus

Laying the foundations for navigating hard conversations in community.

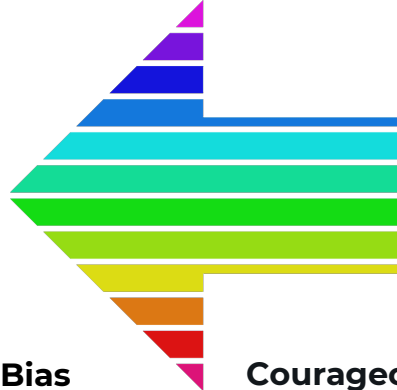
Bible Study

Genesis 3 through the lens of Brené Brown's work on shame and shame resilience.

What else?



INWARD



Exploring Mission Statements

Is it time for a new congregational mission statement?

Intercultural Development Inventory

Provides a snapshot of individual and congregational orientation toward and capacity for engagement across cultural differences.

Trauma and Bias

A basic introduction to trauma-informed ministry and the connections between trauma and shame

Courageous Conversations

A practical, step-by-step process for vetting and dealing with concerns, complaints, and conflict, whether you are the one bringing the concern, or whether the concern is coming from someone else.

What else?

OUTWARD



Exploring Mission Statements

How does your congregation's mission statement reflect what God is up to in your neighborhood?

Building an Inclusive Church

A Reconciling Works program to help design and implement a journey towards intentional welcome of LGBTQIA+ individuals.

Bias & Its Impact on Welcome

A Reconciling Works training to explore Unconscious Bias and its impact on ministry, as well as ways to de-bias ministry and ministry spaces.

Accountability Groups

Provides a snapshot of individual and congregational orientation toward and capacity for engagement across cultural differences.

Congregational Vitality

A snapshot in time to help identify areas of growth and opportunity in your current ministry practices.

What else?

Details

Format

Cost

Audience

Time





THANKS!

Any questions?

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