

faith + action + connecting + equipping



# facebooklet



**God has a plan...We're in!**  
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## **an introduction**

Over the past year the people of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod have been listening together for God. Here's what we think we have heard: God has a plan...and we're it! And we are hearing God call us to focus our resources in four strategic directions:

- **faith** formation
- faith in **action**
- **connecting** & communicating
- **equipping** & developing

Now it's time to move from listening and talking to doing. Four circles of leaders in the synod have gathered to begin praying, planning, and acting in each of these four directions. You may find yourself invited to participate in something they're doing on a synodical level. But most of what happens in each of these directions will be prayed up, planned, and carried out by your congregation...and by *you* in your everyday life.

You are being invited to reflect on these four directions and what we have heard God saying to us over this past year. What assets and passions has God given you to work with? What amazing things (wows!) are already happening in your congregation and community that you can be a part of? What needs do you see in your community and in the world that God wants to use *you* and your congregation to meet?

This “**face**booklet” is for you to use as you begin to wrestle with these questions. As you do it, know this: *You are not alone.*

God is on the loose in our world, doing stuff in and through you, working miracles in and through your congregation. *We* are God’s incarnational presence, the very Body of Christ, the hands and feet of our Lord. We are God’s FACE in the world today. Together, we are God’s FACE in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

## **getting focused**

Spend some time answering the first three questions in each direction. These questions are designed to help you see three things:

- ① the assets and gifts God has given to you and/or your congregation in each area,
- ② the amazing things (wows!) already happening in you and/or your congregation in each area, and
- ③ the needs that exist in your own life, your congregation, and/or your community.

Then, pray! Ask God to speak to you. Ask God to help you sense what God is calling you and your faith community to do.

Finally, answer the BIG question. And then...***do something about it.***



3. What would you love to learn about that would help you deepen your spiritual life?

The BIG question: What are you sensing God call you to do in the area of faith formation and spirituality?



3. What is happening in your community or in our world that is breaking your heart?

The BIG question: What are you sensing God call you to do in the area of faith in action?



3. What form of communication would you like your congregation to learn more about and/or have access to for the sake of sharing the Good News with others?

The BIG question: What are you sensing God call you to do in your congregation for the sake of connecting and communicating better with your neighbors?



3. Who lives in your neighborhood that needs what you have to share?

The BIG question: What are you sensing God call you to do back home to help your congregation do a better job of bringing new people into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ?



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