



LET'S TALK ABOUT RESOURCES

Helping congregations have more meaningful
and creative conversations about resources.



HOW TO USE THIS TOOL

This tool is designed to facilitate creative and imaginative conversations about how congregations can use their resources in service to their local community.

This tool can be used online or in person. To use it online, have one person open the PDF on their computer and share their screen, using Zoom, Whereby, Google Meet, or another online meeting platform. That person can then fill in the PDF as the group moves through the tool while everyone views their shared screen. In person, we recommend downloading and printing the tool.

SECTIONS

Introduction and context

Case Studies and discussion

Drive and Deploy game

Reflection questions

PREPARING TO HOST THE CONVERSATION

In order to use this tool effectively, we recommend:

- Appointing a scribe - someone who fills out the tool as the group moves through the different sections. If online, this will have to be the person sharing their screen. Participants might also want to make their own notes, capturing insights and deeper questions that surface during the course of the workshop.
- Preparing for the conversation. If online, make sure that everyone has an invite to the online meeting platform and that scribe understands how to share their screen. If in person, make sure both the tool and the case studies are printed out before you begin.
- Including different voices - whether it is reading what is on a page or discussing the different case studies, it is always beneficial to mix up who is speaking. Encourage all participants to offer input. Invite thoughts from quieter participants.
- This tool involves the use of case studies. It is possible that some of the participants in the discussion will have outside knowledge about the specific case studies. This process works best if people bracket any outside knowledge and approach each story together fresh, considering only the information on the page.
- Keeping track of time - each section should take about an 1 hour to complete. The one area where you could spend longer is in talking about the case studies. While you need to read at least two or three together, you can circulate the remaining case studies among the group after the workshop if there is interest.
- Having fun! The Drive and Deploy game will require imagination and creative thinking. You might find yourself having to think outside the box. There are no 'wrong' suggestions - have a go and enjoy the process!

The context for many congregations is changing—and the changes affect how we receive and use resources for mission and ministry. Which of these changes resonate for you?

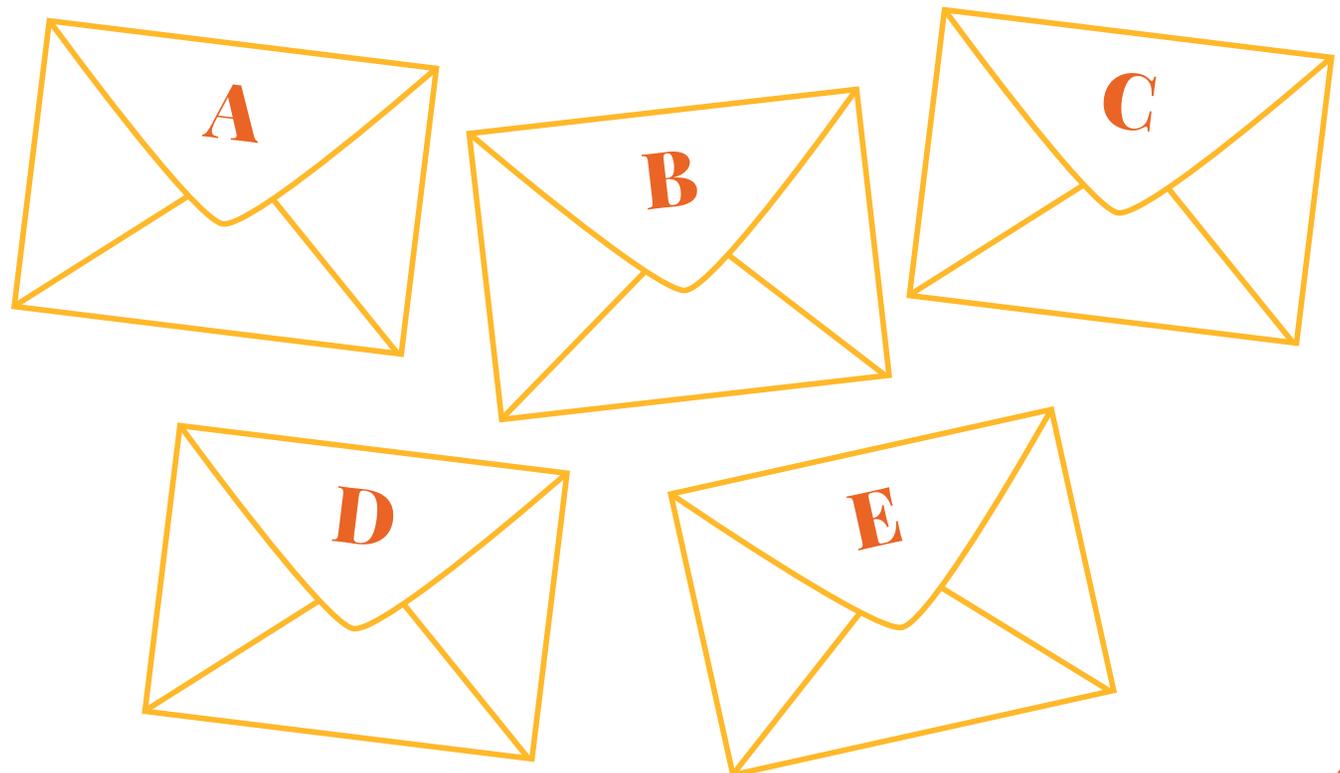


CASE STUDIES

Each of these case studies suggests an imaginative use of congregational resources. Pick three for discussion with your group. Read each aloud and then discuss, using the prompts on the following page.

These stories reveal two different aspects:

- 1 An imaginative use of financial and non-financial resources
- 2 Diverse mechanisms for deploying these resources



Discussion questions for each story:

- 1 What were the most important resources you saw being mobilized in this story? Resources may be financial or non-financial.
- 2 How were they deployed?
- 3 What difference did this make in the community?
- 4 What difference did this make in the congregation?

Which of these case studies sparked your imagination most, and why?

The form consists of three identical rows, each designed for a response to one of the discussion questions. Each row features a yellow envelope icon on the left, partially overlapping a yellow rectangular box labeled 'STORY:'. To the right of the 'STORY:' box is a large, empty rectangular area defined by a dotted orange border, with the word 'Why?' written in bold black text at the top left corner of this area.

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