

Room at the Table
Leader Discussion Guide
Twenty minutes of a Class or Session Meeting

Goals:

Learn about the connectional nature of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the distinctive role that the Synod of the Trinity plays in this relationship. Discover how the Synod supports and encourages vital ministry and mission in each of its Presbyteries, as the Presbyteries support and encourage the congregations within them. Consider how to serve God as a church leader in a missional church.

1. Open with prayer
2. What does it mean to be a “missional church”?
3. What does it mean to be a “connectional church”?
4. What does it mean to be a leader?
5. The Synod of the Trinity is a missional Synod that is an important part of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The focus of the Synod of the Trinity – for the next three years – is Leadership Development.
6. Read Luke 14:12-14.
7. What kind of people are we instructed to invite to our tables? Is this easy or hard?
8. **Watch DVD - “Room at the Table” - about 12 minutes**
9. How are relationships an important key to congregational life? How are relationships important in the connectional church?
10. How will you interact with someone new this week? How can this church help you?
11. How are we faithful to the call of Christ when we seek to bring others to the Table?
12. What kind of banquet Table should our church be setting?
13. Are you willing to participate in further discussion on any of the important issues raised here?
14. Close with prayer.