

# Rooted in Christ: Connected in Community

- **Grow deeper in your relationship with God**
- **Re-energize your congregation**
- **Define your sense of purpose**
- **Connect with others in your community**

**This is Rooted**, an emphasis on intentional discipleship formation and mission action within the Alaska Synod. The Rooted journey started with three workshops across the state in October 2016 to introduce themes and tools for discipleship and mission that lead to individual and congregational renewal. Those tools are available on the Alaska Synod website.

**For those who are ready to go deeper**, we're launching the Rooted cohort in February 2017. Congregations send a small group (2-5 people) to four events in 2017 (in Anchorage) where team members learn new ideas for discipleship and mission and then go back and try them in their context.

The cohort meetings will be led by Alaska Synod leaders trained in congregational renewal. Congregations will sign a covenant before participating. There will be time in each cohort meeting for Bible study, fellowship, food and sharing joys and challenges of the work of ministry. In between cohort meetings, coaches will be available to each congregation for monthly check-in, encouragement and accountability.

**At each cohort workshop**, we'll share how the Rooted journey is progressing and exchange ideas for next steps. This work is always based on context, as congregations decide what works for them. The point is to intentionally and collaboratively seek God's will for the congregation in discipleship and mission. All the work will be grounded in the three great listenings (**God, each other, and community outside the church**) as we seek to discern God's will and purpose for ourselves and our congregations.

For those off the road system, transportation scholarships are available to attend the first cohort meeting. Congregations may participate via phone or Skype after that.

For congregations who don't join the 2017 Rooted cohort, consider looking ahead to the 2018 cohort. Members of the Rooted Team (including Rev. Lisa Smith Fiegel, DEM) are also available to come to your congregation for a one-day event on discipleship and mission. *We are also available to suggest resources or do intentional mission/vision planning in your congregation.*