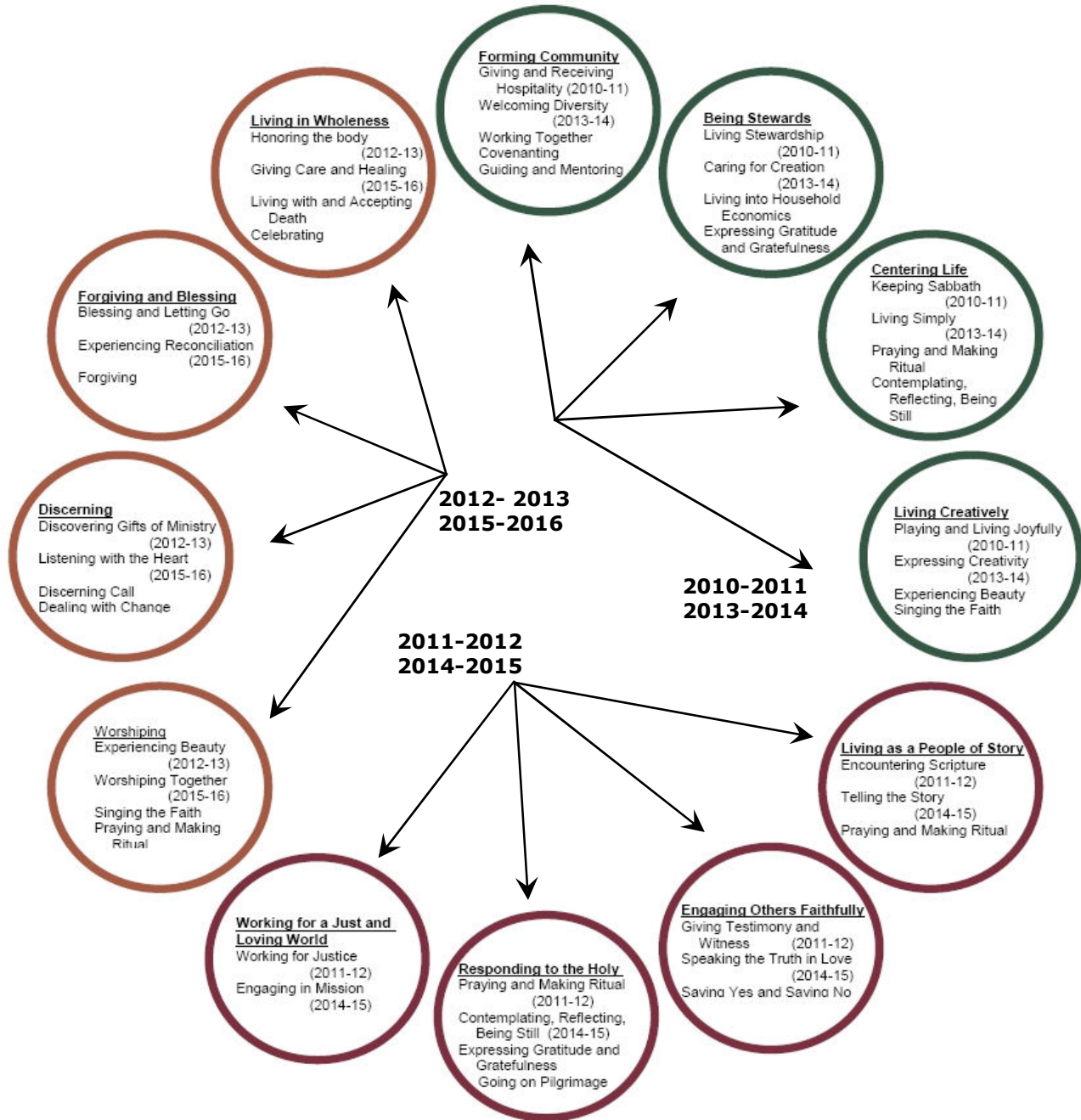




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## Basic Content Available on Web Site (Promotional/Free)

### Overview

Scripture and tradition connections  
Bibliography of work published in the area of practicing faith  
Chart of Bible passages, describing how practicing faith grows out of the Bible  
Historical and contemporary church life stories connected to practicing our faith  
Stories about justice and witness expressed through practicing our faith  
Multi-racial and multi-cultural dimensions of practicing our faith  
Books on practices of faith for reading groups

### Justice and Witness and Global Church connections

Suggestions of ways congregations might connect each faith practice with the global church and justice and witness ministries

Examples of projects, events, and ministries offered in local congregations with ways that other congregations might become involved or connected

## Resources for Twelve Ages and Settings (Subscription)

Resources are suitable for many settings including worship, education, church school, workshops, retreats, church leaders, small groups, outdoor ministry, vacation church school, midweek programs, and community settings.

- Young Children (ages 3-7)
- Older Children (ages 7-11)
- Youth (ages 11-15)
- Older Youth (ages 15-19)
- Young Adults (ages 18-35)
- Adults (ages 35 and above)
- Worship, Music, Arts, and Story
- Seekers and New Church Participants
- Living Practices in Daily Life
- Workshop Rotation
- Multiage (ages 5-14) and Intergenerational
- Denomination Identity and History





### Session Development

Each week leaders may choose from 9 activities which help learners engage in practicing our faith, normally choosing at least one activity from Exploring and Engaging, Discerning and Deciding, and Sending and Serving. Three activities will lead a group in 30-45 minutes of learning and reflection.

Three activities in each exploration are designed for “easy preparation” (able to be done with minimal preparation with supplies normally found at the church).

One session:

30-45 minutes (Choose 3 activities)

45-60 minutes (Choose 4 or 5 activities)

Two sessions:

Using all 9 activities provides resources for two sessions of 45-60 minutes each. (Choose 4 or 5 activities each session)



For each age and setting material for 6-12 sessions (weeks) of worship, learning, and serving		Activities		
		Exploring and Engaging (3 activities)	Discerning and Deciding (3 activities)	Sending and Serving (3 activities)
<b>Explorations</b>	<b>Discovery</b>	1-2 Sessions		
	<b>Scripture</b>	1-2 Sessions		
	<b>Discipleship</b>	1-2 Sessions		
	<b>Christian Tradition</b>	1-2 Sessions		
	<b>Context and Mission</b>	1-2 Sessions		
	<b>Future and Vision</b>	1-2 Sessions		

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6-12 weeks	Forming Community: <b>Giving and Receiving Hospitality</b>	Living as a People of Story: <b>Encountering Scripture</b>	Worshiping: <b>Experiencing Beauty</b>	Forming Community: <b>Welcoming Diversity</b>	Living as a People of Story: <b>Telling the Story</b>	Worshiping: <b>Worshipping Together</b>
6-12 weeks	Being Stewards: <b>Living Stewardship</b>	Engaging Others Faithfully: <b>Giving Testimony and Witness</b>	Discerning: <b>Discovering Gifts of Ministry</b>	Being Stewards: <b>Caring for Creation</b>	Engaging Others Faithfully: <b>Speaking the Truth in Love</b>	Discerning: <b>Listening with the Heart</b>
6-12 weeks	Centering Life: <b>Keeping Sabbath</b>	Responding to the Holy: <b>Praying and Making Ritual</b>	Forgiving and Blessing: <b>Blessing and Letting Go</b>	Centering Life: <b>Living Simply</b>	Responding to the Holy: <b>Contemplating, Reflecting, Being Still</b>	Forgiving and Blessing: <b>Experiencing Reconciliation</b>
6-12 weeks	Living Creatively: <b>Playing and Living Joyfully</b>	Working for a Just and Loving World: <b>Working for Justice</b>	Living in Wholeness: <b>Honoring the body</b>	Living Creatively: <b>Expressing Creativity</b>	Working for a Just and Loving World: <b>Engaging in Mission</b>	Living in Wholeness: <b>Giving Care and Healing</b>