

Bishop Aitken's 7-point Devotion for Intentional Evangelism Conversations

- Opening Bible Passage
Acts 2: 41-42 *“So those who welcomed (Peter's) message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.”*
Take a few moments of silent meditation, then read the passage out loud again.
What words, phrases, or practices stand out for you?
- Can you as a council/group list the *Seven Faith Practices* (or the *Six Marks of Discipleship*) we have been focusing on in the past few years as a Synod? *(Have fun doing this together!)*
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.
 - 6.
 - 7.
- How does your congregation live into the Faith practices (ie: How do we do them here?)
- Do you know your congregation's mission statement? Mission Plan?
(Have fun trying to come up with as much of it as you can)
- What gifts does your congregation have (What are you known for in your community?)
- What do you believe God is calling your congregation to be and do in your community?
(example: What does your town/community need from your congregation)
- Can you imagine a visionary group made up of folks from your congregation who would work with the leadership of your congregation to begin, develop, review or redefine your congregational mission as you see God calling you in the year 2013?