



Ways to Use the Faithful Generosity Story Shelf

The stories on our *Faithful Generosity Story Shelf* shine a light on congregations and other religious organizations who have sought to use their resources in creative—and sometimes surprising—ways. Each story is an expression of faithful and innovative giving or generosity.

These vignettes are not how-to manuals. They won't tell you exactly what to do in your own time and place. But they can spark conversation and imagination about what might be possible with funds, buildings, and other resources under your group's care.

Each vignette is short enough to be read and discussed during a meeting or other group gathering.

Share a link—or print it out—read it aloud together—and discuss!

- Invite initial observations:

What is going on here?

What in this story surprises you?

Who did the congregation/community learn from or partner with?

- Dig a little deeper into connections with your own place:

In what ways does our community share the same values or vision as the congregation/community in this story?

Do we have similar resources or assets that we want to share with the world in new ways?

- End with an invitation to name questions for the future that might ground the next conversation:

What questions does this story raise for us as we consider how God is moving in our own context?

If you used a story and found it helpful – [let us know](#).