



## Clara Barton District Congregational Conversation Results

This fact sheet includes basic information and some of the issues, problems and solutions, which **Clara Barton District** congregations discussed in their congregational conversations.

***Do these results match what you would expect from other congregations in your district? What would you expect to be different?***

### **The Basics**

- Three (3) congregations from the **Clara Barton District** returned report forms.
- All three (3) were **mid-size** congregations.
- All three (3) were **Welcoming Congregations**.
- None currently have a youth position on their Board of Trustees.

### **Intergenerational Community Relations**

- Two (2) congregations **require Coming of Age** programs of youth who become **members**.
- One congregation described themselves as "**radically welcoming**" and another said they had a "**desire to know and meet our youth's needs**"
- One congregation said **bias** was a problem for their youth ministry and they decided to **work to eliminate** it as a result of their conversation.
- All three CBD congregations decided to plan **more intergenerational activities** as a result of their conversations.

### **Mission, Vision and Priorities**

- One congregation said that they "**love, respect** and are emotionally **invested** in their youth"
- Two congregations mentioned that **adult leaders** are "**enthusiastic**" about youth ministry
- Two (2) congregations **decided to create a vision** for youth ministry as a result of their conversation.



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### Curriculum, Resources and Transitional Age Youth

- All three (3) had youth groups with **advisors**.
- One (1) had a **paid** youth advisor who works **10 hours/week**.
- Two (2) congregations said **COA** was positive part of youth ministry
- Two rated their youth programming as strong overall.
- Two mentioned "social awareness" and "**social justice**" as important to their youth ministry
- Two (2) decided to **change their curriculum** as a result of their conversation.

### Leadership Development and Opportunities for Practice

- One congregation said they had a "culture that supports the balance between **empowerment, self-direction** for youth with structure and **boundaries**"
- One congregation decided to **train youth leaders** and another decided to provide **more opportunities for practice** as a result of their conversation.

### Serving the Spiritual Needs of Youth

One congregation in Clara Barton District said that the "formality of the church service," **worship** start times and music **did not serve youth**.

This congregation decided to **encourage more youth attendance** at worship **and change its worship** to be more "**interactive**" and include "**youth input** on music."