

## Notes from Bethel Adapting (May 15, 2022)

We invited people to brainstorm in four different areas: UP (related to our worship, prayer, bible study, etc.), IN (related to our fellowship, learning, small groups, etc.), OUT (related to mission and outreach, local and global), and FINANCIAL STREAMS (related to funding our ministry). Each group sat for 15 minutes in each area and then moved to another one.

### Some general themes that ran throughout multiple areas:

1. Resume ministry for and to children/families
2. Build and enhance ministry for seniors
3. Find creative ways to use our campus (building, Bethel Park, etc.) to fund our ongoing ministry
4. Build more opportunities for fellowship within the congregation

### Some specific ideas from the *UP* category:

1. Offer daily devotions to the congregation
2. Offer an LGBTQ service each year

### Some specific ideas from the *IN* category:

1. Resume Sunday school for children/youth/adults
2. Roundtable discussions on current topics
3. Prioritize ministry and events for seniors/retirees (fasting growing segment of Frederick Co.)
4. Cleanup days for our Bethel Campus (with luncheon)
5. Build and provide small group ministry

### Some specific ideas from the *OUT* category:

1. Keep current OUT ministries (i.e., Global Partners, Harvest Sunday, WATTS, Bright Futures, Food Drives for CCAP, God's Work Our Hands)
2. Work toward becoming a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation
3. Youth outreach with E-sports/gaming opportunities at Bethel
4. Bethel Climate Solutions group
5. Sponsor a Refugee family via LIRS (Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services)
6. Employment mentoring and technology training

### Some specific ideas from the *FINANCIAL STREAMS* category:

1. Craft Fair @ Bethel (in motion)
2. Indoor/Outdoor Concert Series
3. Begin funding an Endowment (i.e., remembering Bethel in one's Will)
4. Provide space for other entities to host Festivals at Bethel
5. Friday Night Meals for the community (i.e., Shrimp Boil, etc.)
6. Provide space for Local Business Fair @ Bethel
7. Provide space for plays/dinner theatre
8. Become a Wedding Venue (offer building and groups for Friday-Saturday)
9. Become a destination "off-site" meeting and conference space for local businesses and groups