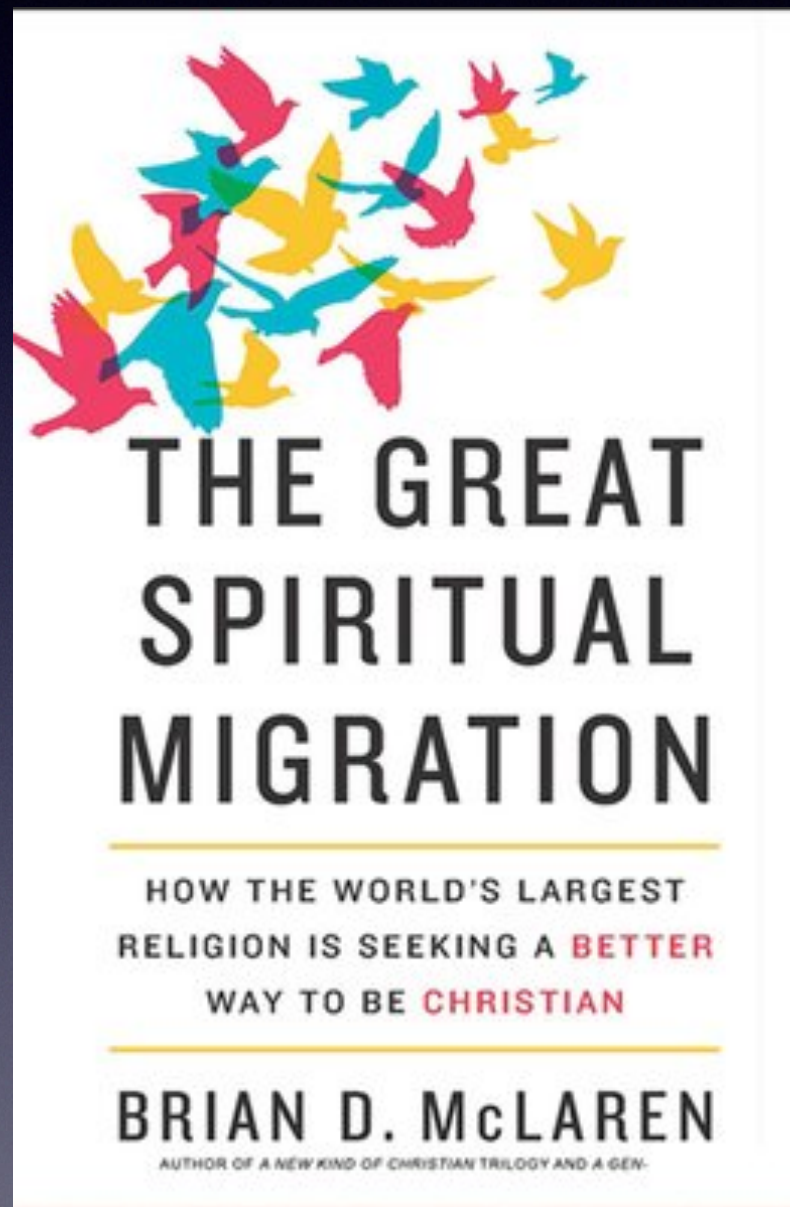


# The Great Spiritual Migration



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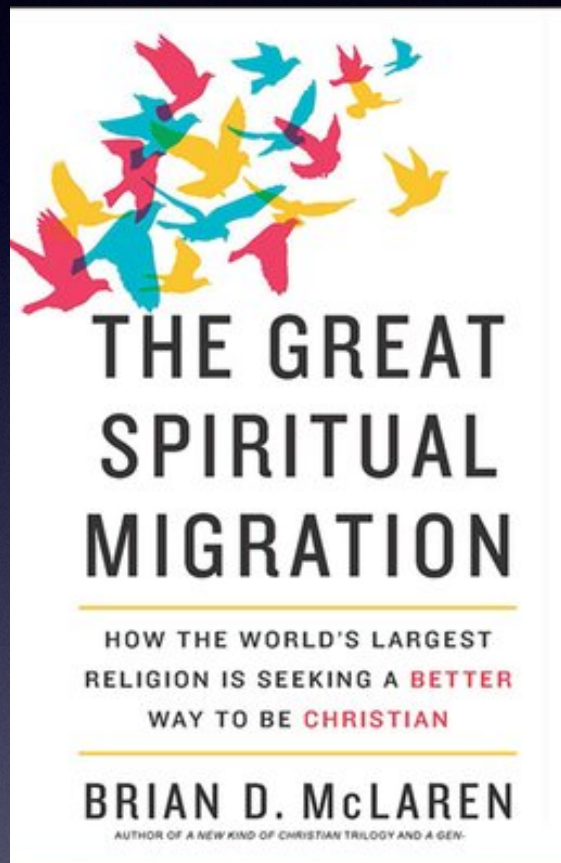
# Session #10

- Opening - Bob Clare
- Welcome & Housekeeping
- Ryan Anderson -  
    Calgary Alliance for the Common
- Hospitality
- Colin Outtrim - Edge Report 03/19
- Brenda Wallace - 16 Possibilities
- Ken Kittridge - Summary of the Study
- Wayne Holst - Closing Prayer



# SESSION 10

## Welcomes & Housekeeping





# CALGARY ALLIANCE FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Ryan Anderson - Director






# The Great Migration

Moving from an Organized Religion to an  
Organizing Religion

What did you connect with?  
What were you challenged by?  
Inspired By?  
What connected with your  
heart?  
  
Have a 5 min conversation  
with one other person.

What did this book stir up  
in you?



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# From Organized Religion To An Organizing Religion



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# Begin With Relationships

Love – Justice is what Love Looks Like In Public Life





Who Does St. David's Want  
to Build Relationships With?



How will you be Rooted in  
Prayer and Contemplation?





# Relationship Building Opportunities



26 Member  
Organizations



Leader's  
Lunches



1-1 Relational  
Meetings



Leadership  
Team



Research  
Action Teams



# Become a Seminary – For Leaders

## **For St. Davids**

- Core Team/Organizing Team

## **CACG Opportunities**

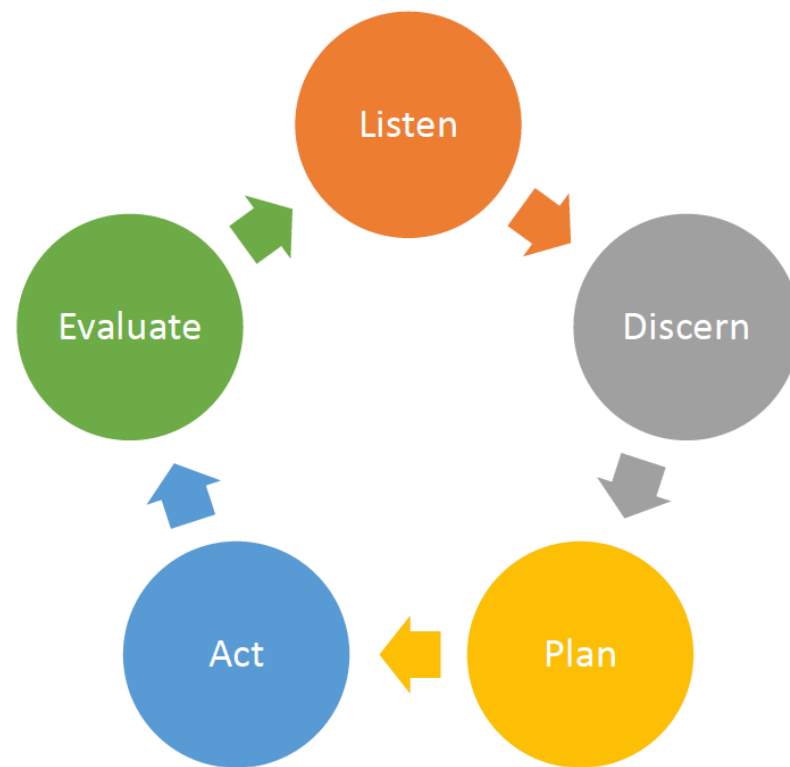
- Foundations Training
- Core Team Training
- Regional Training
- Teams
- Congregational Renewal Training



Who will be on your team?


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Organizing Cycle - Moving to Action





# Evaluation Continuous Learning



Next Step: Discernment Assembly  
Monday April 1<sup>st</sup> 7:00 pm  
Temple B'nai Tikvah 900 47 Ave SW



BREAK







Time now. Please return.



# EDGE REPORT MARCH 2019

**The Edge Report Update to March 2019  
will be available on the Home Page/  
About/Annual Reports**

— COLIN  
OUTTRIM



# 16 POSSIBILITIES FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

A Survey of Thought  
drawing from the writings of

- Brian McLaren - The Great Spiritual Migration
- Wesley Granberg-Michaelson - Future Faith
- United Church of Canada - Edge

questionnaire scale is rated from  
least in agreement to most in agreement  
(least) 1    2    3    4    5 (most)



# Glossary

**OPEN SPACE TECHNOLOGY:** an alternative way to engage deeply and creatively around issues of concern. Time and space is created for people who set their own agenda and have the power and desire to see it through. Open Space meetings result in transformative experiences for the individuals and groups involved.

**ASSET MAPPING: Asset Mapping** is an important activity in **asset**-based community development which emphasizes identifying community strengths rather than needs. A Capacity Inventory tool is one of the primary ways that communities can begin to identify and **map** their strengths and **assets**.

**APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY:** AI is a fundamental shift in the overall perspective taken throughout the entire change process to 'see' the wholeness of the human system (recognizing the best in people or the world around us; affirming past and present strengths, successes, and potentials, to perceive those things that give life (health, vitality, excellence) to living systems )and to "inquire" into that system's strengths, possibilities, and successes.

**MESSY CHURCH;** is an all-age fresh expression of church that offers counter-cultural transformation of family life through families coming together to be, to make, to eat and to celebrate God, often held monthly and not on Sunday mornings.

**NOTE for #5: Grants have been awarded** to Hillhurst UC for innovative engagement of contemplative arts and live streaming technology to share the sermon and worship environment online for people throughout Calgary and beyond.; to Robert McClure UC for farmers' market; to NW Conference for Online conversations to begin the learning network and community gathering.



	16 POSSIBILITIES FOR THE 21 CENTURY	AGREEMENT					WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE				
		1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
1	Today's Christians tend to explore issues of faith by Internet and digital based technologies. <b>TCIF (twitter, google, internet, facebook)</b> is the language of the post-modern mission field. Narrative, metaphor, image rich and engagement are essential.	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
2	At the heart of the migration, rote teaching and reading have been replaced by <b>TCIF (twitter, google, internet, facebook)</b> plus digital projection and powerpoint presentations.	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
3	The primary focus is <b>relationship</b> . We ask "What relationship do we need to do ministry well? What partners are there in community that we can join with to engage God's mission?"	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
4	We might think about people and groups who share space in our church building. Our relationship can be enhanced to be a better community.	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
5	Revenue in our community can be enhanced through applying for <b>GRANT Monies</b> for Community Projects, for new and renewing faith communities and innovative projects. Projects that focus on seniors, children, environment and social justice issues should access available grants. <b>See Note Below-</b>	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
6	When ministries, like Worship and Pastoral Care Committees, are compartmentalized within organizational structures, the focus is more on structure than on a worldview. How these structures communicate/ collaborate/ adapt is often overlooked in the busyness of the organization.	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
7	Developing congregational processes to engage conflict with maturity and ease, effective processes of evaluation and adaptation for guiding renewal and growth and processes of community engagement are essential as we move forward.	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
8	Using techniques like <b>Open Space Technology, Asset Mapping and Appreciative Inquiry</b> (see below) are possible new ways to bring people together to share ideas (determined to make a difference).	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
9	Decisions that always need to come to the "Council" for approval are an expression of <b>command and control leadership</b> . In an <b>Empowerment model</b> , "Council sets basic budget and vision boundaries, then trusts those accountable to implement their work. Sharing information about the work and its cost are the forms of accountability.	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5



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10	The <b>authority of clergy</b> in ministry is best measured by the authenticity of their own spiritual journey than by their academic qualifications.	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
11	<b>Leadership capacities</b> that demonstrate creative vision and the ability to recognize emerging opportunities along with the ability to adapt to shifting conditions (i.e. Financial considerations) need to be encouraged.	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
12	The capacity to engage <b>relational networks</b> to foster community formation and to motivate and clarify common goals is a quality needed today.	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
13	The <b>Missional congregation</b> is one where a person or group feels a call to mission (something God is seeking to do in the community) and begins to live it out. Relationship and not membership moves the initiative forward. Faith is shared and faith formation deepens for all. Some form of Spiritual Practice may result.	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
14	"Only in that impossible, uncertain, disruptive place, when finger by finger, the fist of our little hearts is pulled open - only in that impossible agonizing place - does a new depth of naked <b>essential faith</b> in God mysteriously become possible."	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
15	Post-moderns have a more organic understanding of the universe and world that focuses more on inter-relatedness, dynamism, and recovers a mystical sensibility. A more organic approach to ministry development is <b>Messy Church</b> - a model designed for parents and their children both to worship and learn together, often held monthly and not on Sunday morning.	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
16	<b>Online conversations</b> can begin a learning network and a form of community gathering. This project like this would provide a platform for leaders at all levels of Christianity to share their energy, prototyping, success, failure and hope around the work <b>they are feeling called to do</b> , providing a networking opportunity.	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5



**My Personal Suggestion(s):** Here are new or renewed ideas I might suggest for the future mission of St. David's United Church (or my place of worship):

You are welcome to work through this questionnaire and give it to Wayne, Jock or Brenda for collation. Our thinking will help direct the future planning at St. David's United Church. You will find this questionnaire as a file attachment on the "Great Spiritual Migration."







# KEN KITTRIDGE'S SUMMARY OF "THE GREAT SPIRITUAL MIGRATION"

in keeping with tradition,  
a summary of Ken's "VIEWING" follows,  
written by Brenda Wallace



“The body of this paper has been organized around some of McLaren’s Progressive “Evangelical” elements that most impressed me.

- **Organized Church to Organizing Church** - most agree that many of our established religious beliefs will have to be changed or modified to meet the needs of Contemporary Society.
- I admire **McLaren’s enthusiastic approach** in dealing with major challenges - reactionary fundamentalism, globalism, Earth’s ecosystem and urbanization. My faith position is anchored in Social Justice and thus I would have liked to see a greater in-depth look at how the Church can lobby governments and their economic values (i.e. taxes cut for the rich while assuring the public that this wealth will simply trickle down to them.

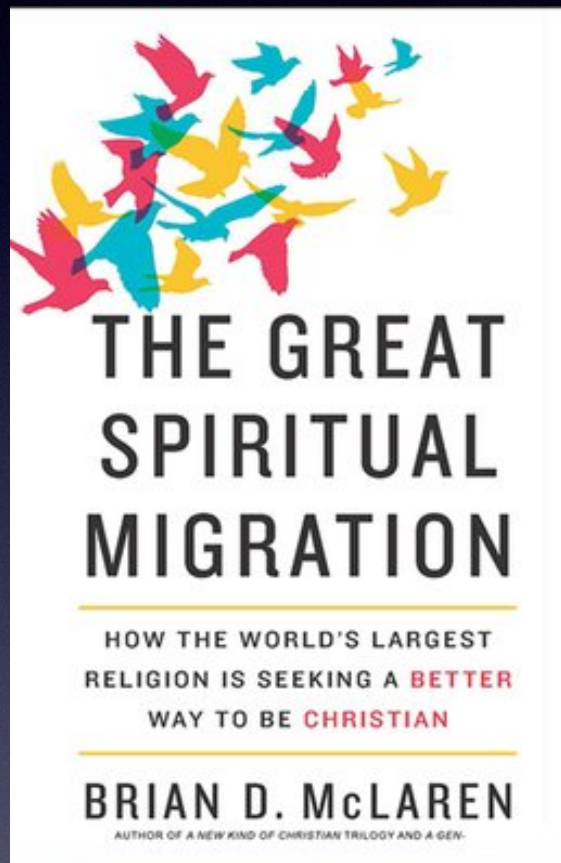


- **Need for strong leadership:** “I agree with McLaren who labelled both Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict as reactionary conservatives and who praised the efforts of Pope Francis. At St. David’s we are blessed by the progressive efforts of Rev. Peggy. In the past, Rev. Stan Errett created a Lay Ministry which enhanced biblical literacy.”
- **Need for Greater Christian Unity:** “My cautionary tale is that Christian Diversity can serve as a source for greater change or flexibility. The track record of dominating religious institutions is less than ideal,
- **Opposition to the Prosperity Religious of the Televangelists:** “I admire McLaren’s opposition to elevatory religion - namely, “Don’t worry about Earth’s troubles because you are going to Heaven and will not have to face the horrors of the last days.” He also suggests that the influence of these false promises is quite prominent in South America, Africa and Asia.”
- **Use of Spiritual Development Models (i.e. GOD 5.0):** “ I prefer the example of McLaren’s alo Verde tree. In short, your collective life experiences and needs create an AH! HA! Gestalt moment in which you suddenly put things together.
- **Elements of Evangelism I find Troublesome:** “Heavy emphasis upon conversion, tendency to exclude others, Use of Biblical Literalism, Heavy Evangelical Support for the Current U.S. President



- Conclusion:** “ I wish him (McLaren) well in his efforts and support his view on the need for Spiritual Migration (i.e. change). I strongly support the United Church’s emphasis upon social issues. The logo of the UC Observer clearly states it - Faith, Justice & Ethical Living. In the past the church sponsored schools, hospitals and provided sanctuary for those in need. Perhaps the sanctuary role should be more fully emphasized so that people in a community setting can better serve their own needs and help to fill the needs of others..”
- A few ideas from Joseph Campbell’s book** “The Flight of the Wild Gander”. McLaren acknowledges myths as bottomless wells. Campbell suggests that the Church has lost its spiritual leadership by attempting to prove that every even in Biblical myths is factual. He suggests that science has secularized the sacred with its use of researched evidence and that artists and poets have been left to lead the spiritual. He does, however, acknowledge that myths have always been a strong source of knowledge and will continue to play a role in the future.”





# Closing Prayer

Wayne Holst



# UPCOMING BOOKEND EVENTS:

- **Monday Night March 25, 2019:** Spiritual Travellers gather to meet and greet in preparation for their trip to Russia and points east.
- **Monday Night April 1, 2019:** Mary Jo Leddy will be joining us for the evening to introduce her new book.
- **Monday Night April 1, 2019: CACG Discernment Event** at 7:00 p.m. Temple B'nai Tikvah at 900 47 Avenue SW