

DINNER CHURCH RESOURCES

We hope that you find the following resources about dinner church both interesting and helpful:

This link goes to a YouTube video about an ELCA congregation that was formed around dinner church, St. Lydia's in Brooklyn, NY. St. Lydia's has inspired many ELCA churches to consider trying dinner church. <https://youtu.be/iz1QwE7izMo>

Pr. Emily Scott is the founder of St. Lydia's. Her website has a lot of good material: <http://www.emilymdscott.com>

This is a direct link to Pr. Emily Scott's new book. It is not a nuts and bolts description of how to start a dinner church, but rather an engaging retelling of her spiritual journey that unfolds over years and results in the creating of a loving community of faith. <http://www.emilymdscott.com/book>

Another good YouTube video about dinner church at a UMC church in North Carolina. <https://youtu.be/gHal0wFMgO4>

A YouTube video about the dinner church movement in Seattle, an epicenter of the movement. One of the people who is most involved is Verlon Fosner, who extensively writes and teaches about dinner church, often through "Fresh Expressions," which appears later on this list. <https://youtu.be/HyGxWAvtrrl>

An article in "Living Lutheran." <https://www.livinglutheran.org/2019/07/worship-around-the-table/>

We highly recommend that you purchase and read: "We Will Feast: Rethinking Dinner, Worship, and the Community of God." The book has a very good theological discussion about dinner church and describes a number of variations that people around the country are trying. [We Will Feast: Rethinking Dinner, Worship, and the Community of God: Vanderslice, Kendall, Mayfield, D.L.: 9780802876300: Amazon.com: Books](https://www.amazon.com/dp/9780802876300)

This website, by the author of "We Will Feast," contains a lot of good information, including study questions for the book. <http://kendallvanderslice.com>

The next four links are to resources about dinner church from the group "Fresh Expressions, including books by Verlon Fosner: <https://freshexpressionsus.org/2020/03/02/dinner-church-cle-elum-community-church-extends-its-reach/>

<https://freshexpressionsus.org/2020/02/19/fx-stories-a-new-dinner-church-launches-in-ky/>

<https://freshexpressionsus.org/2019/09/23/5-reasons-to-think-about-starting-a-dinner-church/>

<https://freshexpressionsus.org/product-category/dinner-church/>

The next two links will take you to Information about “Nosh,” the dinner church at the Edge House, the Lutheran Campus Ministry for the University of Cincinnati. As you will see, you can volunteer to participate.

<https://www.edge-uc.org/nosh>

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/59fb54157131a55c81a74578/t/6127f56c3f7fe50f5000f2d2/1630008684296/Nosh+Volunteer+Information.pdf>

Here is a link to information about another Lutheran campus ministry that has a dinner church: https://campuslutheranunk.org/event/the-vessel-dinner-church/?event_date=2021-09-09

An interesting article describing the dinner church movement:

<https://religionnews.com/2019/08/29/dinner-church-movement-sets-the-table-for-food-faith-and-friendships/>

This is about a large Presbyterian ministry for disadvantaged people in Indianapolis. It is centered around a dinner church. <https://circlecitydinnerchurch.org>

This website gives information about a number of dinner churches.

<https://www.dinnerchurchmovement.org>