

Progress Report on Efforts of Classis NW & SE Equippers: October 2018

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- **History**

-because so many classis equippers are sessional teachers at LDN, the LDN became aware that perhaps we could clarify & unify our equipping efforts

-the LDN facilitator hosted several meetings over a year, after which we concluded that the churches experience our good resources as a rather overwhelming smorgasbord

-our own experience confirms this, because while we remain clear about WHY we offer the sessions we offer, the who/what/when/where/how remains scatter-shot & inefficient

-we agreed to ask Rich Braaksma from Resonate to conduct a kind of audit of our offerings, to see where there might be duplication or better ways to organize ourselves



- **Reflections on Curriculum Audit of BC NW & SE Equippers, conducted by Rich Braaksma, RESONATE (June, 2018)**

-I Corinthians 4:8: **Already you are rich!** (i.e. the dots are waiting to be connected!)

-but the abundance **is** confusing: *when do we turn to Faith Formation? To Diaconal Ministries? Who should attend LDN? What's better: LDN or Surge? Is there a way to connect with other churches dealing with the same issues of refugees, human sexuality, mission etc. etc.*

God has gifted your classes with many passionate people and ministries seeking to strengthen and renew the church. The initiative begun by the BC LDN is a beautiful attempt to bring together these equipping opportunities with more synergy, holism and efficiency while still allowing each ministry to retain its unique flavor and callings. Taken to the next level [*of more intentionality of offerings via a shared website and/or a rotating scope and sequence of offerings*], this initiative could do much to and guide churches through a process of strengthening and renewal, as well as spare anxiety, duplication & overload. *Rich Braaksma*

Other Models

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Next Step: form a team from within the equippers and a few other interested individuals to think through a possible scope and sequence of all our offerings, a *menu* of healthy items, if you will, and a *table* of some sort to sit at...

