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 **40% of housing is abandoned**



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The city's population has dropped from 200,000 in 1960 to 99,000 in 2013



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reMission Model and Being Synod



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Contextual Sensitivity (I Cor 9: 19-27)

**addresses the uniqueness
of the culture in order to
communicate with effectiveness
the uncompromised Word of God**



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C-1: Traditional church structure like yours and mine; using the language and nomenclature that reflects who we are as a people of God (homogeneous culturally and socially). It is the Western church model we are familiar with.



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C-2: Very similar to C-1
It varies only in the heart language
of the people.



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C-3: Contextualized church structure; local language, nomenclature and needs unique to the culture we are called to serve.



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GOD → **CHURCH** → **WORLD**



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Passion

Passionate pastoral leadership that is led by our theology. (Top Down)



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Picture

Our LCMS churches being boots on ground missionaries that actively display their care for the spiritual as well as the physical needs of the “poor ones” outside the walls of our church buildings. (Grass Roots)



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Purpose

**To be the body of Christ
(His hands, feet and voice)
outside the walls (boots on ground)
in order to build bridges of trust
with the culture of poverty.
In doing so draw our neighbors
into a relationship with us. (Top
Down Grass Roots Missional
Leadership)**



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Plan

A design-build blueprint (goals and strategies) that will build bridges of trust—to be the Church, to be a light in the darkness of Flint's Eastside by addressing their spiritual as well as their physical condition.



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Neighbors (lunches) 400


Conversations with neighbors 299

Properties that were cleaned 624



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FUTURE POSSIBILITIES FOR THE SITE

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Pastor Bradley Yops



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What Is Next for the Urban reMission in Our Synod?



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