

Tool #40: Community Needs, Assets and Dreams

Use this chart to identify opportunities for expressing God's love in a community. This can be a helpful preparatory step in a ministry discernment process (see tool #41: Ministry Ideas Brainstorming Chart).

	Needs <i>Problems facing the community</i>	Assets <i>Resources in the community</i>	Dreams <i>Hopes, goals identified by the community</i>
Dimensions of well-being:			
<i>Physical / financial</i> EXAMPLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families run out of food at the end of the month • Lack of insurance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food pantry at First Church • YMCA - gym and exercise facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community garden • Sliding scale health clinic
<i>Physical / financial</i> <i>e.g. health, sufficiency, safety, access to capital</i>			
<i>Relational / emotional</i> <i>e.g. families, mental health, racial reconciliation</i>			
<i>Environmental</i> <i>e.g. natural environment, urban planning, aesthetics</i>			
<i>Educational / vocational</i> <i>e.g. education, jobs, entrepreneurship</i>			
<i>Spiritual</i> <i>e.g. salvation, spiritual nurture, faith community</i>			
Special populations:			
<i>Poor</i>			
<i>Single-parent families</i>			
<i>Immigrants / refugees</i>			
<i>Prisoners / former prisoners and families</i>			
<i>Homeless</i>			
<i>Sick / disabled</i>			
<i>Children / youth</i>			
<i>College / young adult</i>			
<i>Elderly</i>			
<i>Other</i>			