

# Shawnee / Douglas Network Meeting

October 22, 2018 at 6 p.m. at Shawnee Heights UMC

## *Opening (10 minutes)*

- Prayer and Introductions
- Update contact information and confirm available meeting times
- Video from Bishop Saenz

## *Visual Explorer (20 minutes)*

- Picture of congregation today and a different one of the best possible tomorrow

## *Networks (5 minutes)*

- A network is a collaboration between laity, clergy and congregations in similar mission fields who are seeking to be more fruitful in their engagement.
- Networks exist because we are better together.
- Networks exist to move collaboration and innovation toward the local level.
- Our mission field is southeast Shawnee and northwest Douglas county
- We will gather monthly to catalyze innovation to reach the mission field
  - Innovation is change that adds new value

## *Tools (5 minutes)*

- Church to Church: Growing as Disciples
- Network Starter FAQ
- MissionInsite Information
- Re-Thinking Innovation - Book Study
- Network Grants - [greatplainsumc.org/networkgrants](http://greatplainsumc.org/networkgrants) (6 grants / up to \$14,000)

## *Homework / Next Steps (10 minutes)*

- Read chapters 1 and 2 in Re-Thinking Innovation
- Consider committing 1% of 2019 annual operating budget to network
- Identify three network grants for which we could apply
- Identify three possible network names

*Next Meeting Date and Time:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Joys, Concerns, and Closing Prayer (5 minutes)*