

Handout: Assessing Congregational Resources:

Appreciative Inquiry: a transformational organizational change process that focuses on the strengths of a group.

<https://www.appreciativeway.com/appreciative-inquiry-resources/appreciative-inquiry-resources.cfm>

Book: Memories, Hopes and Conversations by Mark Lau Branson

World Cafe: The World Cafe is a method which makes use of an informal cafe setting for participants to explore an issue by discussing it in small table groups.

<https://www.theworldcafe.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Cafe-To-Go-Revised.pdf>

Book: The World Café: Shaping our Futures Through Conversations that Matter by Juanita Brown, David Isaacs.

Asset Mapping: Congregational asset mapping starts by looking at assets and then connecting those assets in new ways to imagine new and creative ministries.

https://alban.org/uploadedFiles/Alban/Bookstore/pdf/resources/Asset_Mapping/resource2.pdf

Book: The Power of Asset Mapping by Luther K. Snow

Organizations that provide services for congregational assessment:

Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation (part of Disciples Church Extension Fund): <https://www.hopepmt.org/transform/>

Convergence: <https://convergenceus.org/>. Ecumenical resources, coaching, online resources.