

## What other people are saying about LifeCrossings

### Participants become community for each other

"M. Scott Peck once wrote, 'In and through community lies the salvation of the world.' In a society in which life is increasingly characterized by isolation, anxiety around global issues facing our world, and the false notion that we must 'go it alone', *From Here to Community* gives the church a wonderful instrument that creates community in our midst. And all this for the sake of our common ministry that seeks to transform that isolation and fear into joy-filled and loving service.

*From Here to Community* does what it intends – a small group of committed Christians turns into the kind of community that is spoken about in the Greek Testament. Sisters and brothers in Christ learn to trust one another with their wounds and their hope-filled dreams, they struggle with the way things really are in this affluent yet broken culture, and move forward with concrete ways that the Body of Christ can make a difference.

*From Here to Community* has given me and those with whom I have shared the experience, the opportunity to know the joys of community – mutual support, encouragement, inspiration and a flesh and blood encounter with the Lord of Life who is known most profoundly through this Body, the church."

The Rev. Martha Klein Larsen, Ph.D., Interim Rector,  
St. James' Episcopal Church, Danbury, CT

### Not your every day fill-in-the blank study

"This guide is not your everyday fill-in-the-blank Bible study. Rather, it is a thoughtful journey toward the goal of dreaming about our own churches and small groups becoming significant contributors to the 'common good ... of the larger community' and of taking action to 'implement that vision.' Any church or small group looking to further investigate their 'front door the frontier into mission' would benefit from this LifeCrossings offering."

Donna Boisen, [Congregations](#), The Alban Institute, Summer 2003.

### It has renewed my enthusiasm for teaching.

"Although I had taught for 14 years in a former career, I was reluctant to teach adults (during my internship), especially in facilitating group discussions. The strength of LifeCrossings materials is in the process of the teaching and in its connection to the choices that we as adults need to make daily in life.

The process built into this material is interactive, allowing the adults in the group to have a chance to discuss their ideas and to bring forward examples from their own life experiences. The material builds to the important points for each lesson and opens up avenues for thought that we often don't put together in our 'busyness' regarding our faith and life responsibilities. ... After several years of feeling 'burned out' on teaching, it has renewed my enthusiasm."

Rev. Lorrie Davison, Epiphany Lutheran Church, Oviedo, FL

### We benefited from your study, research and guidance.

"We would like to express our appreciation for the opportunity we have had to explore *From Here to Community* together. The user-friendly format of your book has given us much food for thought and is challenging us to explore new areas of service for our congregation. We were glad for the opportunity to benefit from your study, research and guidance. Thank you!"

Northwest Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Columbus, OH

### Workshop

"Yesterday brought the highest registration so far for any event. 49, fifty was max for the meeting space. ... The Reunings were very well received, and they are certainly a charming and competent pair! Their plan for the workshop included participation from the attendees and that went well...some good discussion and contributions. ... it was a very positive experience for all of us!"

Pat Mooney, *Coffee and Conversations* series,  
LifeLong Learning Institute of Columbus State Community College