

The *Hesed* Project

You are not alone.

Other members of the Christian Reformed Church share a variety of concerns about what the decision of Synod 2022 means for the church family we love. Working with others at the local level to seek change is the Jesus way. It also reduces anxiety, builds hope, and can be effective. Here are some suggestions for ways to **create a local network**.

- If you are concerned about **specific persons or families** in your congregation, start with a small, safe listening session that includes them and then decide on next steps together.
- If you are concerned about **people leaving and the unity of the church**, start with small group dialogue and grow it to include others in your church or community.
- If you want to **learn more**, start with reading and discussing a book or video. Invite others to join you. You can find suggestions for books or videos under “Learn” on the Hesed Project website.
- If you want to work toward **being a more welcoming church**, start with a small, trusted group to develop a plan that suits your congregation, and learn from other churches. See “Start a Conversation” on The Hesed Project website, or we can assist in making connections. Email us at advice@hesedprojectcrc.org

Reaching out to others to listen, learn, and engage in dialogue is a way to offer life-giving hope for yourself and others.

The Hesed Project is also developing resources for youth and church leaders. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram, or check back often for updates. Email us at info@hesedprojectcrc.org if you have a specific request or suggestion, or if you want to offer your assistance. Together, we can find a way forward.