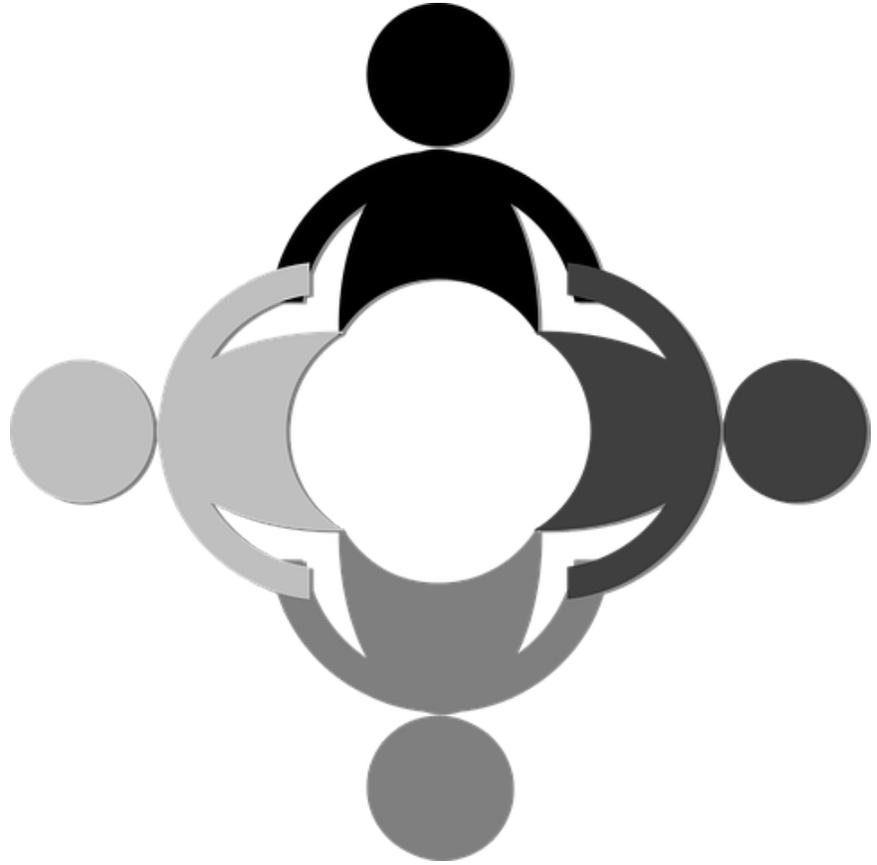


# FOCUS GROUPS



## A MINISTRY OF **PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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FALL 2020  
Mid-October to Mid-November

## Our 6 Fall Focus Groups

### Understanding Faith Based Community & Economic Development

The session will cover the basic premise of FBCED (Faith Based Community & Economic Development) and focus on the three R's: re-location, re-distribution and reconciliation. Reading between sessions will help participants prepare for discussion and deeper learning. The amount of pages depends on how much a person wants to learn. The other homework if any will happen organically as a result of class discussion.

**Book:** Restoring At-Risk Communities: Doing It Together & Doing It Right, edited by John M. Perkins

Led by Larry Norman

Mondays, 6 - 7 pm via Zoom

6 weeks: October 12, 19 & 26, November 2, 9 & 16

### Beautiful Things - A Practice in Divine Seeing

Each week we will dwell in scripture surrounding a particular theme and explore how God speaks to us through images. We will do structured visio divina led by Pastor Jae and we will also share images that we snapped or created throughout the week with each other and how it made us reflect on the scripture or theme of the week. Participants will get the scripture and theme 1-week ahead of time.

*Homework:* Each week, read the selected scripture and snap one or more photos that speak to the theme/scripture and/OR create (i.e. draw, sketch, or paint) your image. Note: *You do not need to be highly skilled at drawing or photography, you just need an interest in how God's goodness can be revealed to us through images and art.*

Led by Pastor Jae Bates

Thursdays, 5 - 6:30 pm via Zoom

5 weeks: October 15, 22 & 29, November 5 & 12

### Bible Study: Book of 1 Peter

Gather on Saturday mornings to read, consider, and reflect on the Book of 1 Peter. We'll read one chapter per week. This is an opportunity to prayerfully examine God's living word together.

Led by Hans Brockhoff

Saturdays, 10 - 11 am via Zoom

5 Weeks: October 17, 24 & 31, November 7 & 14

## The Climate Crisis: What is God Calling Us To Do?

We will use science, scripture, short videos, and discussion to understand the causes and effects of the climate crisis, and how we are called to respond as Christians. We will discuss how we know that humans are causing climate change, why it has been so difficult for us to respond to the crisis, and how our faith can shape our response. We will look at how the crisis is affecting our young people, how it affects vulnerable communities around the world, and how that is the basis for our call to respond.

*Note: Access to the internet beyond our Zoom meetings will be helpful to participants as videos, internet resources, and additional readings will be recommended between meetings.*

Led by Craig Cogger

Mondays, 6:30 - 8 pm via Zoom

5 weeks: October 12, 19 & 26, November 2 & 9

## Intergenerational Worship Hula

Our hula is focused on Christian worship. We will learn Hawaiian words to dance steps we will use with music. All ages are welcome! Young children should be accompanied by a parent or guardian to participate alongside. There is no dance or hula experience necessary. Anyone can join in this way of worship and praise.

*Note: Dress comfortably and have water nearby.*

Led by Irene Manley

Saturdays, 9 - 9:40 am via Zoom

4 weeks: October 17, 24 & 31, November 7

## Creating Space in Motherhood

An intentional, contemplative space for mothers where we can gather together to reflect on our identity as children of God, our relationship with God, and how motherhood impacts and is impacted by both. There will be space for silence, reflection, and group processing as we push into this stressful and holy call we have in common with each other. Open to anyone who identifies as mother and wants a space to explore this role with others.

Led by Leigh Wong and Michaela Cox

Sundays, 2 - 3:30 pm via Zoom

5 weeks: October 18 & 25, November 1, 8 & 15

“Let us FOCUS on Jesus, the source and goal of our faith.” — Hebrews 12:2a

### So, what is a FOCUS Group?

A small group of 8-10 people

Meets weekly for around 4 - 6 weeks

Focuses on a specific topic of following Jesus in daily life

Offers fellowship and support, meaningful conversation, scripture study, exploration of faith, and prayer

### What FOCUS Groups would YOU like to see?

The FOCUS committee loves hearing your new ideas for FOCUS topics and we're always on the lookout for people who would like to facilitate a group. Have ideas? Interested in facilitating? Please contact Pat Ferguson, (253) 627-1349. Thanks for your thoughts!

### What people are saying about FOCUS Groups –

“I think these are very valuable for building and deepening relationships within the Peace community.”

“Learning, self-discovery, awareness of background, perspective and feelings of others.”

“Has reconnected me with my church family and my prayer for an area of commitment.”

“Participating with the members and listening to their ideas. It has been a terrific, terrific experience.”

“It let us explore new ideas and new ways of thinking.”