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Church Together

CHURCH TOGETHER - SERIOUSLY SEEKING STORIES

I hope you noticed me at Synod Assembly a few weeks ago, wearing a vest designed to attract your attention. On the back of the vest were a name ("Church Together," which is the Synod Storyteller's email newsletter) and a request ("Tell Me a Story"). I was looking for stories, good stories of imaginative thinking become important ministry in congregations. On the front of the vest were colorful pockets which contained 3X5 cards and pens for taking notes and jotting contact information.



My name is Carl Wilfrid. I am a retired pastor living in Reno, NV, serving as reporter/editor/publisher of Church Together. I love telling stories, especially of congregations reaching out to connect with their neighborhoods, to serve their neighbors. I hope you read last week's story/gift about the [CLIPArts ministry](#) to at-risk children at Christ, Visalia. I encourage you to visit the Synod website, click on "Ministries," click on "Stewardship," and then click on Synod Storytellers to gain access to other recent stories. My goal in sharing these stories is that church leaders will read them and respond, "Hey, that's a good idea! Our church could do that," or "I like their creativity. I wonder what would happen if our church looked at ourselves and our community like that."



So even if we did not get to talk at Synod Assembly, I invite you to "tell me a story." What is your congregation doing to connect with and serve your neighbors? Just [email me](#) and we will start a conversation. I can interview key people and write the story myself, or someone in your church can write the story. What's important is that the stories get told, and offer information and inspiration to other congregations. Because we are "Church Together."

Do you have a story that you would like to share? Send any Church Together story requests to mic@spselca.org.

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