

Telling the Christian story to one another.

Interpreting together the meaning of that story for our life in the world.

Worshiping God together: praising God and giving thanks for God's redemptive work in the world and for our lives together.

Praying together.

Listening and talking attentively to one another.

Confessing to one another, and forgiving and reconciling with one another.

Tolerating one another's failures and encouraging one another.

Giving one another away, letting go of one another, freeing each other for the work each must do and the life each must live.

Performing faithful acts of service and witness.

Suffering for and with other people.

Providing hospitality and care, not only to one another but also (perhaps especially) to strangers.

Criticizing and resisting all those powers and patterns (both within the church and in the world as a whole) which destroy human beings and corrode human community.