



Faith Community Land Genealogy WORKSHEET

A Land Genealogy asks:

- + What is our faith community's land story?
- + What is the story of the land and the peoples who made life on the land we currently steward?
- + And, the "why?" of these stories...unveiling the collective, public and systemic story and forces at play.

First, fill in the information and stories (don't forget the stories -- this is about life, after all!) you already know.

Then, make a plan as a team about how you will learn more. Remember that your story is made up of many stories (a collective!) so you will never be done. And, let's see what stories we can unearth and liberate together.

The grid below represents a "generation" or a community/people that occupied and made life on the land you steward. See how many generations you can go back. Fill out a grid for each generation. Can you start with the indigenous communities that first made life there? Can you end with the story of your own community currently there on the land?

Finally, don't forget to take a sacred pause and attend to the reflection questions as a team at the bottom of this worksheet...

People/Community & Time <i>Who made life on the land your congregation stewards and when?</i>	Resources: Where did you find this information? (websites, organizations, and people interviewed)
Why did they move there and from where? What life did the land bear? Who was the land sanctuary for? What was the community's relationship with the land, one another, the larger community/neighborhood?	



<p>When this community moved, why did they move? What were the pressures/opportunities? Where did they go?</p>	
<p><u>Now, go PUBLIC.</u> What are some of the public dimensions of this story?</p>	<p>Resources:</p>
<p>What was going on in the larger community, neighborhood, city?</p> <p>What were the forces (economic, policy/government, institutional/systemic) at play when they moved?</p> <p>(Note the following as you research...) When did the land become property? And, if it is property, where did the capital come from to purchase the land when it changed hands?</p> <p>If you are a part of a larger denomination or faith tradition, what role did your tradition/denomination play in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + creating Sanctuary and for whom? + displacing communities? + And, where did your denomination/faith tradition's wealth and resources come from to purchase land? <p>Where do we notice the following kinds of power at play?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Power-over? + Power-among? + Power-within? 	



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As a team, take a Sacred Pause and notice:

- + Where does our community's story echo and intersect with some of the stories we have heard in our Cohort?
- + Where does my personal/familial land story echo and intersect with our faith community's land story?
- + What parts of our story have we known and told and what parts have we not known and/or told? Why? Who benefits?
- + What are the parts of our story that we still do not know? Why? Who benefits from these being buried or silenced?
- + As we invite the wisdom of the ancestors of our faith tradition to respond to this story, what do they say?
 - + Where do you experience dissonance and tension between the wisdom of the ancestors and this story?
 - + Where do you find resonance?
 - + What agitation, encouragement, invitation, moral imperatives do they offer to you in this time/generation?