

Hillsborough Tabernacle, Sheffield (Congregational Federation) “learning about the community and engaging in mission”



THINKING ABOUT:

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WATCH THE VIDEO and as you do ask:

- How does the Hillsborough Tabernacle find out about its community?
- What does Hillsborough Tabernacle learn about their community and about themselves?
- What was the role of Suzanne the minister in learning about the community?



DIGGING DEEPER Read Acts 6:1-7

Acts 6:1-7 tells how the early church elected seven new people to positions of leadership within the church in response to a missional need. Some of the community were being excluded in the sharing of common resources, so as the apostles recognised they had a different ministry within the church, the community elected new leaders to oversee this important new ministry.

- How and what does the church learn about its community?
- How does the missional need encourage the church to think in new ways about leadership?
- What kind of leadership is needed for a missional congregation? What skills and insights are required?



MOVING FORWARDS: So now think about how this could apply in your context

The stories of Acts 6 and Hillsborough Tabernacle show Christian communities learning about their community and responding in loving service and mission.

- In what ways might you learn about your community, what steps might you take?
- What does hope look like in your place?
- In learning about the community what might you learn about yourselves?