

How Unglued Church Got Started

Created by Revs. Susan Rothenberg and Sarah Robbins in 2013, the Unglued Church program originated out of their own need to faithfully walk alongside the churches they were serving. The program has helped numerous churches in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Delaware build on their strengths and move forward. Unglued Church works with individual congregations as well as larger judicatory/denominational bodies.

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What Is Unglued Church?

All of our churches, large and small, face deep, adaptive challenges—problems that cannot be resolved by our current know-how, a new curriculum, or by our standard operating procedures. Discerning the future that God desires for us requires experiments, discoveries, and imaginative thinking.

Unglued Church grew out of a need to help congregations work together to examine who they are and how they can best use their resources and assets to serve their neighborhoods. The program helps congregations address the constant changes that the Church faces today. It's designed for all who want to listen for and respond to God's call.



How Does Unglued Church Help?

Understanding

Utilizing a layered approach of advising and teamwork, we'll help you create a plan for your congregation asking these important questions:

- Who are we and who is our neighbor?
- Why do we exist and what is our focus?
- What is Jesus already up to in our neighborhood?

We'll work together to identify the most faithful adaptive forms of your ministry and what you are being called to do. With a tailored plan in place, you and your team will dive into:

- Understanding your congregation's history, strengths, conflicts, and joys.
- Assessing financial, material, spiritual and human assets and community ties.

Far right: Unglued Church co-founder, Rev. Susan Rothenberg, works with members of a client church to examine their ideas.

- Getting to know your neighborhood by examining the community.

Unbinding

Your team will examine Biblical texts relating to themes of exile, death, resurrection, and renewal. Training in innovation, decision-making, and discernment of core values will lead you to taking on new things and letting go of the old.

Uplifting

You'll learn skills to communicate with both internal and external audiences in ways that invite joyful participation. With "fresh eyes" and a renewed vision, your church will gain the freedom to move forward and build a hopeful future.

Is Unglued Church Right for Us?

Are you motivated to move past the "way we've always done it" mentality, but not quite certain what needs to change or how to make change happen? If you're ready to make decisions for the future based on faith—not fear—and are fueled by the promise that God is doing something new in your midst, then **Unglued Church is for you.**

Questions? Call The Rev. Dr. Graham Standish, Executive Director of Samaritan and director of its Caring for Clergy and Congregations program at 412.741.7430, x1000.