

Accidental Church Planter

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A conversation with East Harlem pastor Kimberly Wright on her unexpected path to church planting.

1. What unexpected situations arose during the process of planting Church of the Resurrection?
2. At Kimberly Wright's church the entire congregation is invited to share a meal after worship services. How do you think bringing food from various cultures to the dinner helps increase people's feelings of being welcomed there?
3. Wright says, "Many people are excited about working with the poor, the homeless, the mentally ill—in theory." When have you been drawn to ministry and then discovered that the reality of that work isn't as "pretty" as you expected?
4. What challenges at Church of the Resurrection would you find most difficult?
5. Part of Wright's story is the challenge of being a woman church planter. What expectations might be different for a woman in ministry than for a man?