

Making Space for the Kingdom

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How ten congregations, representing a multitude of nations, languages, and faith experiences have found a church home together.

1. In what community (work, neighborhood, church, school, etc.) do you find yourself among the most diverse group of people?
2. Margie Swensen refers to culture and theological differences that “flow together into the great river of God’s kingdom.” Which is easier for you to accept—cultural differences or theological differences?
3. Kenneth DeVon told John Parks that his international church was a crazy idea. When have you felt the Spirit move you to do something that was so crazy it could only be from God?
4. Wayne Park calls this model for church unity “intentional collaboration.” What do you think would be challenging about that for the individual churches involved?
5. What does it mean to “lead from ‘among’ rather than ‘above’”? Can you think of any examples or illustrations?