

## **A word of encouragement and an invitation from your Growth Animator...**

Your church wants to make an impact in the lives of your neighbours and have a positive influence on your community. You have stories about how your congregation has made a real difference to the people in your neighbourhood. Those are important stories to remember and share with one another. If you are finding that you have to stretch your memories back several years to find these stories, it may mean you need to reconnect with your neighbourhood. People move away and new people move in, the character, needs and strengths of a community shift over time. It's easy to fall out of touch with the realities and the people living right around us.

The good news is that summer is the perfect time to reacquaint yourselves with your neighbourhoods. There are many ways to do this, but one simple one that is ideal for summer is called Prayer Walks. You can learn about this fun and meaningful way of connecting with your community by following this link: [Prayer Walk - Spiritual Practice.docx](#)

I encourage your community of faith to give this a try this summer. If you do, I would love to hear about your experience and how it impacted your congregation. May the Spirit bless your ministry and the lives of your neighbours through the gifts you share this summer.



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