

Growth and Stewardship Idea: Prayer Partners/Buddies

Strong communities are built through meaningful relationships. One simple and powerful way to strengthen connections—within your community of faith and across communities—is through Prayer Partners or Prayer Buddies.

As congregations build new relationships through clusters, shared ministries, amalgamations, welcoming newcomers, or partnering with other faith groups, intentional prayer can help people move beyond familiar circles and form new friendships. Pairing individuals or families to pray for one another fosters care, connection, and a sense of belonging.

Prayer partnerships can gently break down the “holy huddles” that often form when new groups come together, creating opportunities for deeper integration and welcome. They also help visitors and newcomers feel seen and included.

Whether your community is navigating change or simply looking to deepen relationships, Prayer Partners offer a meaningful way to nurture a culture of belonging, support, and faithful friendship. One prayer might be the beginning of a lasting connection.

Need some ideas in your context to suggest ways to pair prayer buddies? Are you curious about How to introduce this idea?

This week’s Stewardship Second: What has your generosity yielded?

As of July 1, 2026, here are contacts for Growth and Stewardship:

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FDEE Sharon and Rob sharing support of FDEE until new position for growth and stewardship position is posted and filled

Note: for the 100 Tables project, contact Sharon, BNS, FSLDW and FDEE

You are also invited to a virtual 30-minute drop-in conversation each Wednesday morning, beginning at 9:45 a.m. Atlantic (10:15 a.m. Newfoundland and Labrador). Contact Sharon for the Zoom link.