

## **Synodal Church Sharing 2022-03-20. DESCRIPTION of INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY**

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This Responding Group: Jerry Brazier, Fred & Cindy Dabrowski, Mary Hroscikoski OSF, David Jackson, Steve & Deli Lanoux, and Ron & Janella Frankl Reicks

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The participants in this sharing and listening session are members of an Intentional Community that has gathered weekly for over 25 years for Sunday worship. The members take turns planning and leading the Word and Communion services, which initially began in someone's home and since Covid began, have been virtual using Zoom.

The founding members were active parishioners in a vibrant, participative, social-justice-minded post-Vatican II parish in McAllen, Texas, USA until a new pastor upended and abolished that model of church in the parish. Their dismay led to the forming of this Intentional Community. Over the years, the Community has lost some to death or moving out of the area and gained some through word-of-mouth sharing with friends and varied sorts of contacts.

The Community in 2022 includes a mix of Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas natives and non-natives who are Mexican-Americans and European-Americans; middle-aged and older; some former priests and religious; all still active in various social justice groups and efforts; some no longer living in Texas, but spread from California to Tennessee; and some now retired from gainful employment.

The participants in this Responding Group live in the Dioceses of: Brownsville, Texas (5), Corpus Christi, Texas (2), and Memphis, Tennessee (2).

All are deeply committed to their faith lives, individually and in community.