

## EXAMPLE #1

## FOR - Part IV. The Learning Covenant

### A. First Ministry Focus: PREACHING

1. **Learning Goal**: To learn to preach more effectively to men and women in the local church.
2. **Objectives**:
  - a. **Literary Resource**:  
Read and take brief notes on Preaching in Two Voices: Sermons on Women in Jesus Life by William D. Watley and Suzan D. Johnson Cook
  - b. **Human Resource**:  
Interview one clergy woman and one clergy man to discuss the way they each plan, prepare and deliver sermons.
  - c. **Denominational Resource**:  
Contact the regional and national office of my denomination to see what resources they might have on preaching and gender differences.
  - d. **Action Plan**:
    1. Plan, prepare and deliver one sermon each month.
    2. Write a manuscript for each sermon or make a full text transcription after it is preached.
    3. Make arrangements to tape each sermon (video tape if at all possible).
3. **Means of Feedback**:  
Discuss the insights and notes from my reading with my supervisor and lay committee.  
Discuss the insights and notes from my interviews with my supervisor and lay committee.  
Discuss the sermon tapes with my supervisor and lay committee.

### B. Second Ministry Focus: EVANGELISM

1. **Learning Goal**: To learn to do local church outreach and evangelism to unchurched people.
2. **Objectives**:
  - a. **Literary Resource**:  
Read and take brief notes on Church for the Unchurched by George G. Hunter III.
  - b. **Human Resource**:  
Interview one clergy person with proven experience in reaching out to the unchurched.
  - c. **Denominational Resource**:  
Contact the regional and national office of my denomination to see what resources they might have on reaching the unchurched.
  - d. **Action Plan**:
    1. Visit at least one church with an effective outreach program.
    2. Write a rough draft of a plan to reach out to the unchurched.
    3. Present the plan to the Evangelism Committee for discussion and revision.
3. **Means of Feedback**:  
Discuss the insights and notes from my reading with my supervisor and lay committee.  
Discuss the insights and notes from my interview with my supervisor and lay committee.  
Discuss the response of the Evangelism Committee with my supervisor.

C. **Spiritual Focus:** PRAYER

1. **Learning Goal:** To learn new and more effective ways to pray.

2. **Objectives:**

- a. **Literary Resource:**  
Read and take brief notes on Teach Me to Pray by Tom Albin.
- b. **Human Resource:**  
Interview one clergy person with proven experience in prayer.
- c. **Denominational Resource:**  
Contact the regional and national office of my denomination to see what resources they might have on reaching the unchurched.
- d. **Action Plan:**
  1. Make time in my schedule for a regular prayer time.
  2. Experiment with at least three different forms of prayer this semester.
  3. Keep a prayer journal of my thoughts, feelings and experiences.

3. **Means of Feedback:**

Discuss the insights and notes from my reading with my supervisor and lay committee.  
Discuss the insights and notes from my interview with my supervisor and lay committee.  
Discuss the insights from my prayer journal with my supervisor and lay committee (the journal will remain confidential and will not be shared).

D. **Personal Care Focus:** PERSONAL SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

1. **Learning Goal:** To experience personal spiritual direction.

2. **Objectives:**

- a. **Literary Resource:**  
Read and take brief notes on Exploring Spiritual Direction by Alan Jones.
- b. **Human Resource:**  
Interview one clergy person who is a spiritual director.
- c. **Denominational Resource:**  
Contact the regional and national office of my denomination to see what resources they might have on personal spiritual direction.
- d. **Action Plan:**
  1. Make time in my schedule for a bi-weekly meeting with a spiritual director.
  2. Keep a journal of my thoughts, feelings and experiences.

3. **Means of Feedback:**

Discuss the insights and notes from my reading with my supervisor and lay committee.  
Discuss the insights and notes from my interview with my supervisor and lay committee.  
Discuss the insights from my spiritual journal with my supervisor and lay committee (the journal will remain confidential and will not be shared).