Relationship Audit for (name of organization)

Mission Statement of congregation/organization – tag line, key imagery

Ask: What are the primary relationships indicated in this mission statement?

The Congregation's Constitution

Ask: what are the primary relationships indicated in the constitution?

Now: Identify 4-6 relationships maintained by the congregation/organization involving linkages beyond the congregation.
Describe in 2-3 sentences the who, what, where, when, how, and how much of each relationship.

1. Example: Relationship with Lutheran World Relief: a group of five women meets monthly at a group member's home to assemble quilts for LWR. They produce 100-150 quilts which are blessed during a worship service and then shipped. This relationship is in its 10th year.

2. Example: the congregation's support for/relationship to wider church

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In-Depth Relationship Assessment: Complete the following for each of the relationships

I. Describe your process for learning about the relationship: the materials you reviewed and the people you interviewed
II. Birth story: how did the relationship get started and what/who sustains it

III. Mutuality Assessment: Who gives, who gets; what is different and who is changed because of the relationship
IV. Relationship of relationship to the mission priorities of the congregation

How are these relationships supported? - How does the congregation do stewardship?

What is the language used in sermons, communication materials, newsletters, and coffee hour conversation to describe how and why these relationships are important. Does it conform to; If…. Then, or Because,….. Therefore

Describe the vertical dimension of these relationships: Does the congregation make a connection between the relationships they have and their understanding of their mission, and God's guiding hand in what they are doing? Are the relationships they tend related to their mission statement/tag line/constitutional foundation?

How effectively is this communicated?