

A SACReD Journey Worksheet 8.1 — Local Community Assessment

SACReD's Commitments

This community commits to:

- ✦ Create loving, justice-seeking faith communities where shame, judgment, and stigma for diverse reproductive decisions and journeys have no place.
- ✦ Support the work of parenting and the healthy growth of children in safe, sustainable, and nurturing communities.
- ✦ Advocate for equitable access to the full spectrum of comprehensive reproductive healthcare as a moral and social good, and support fulfillment of the reproductive moral agency and flourishing for all.

My local community is: _____

Instructions: How does your local community support Reproductive Justice for everyone within your group and their immediate circles? Where are there opportunities for your community to grow in its Reproductive Justice practice? What is the tangible evidence of your assessment?

Suggested areas of community life to assess (there could be others, depending on your context):

- ✦ Professed and practiced beliefs
- ✦ Sacred texts, songs, stories, worship services
- ✦ Decision-making, gatekeeping
- ✦ Internal policies, rules or guidelines
- ✦ Events and activities
- ✦ Traditions
- ✦ Physical spaces and real estate
- ✦ Social Justice commitments and actions
- ✦ Budget and how money is spent
- ✦ Who is present? Who is welcome?
- ✦ How do we care for bodies?
- ✦ Parents, Children, and Youth programming
- ✦ Pastoral care practice

Consider the following about your local community:

<p>Living Into: Does your community currently worship and otherwise express its values and beliefs in ways that explicitly align with SACReD's Community Commitments, such as in offering a miscarriage or birthing support group?</p>	
<p>Undermining: Are there ways that your community lives in conflict with the SACReD Principles, such as in isolating reproductive concerns from racial, economic, environmental, and gender justice issues?</p>	
<p>Growth Opportunities: Are there things about which your community is silent, such as not equally including those having abortions, trans healthcare challenges, or infertility issues in pastoral care?</p>	