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WHAT IS MULTICULTURAL WORSHIP?

Our corporate worship has tremendous power to connect us deeply with each other and with God. But if we are not careful, our worship cultures can also separate us from each other. Multicultural worship affirms the multifaceted and inclusive body of Christ, while enriching our relationship with God, with fellow believers, and with the world.

Multicultural worship is often multisensory, and incorporates many genres, languages, instruments, and abilities. Multicultural worship can help us repent of our divides and to truly be “open doors” communities. Multicultural worship also helps us get a bigger view of God and of the global Body of Christ.

What is your church’s culture?

In beginning a journey toward multicultural worship, we must first examine the aspects of our own worship that are indicative of a particular culture

Consider some of the following questions to help you discern the cultural values of your own church:

- What theological themes are emphasized in your church setting?
- How much of the music is contemplative? How much is offered in praise and jubilation?
- How often is music repeated?
- How much repetition is there within a given song?
- What instruments are used, and how does the congregation follow along?
- How much congregational participation is there?



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- What is the flow/liturgy of the worship service?
- How long is the service?
- Do congregants approach the altar?
- How is offering collected?
- Is dance used in worship? What about other art forms?

What do the answers to these questions tell you about your church's current priorities? Once we have identified our own cultural norms, we can begin to integrate those aspects of worship that may be missing from our environment. Use these questions to begin to identify what cultures might be missing from your church setting and who in your community might be served by incorporating other aspects of worship into your church services.