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Name and Role: The Rev. Jill Jackson-Sears is the pastor of the First Global Methodist Church Dallas, which is now meeting Sundays at the Lake Highlands Family YMCA. The newly formed congregation began meeting in member homes, then shared space with Fellowship Dallas in the former movie theater at Park Lane and 75. Jill has been a key leader in the Wesleyan Covenant Association.

What to Know: Two years ago the Revitalization Task Force of the Wesleyan Covenant Association, under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. Leah Hidde-Gregory, created the *Nehemiah Journey*, a program for local churches seeking revitalization. The goal was to help pastors get healed up, churches prayed up, and congregations revitalized. The creators of the program have seen God create a wonderful community within the first 30 minutes of the initial gatherings, with pastors expressing their surprise as they realized they were in a safe space to express their hopes and fears, frustrations, and hurts.

The initial pilot program and the Nehemiah Journey is now a ministry of the Global Methodist Church. Even from reading this description, it is easy to see how much it has to offer! Join us!

Topic: Nehemiah Journey 2.0: Renew, Revitalize, Refresh!

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Today the work of the church is the responsibility of both the minister and the laity. More and more people are becoming empowered to act on a local level - they minister to one another, recognize needs, and reach out to help others inside and outside the congregation. Collected here are more than 20 narratives, told by the very people actively working in this shared ministry.

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