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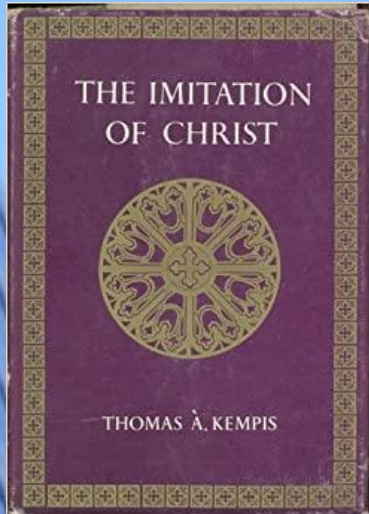
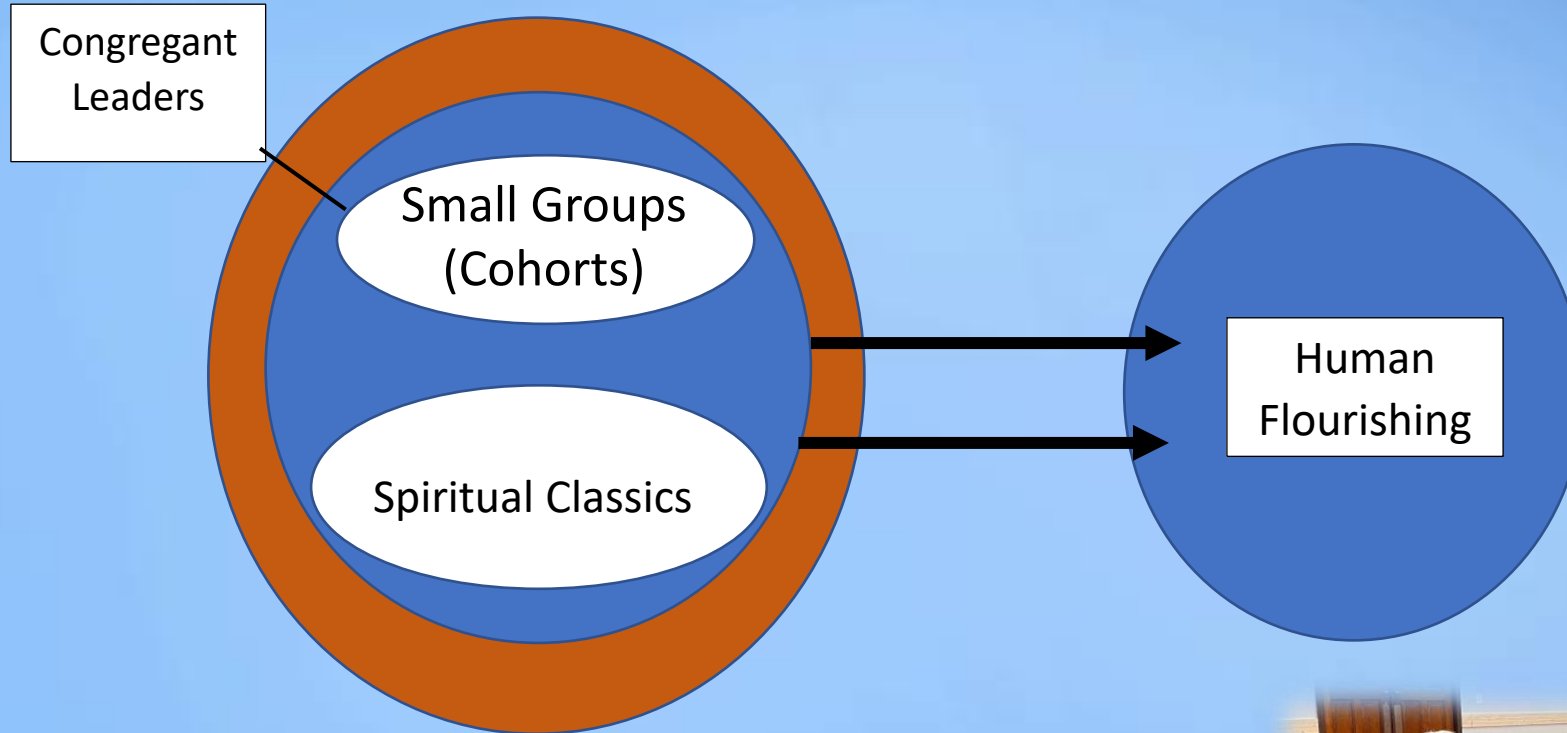
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# Goals

- Current research on the **Sacred Roots Project**
- Describe our **framework** for Human Flourishing
- Identify **Future Directions for Research**



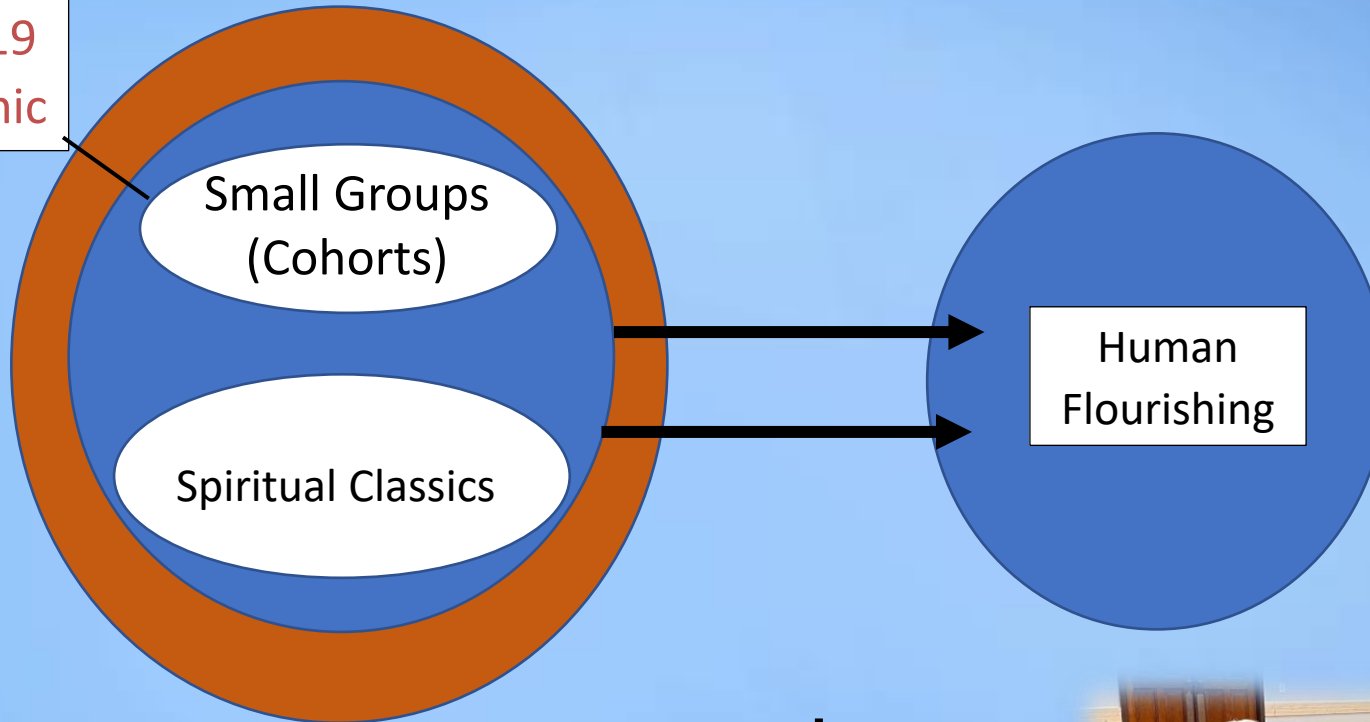
# Overview of Sacred Roots Program





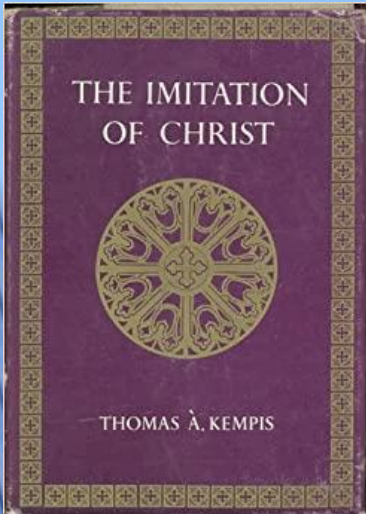
# Sacred Roots Evaluation Grant

Covid-19  
Pandemic



## Outcomes

- Published articles
- APHA & ASA Presentations



## Timeline



# Methods

- 35 questions survey
- In-depth Interviews and Focus Groups

## Analysis

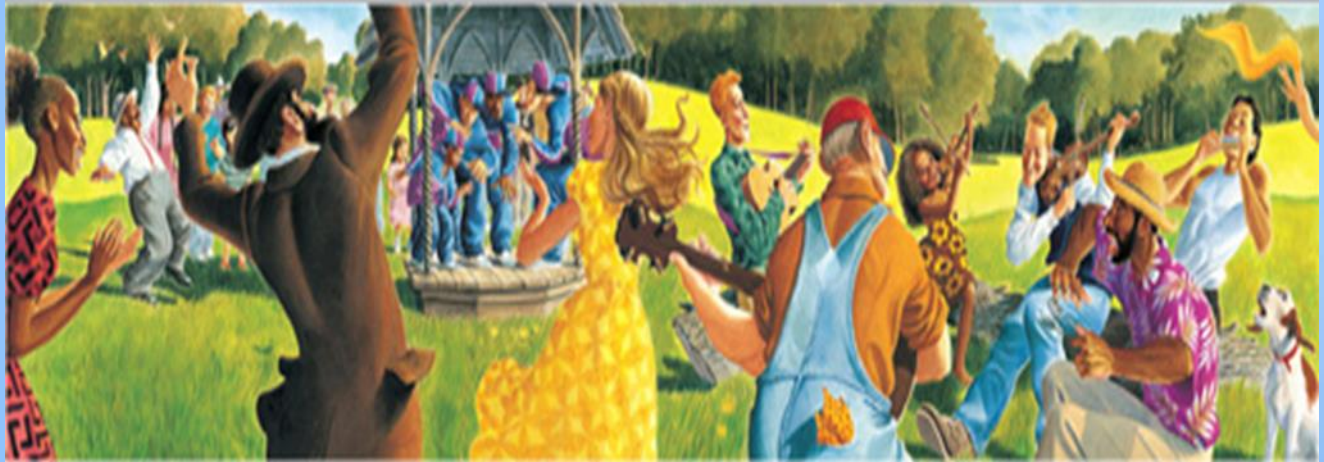
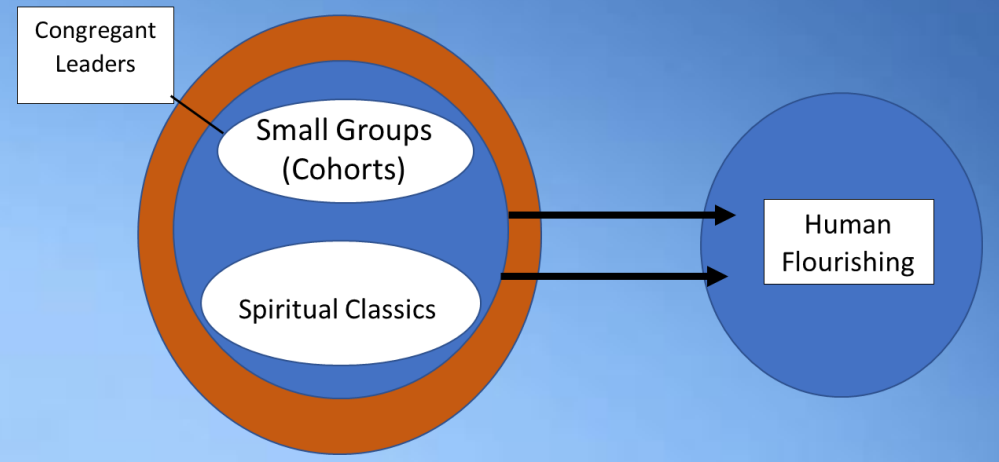
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# Pilot Study on Covid and Congregations: Survey Questions

- Sources for trusted information on Covid-19 during the pandemic. Narrative?
- Financial Impact of pandemic
- Impact on Social Network
- Areas of need for support (mental health, technology)

# What is Human Flourishing?





# Domains of Human Flourishing

- happiness and life satisfaction;
- health, both mental and physical;
- financial and material stability.
- **meaning and purpose;**
- **character and virtue; and**
- **close social relationships .**

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# New Directions

- Trusted health Information Sources of Congregational leaders
- Visions of Human Flourishing – Critiques and Contributions?
- Covid-19 and Congregational Resilience – capacities? “Adaptive leadership, narrative,

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