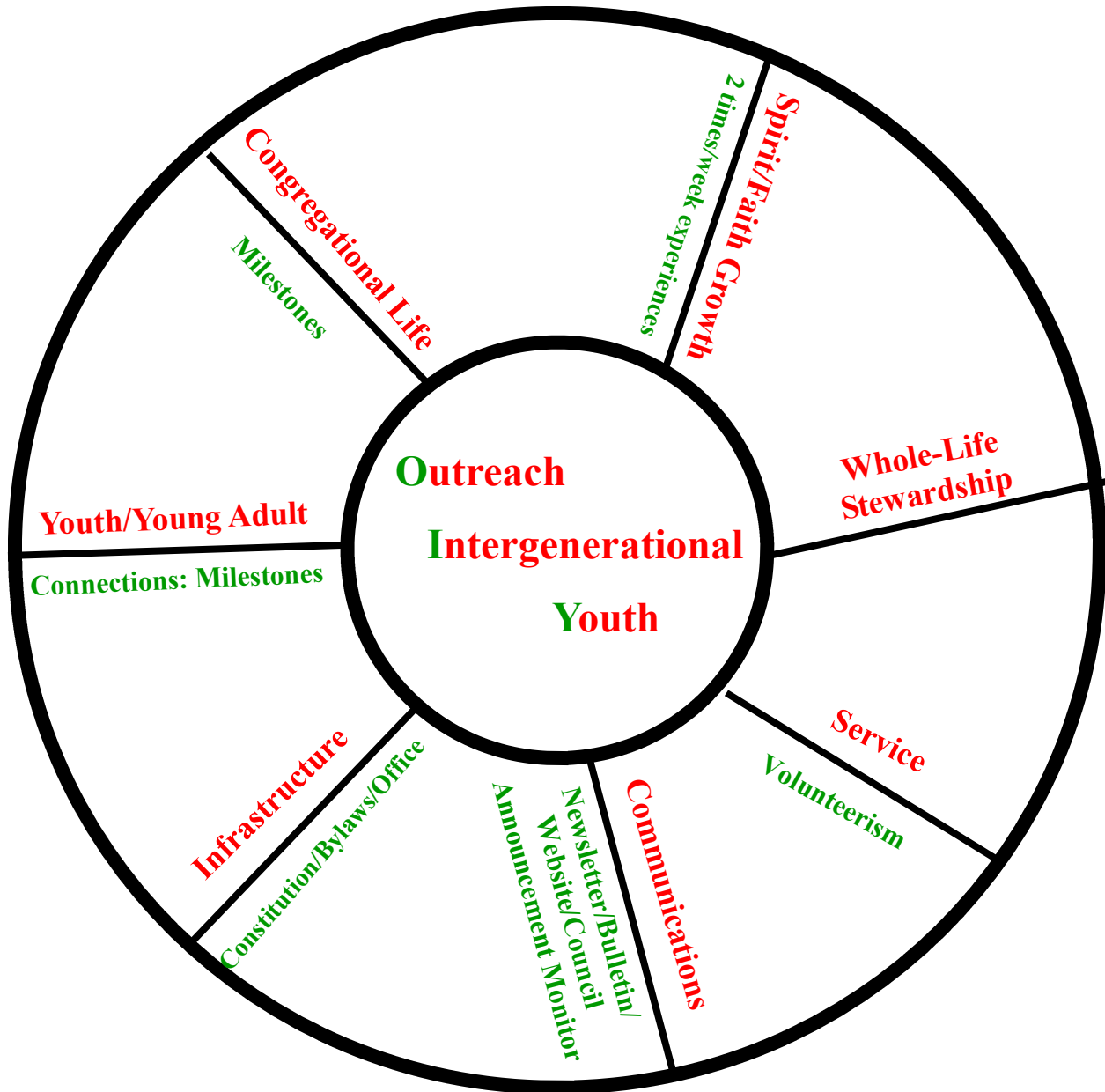


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- We are a congregation that believes it is called to actively engage in increased, deliberately planned outreach and discipleship beyond its doors. (Developing alliances with other faith based organizations in our community in a common cause was expressed as a natural adjunct to this vision).
- We are a congregation that is committed to growing and meeting the needs of our younger population, including teens and younger families, and providing a "welcome home" base to those attending college, but returning often to our community. We want to share our call with our youth and engage them in meaningful and relevant service
- We are a congregation that honors the intergenerational nature and connectedness of our church family, young through old, and want to develop programs that contribute to the spiritual needs and growth of all generations