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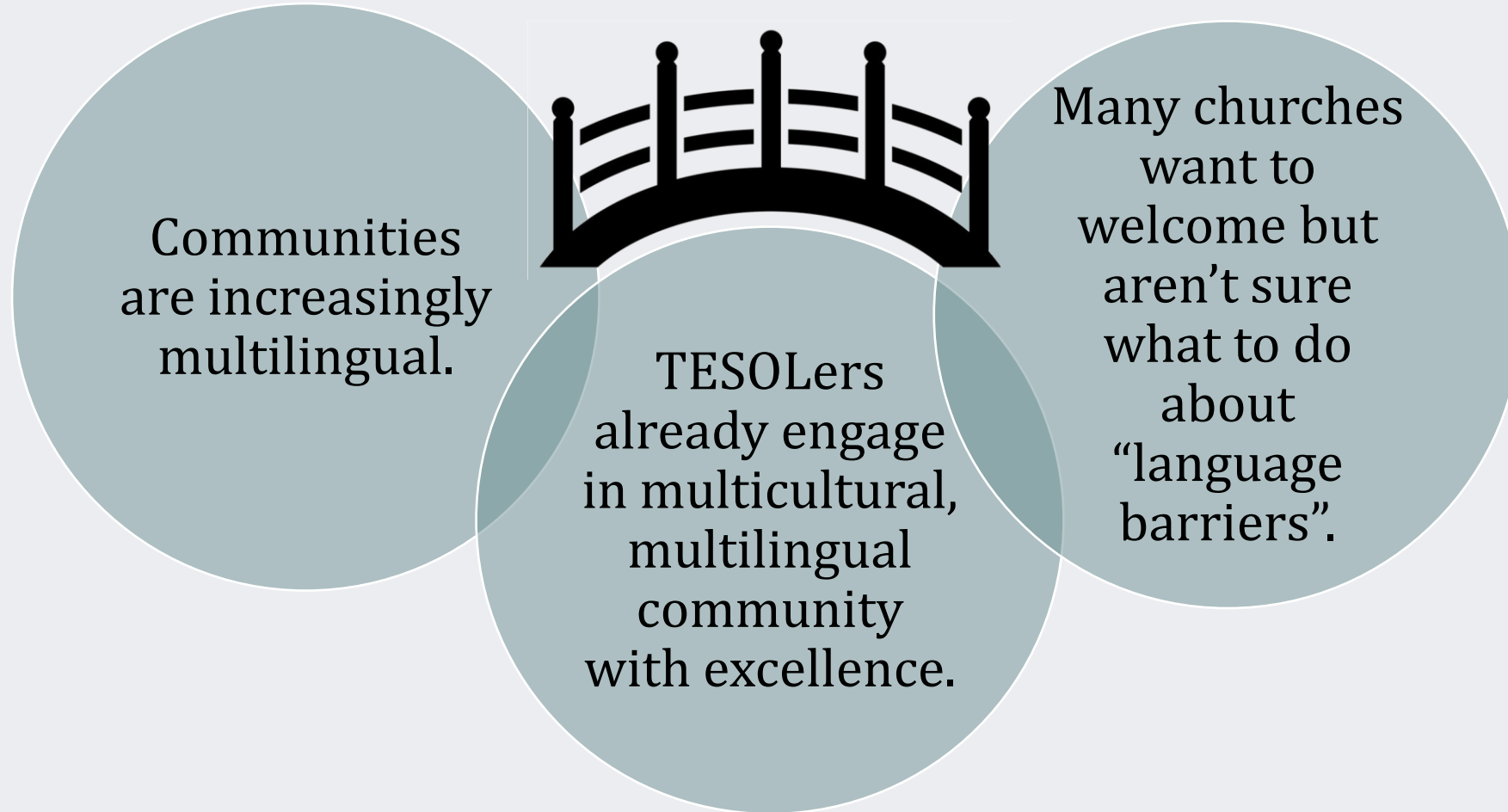




# Context: What's Going On?



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# Multilingual

What do we mean by multilingual?

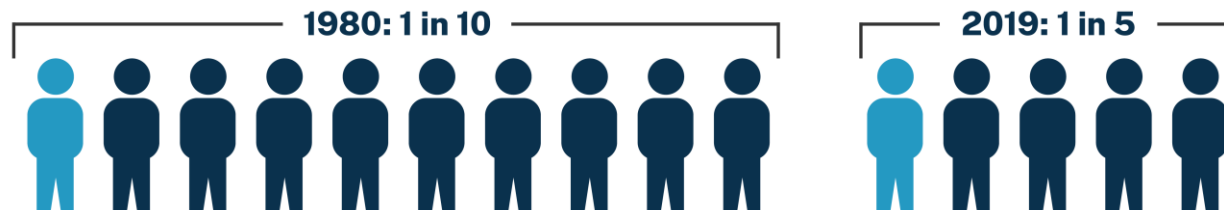
- proficiency, dominance, domain, identity

What groups fit here?

- Immigrants, people of refugee-background, international students, short-term workers, heritage language speakers, returnees, etc.

Why are we talking about multilinguals?

## Language Other Than English Spoken at Home



Source: U.S. Census Bureau



# Hospitality is...

- a cultural tradition and a Christian tradition
- a key part of the Church's identity
- centered on welcome and belonging
- intentional and reciprocal



# Language Hospitality

Language hospitality is responding to needs of multilingual community through intentional and reciprocal acts of hospitality.

We cultivate language hospitality together by discussing principles and practices for our unique contexts.







# The Project



# The Language Hospitality Project

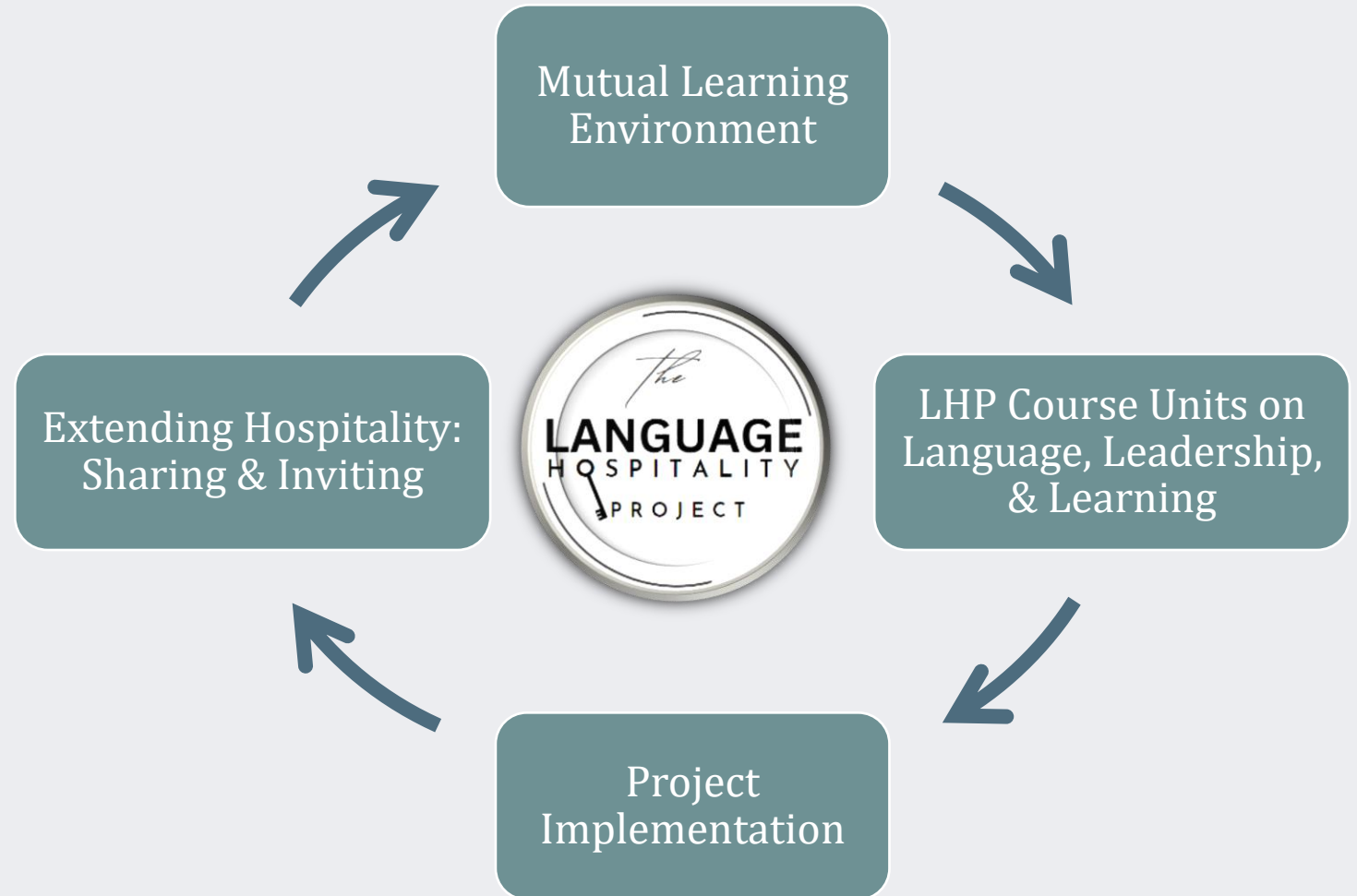
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Inclusion allows diversity to find its expression in the ministry of the church. It includes music style, language, decorations and recognition of special days. It is an attitude of hospitality that minimizes barriers and fosters an environment where people from all walks of life feel welcome.

**Derek Chinn**

1 + 1 = 1: Creating a Multiracial Church  
from Single Race Congregations

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# Stories







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