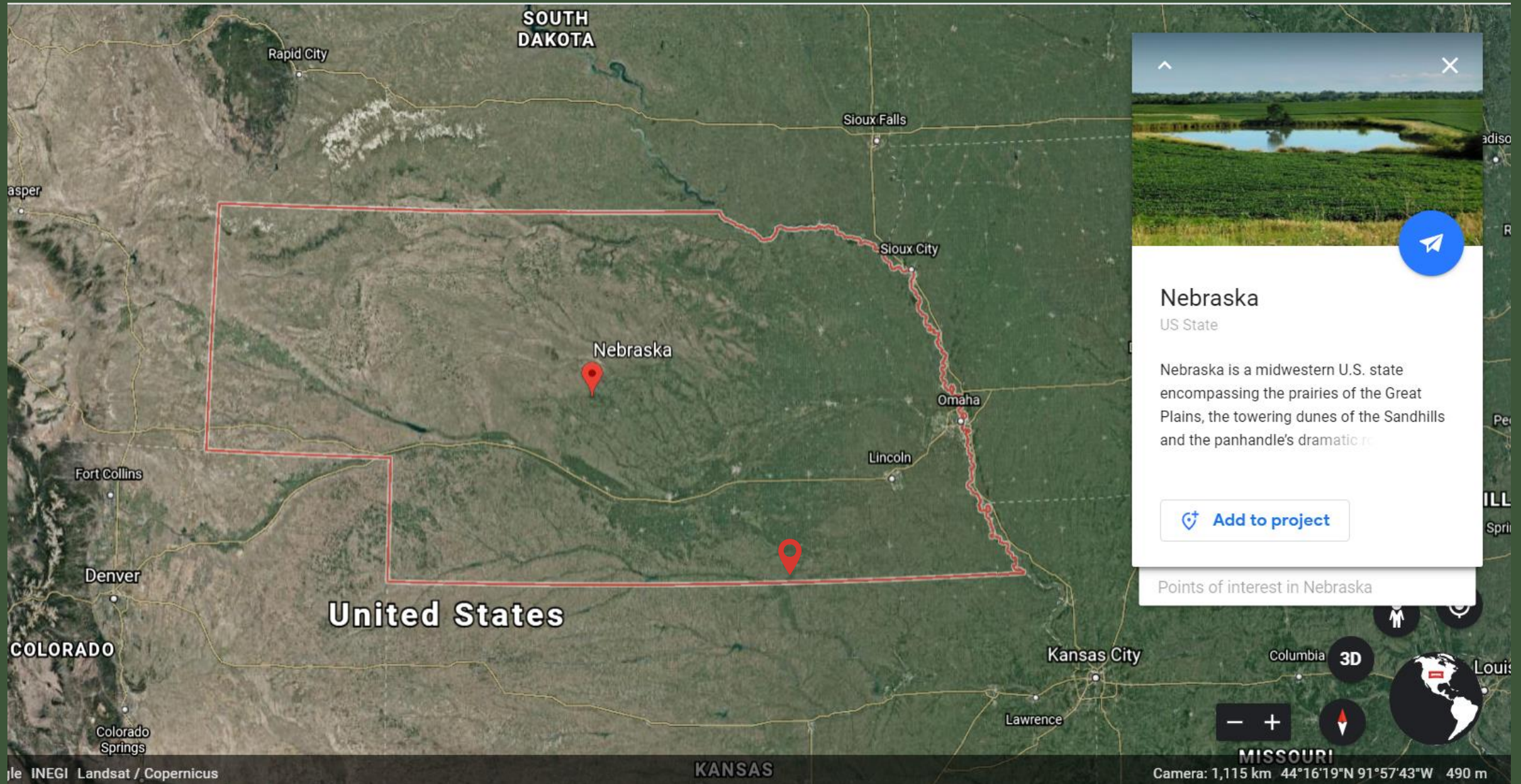


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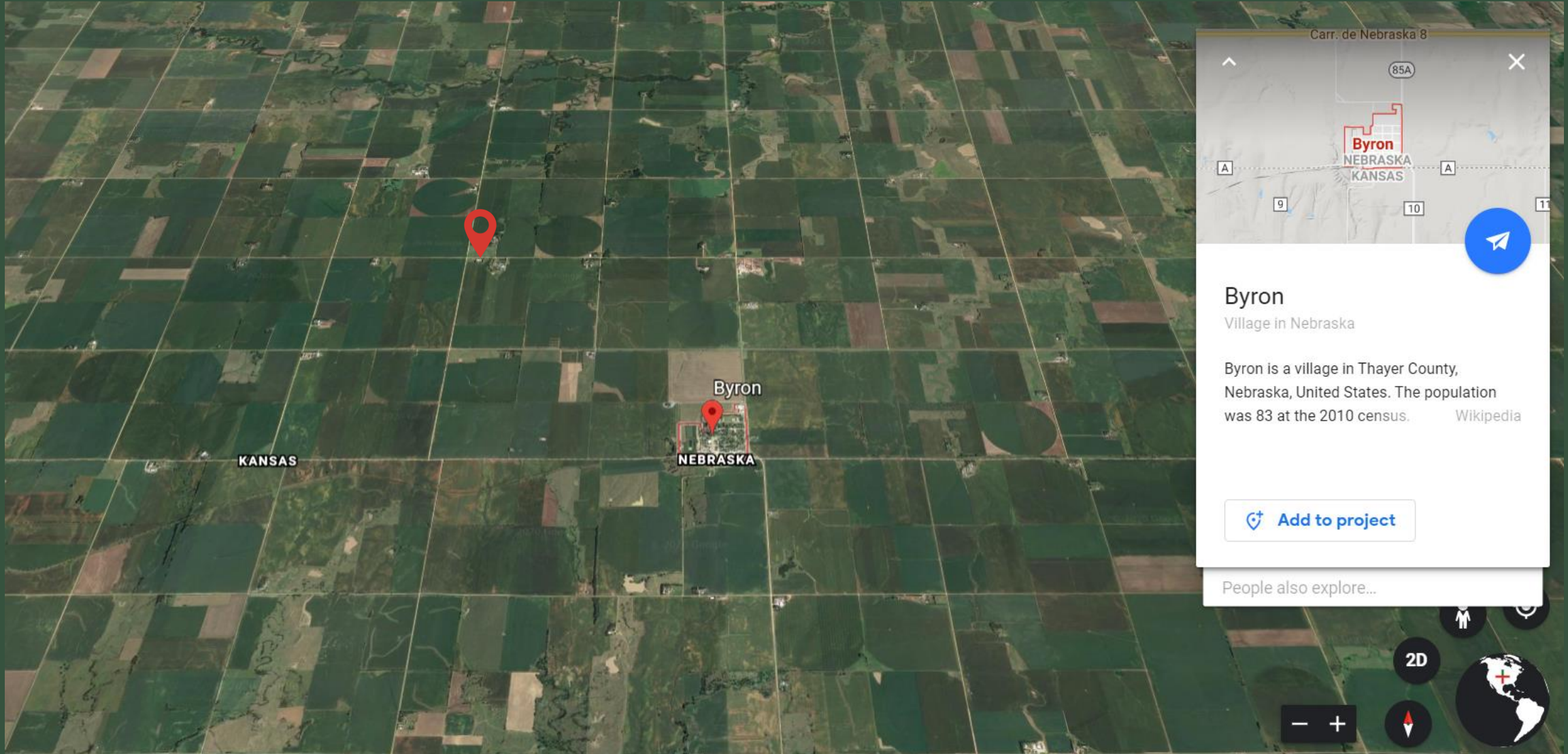
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Questions to  
consider:

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What is your  
**CONTEXT?**

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What's the who,  
what, where, &  
how of the place  
you serve?



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Questions to  
consider:

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What are your  
**LIABILITIES?**

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What does your  
ministry lack?

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What do you wish  
you had?

# St. Paul, Hardy

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Questions to  
consider:

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What are your  
**UNEXPECTED  
ASSETS?**

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Who has a passion  
for something that  
is so far untapped?

**Children of God  
Devotion  
Time  
St. Paul, Hardy**



# CDT: Children of God Devotion Time

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## Large Group

- Repeat-after-me Prayer
- Read the Story Out Loud
- Sing a Song

## In Adult-Child Pairs

- Answer Questions Together
- Complete Age-Specific Children's Bulletin

## Craft Time

- Simple Craft with more adult helpers
- Sometimes includes a prayer practice

Questions to  
Consider:

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In what creative ways can  
you **CONNECT** your  
**UNEXPECTED ASSETS**  
to the **NEEDS** of your  
context?

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What is the Spirit up to?

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How is God leading and  
guiding this work?



**St. Paul, Byron**

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# Learning from Failed Experiments

## Welcome to Faith-Full Parenting!

Resources provided by Tri-Saints Lutheran Parish, ELCA  
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## Tri-Saints Parents

Parenting and Devotional Resources for Tri-Saints Lutheran Parish, ELCA

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### DEVOTIONS FOR YOUNG FAMILIES

Parents of young families have been asking for age-appropriate devotional resources for their families. Choose the button above to access some of the best available resources for young families.

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### JUST FOR PARENTS

All parents need some faith refreshment of their own. Choose the button above to access Feed My Faith Parents, a website dedicated to resources for faithful parenting.

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Parents of tweens and teens expressed the need for resources that helped them to talk about the contemporary issues that their children face in the current culture. Choose the button above to access the answers to tough questions facing tweens and teens.

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## Lesson Plans that Work

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January 6, 2020 we begin the [Season of Epiphany](#).





## Large Group Sunday St. Paul & St. Peter, Byron

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# Byron Large Group Sunday

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## Service Projects

- Led by 3 adults & 5 youth
- Several Hands-On Service Project Stations
- Entire Parish Invited to Participate

## Prayer Stations

- Groups of Children Accompanied by Adult/Youth
- Several Creative Prayer Practice Stations on One Theme
- Entire Parish Invited to Participate

## Learning Sundays

- Led by 3 adults & 5 youth
- Large Group with Prayers, Singing, Intro
- Several Hands-On Learning Stations led by Adults/High School
- Engaged in multi-age small groups of children/youth

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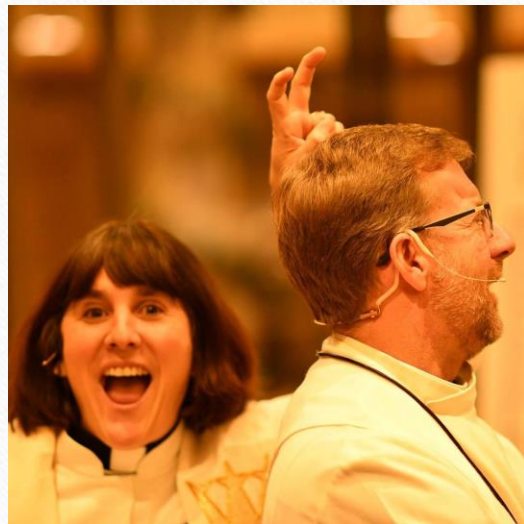
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*with a foreword by Dan Akin*

# THE ART OF CURATING WORSHIP

RESHAPING THE ROLE OF WORSHIP LEADER



REVISED AND UPDATED

## parenting in the pew

guiding your children into the joy of worship

robbie castleman

Questions to  
Consider:

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What are you being  
**CALLED** to **LEARN**?

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In what ways are you  
engaging your own  
life-long learning and  
faith formation?

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Where are you being  
nudged?

# Tri-Saints Sabbath Sunday

- **Liturgy Music:** Simple Call & Echo Songs
- **Baptismal Remembrance** (with water!)
- **Prayers, Hymns, Psalm Verse** to Learn “By Heart” Change Quarterly
- **Special Music** Led by Youth & Children
- **Experience the Word:** Interactive Bible Storytelling Event includes all Children & Youth
- Includes **Lectionary Texts** and Shortened **Sermon**
- **The Apostles’ Creed & Lord’s Prayer** with Motions to Embody the Text
- **12 Essential Speaking Parts:** Readers, Prayers, Cantors
- **14 Essential Non-Speaking Parts:** Ushers, Singing Bowl, Water Bearers, Motion Leaders

# Tri-Saints Sabbath Sunday





**WARNING**

**Experiments  
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# Learning for Yourself

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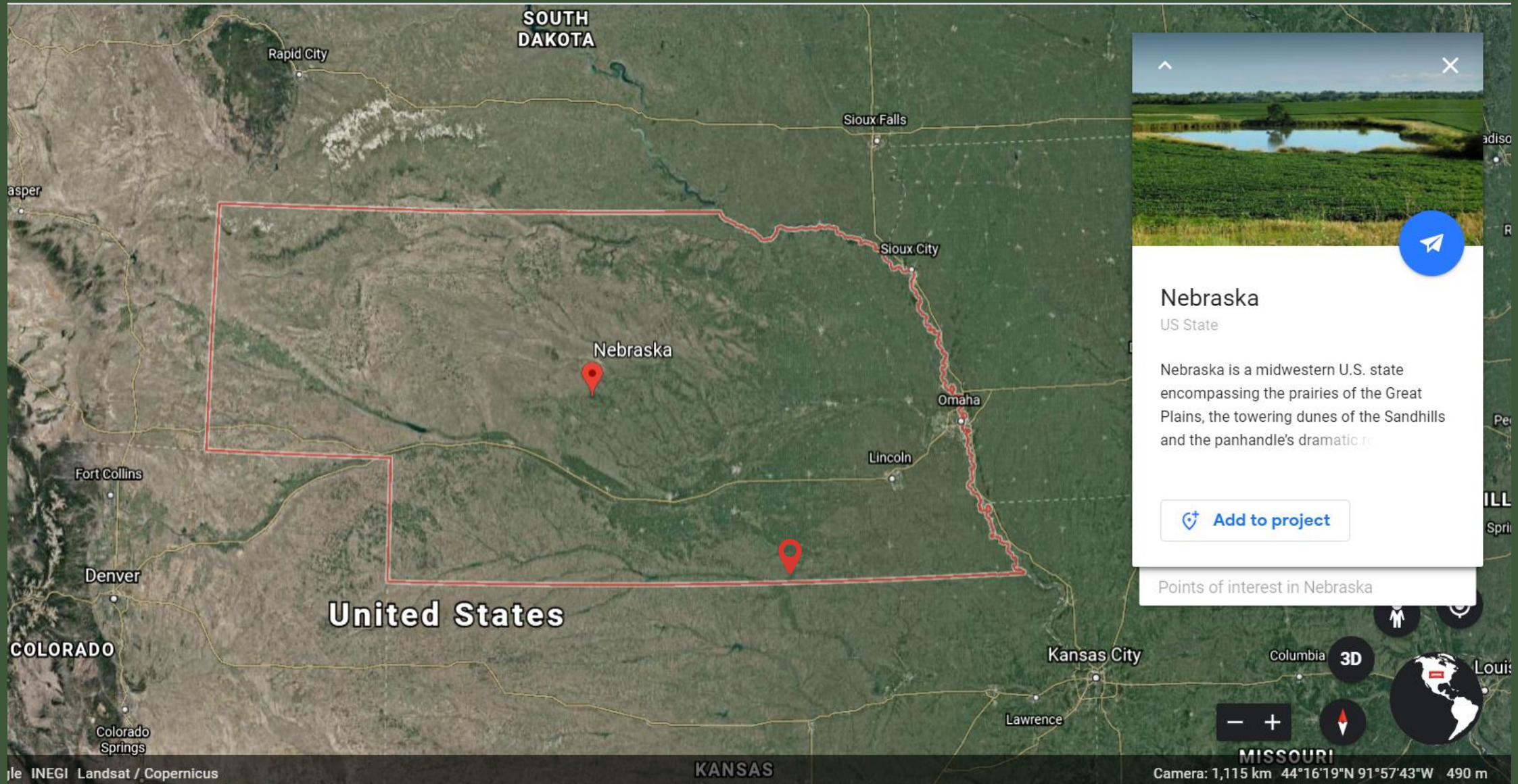
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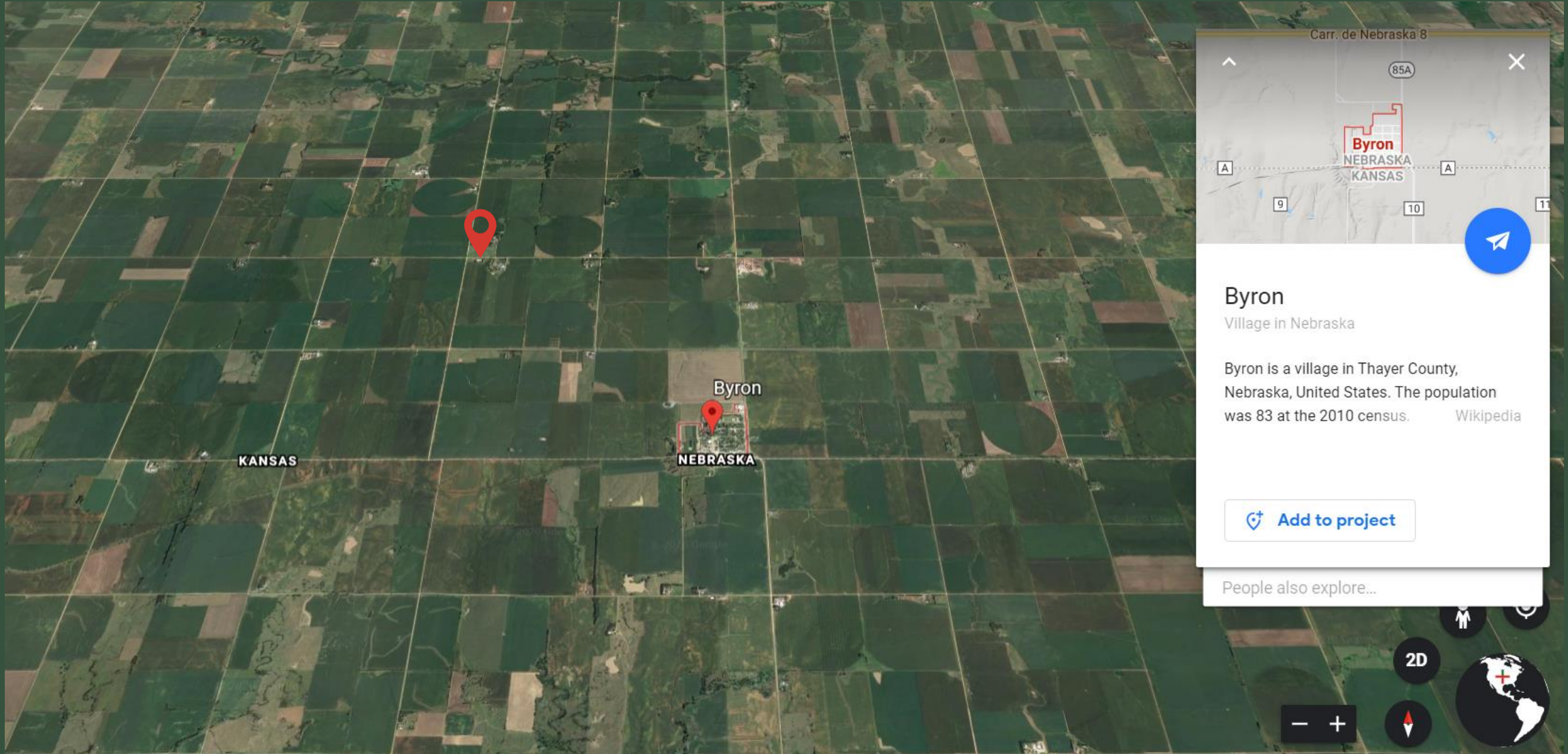
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