I’M READY TO START TIDYING!
Here’s a cheat sheet and checklist to guide you through the process.

GENERAL TIDYING GUIDELINES
Make it an event
Dress for the occasion—be comfortable, but also to take the process seriously!

VISUALIZE THE DESTINATION
• Why is getting your house in order important to you?
• What do you hope to gain?
• How do you want to live in your space?
• Why? Why? Why?
• Be as specific as possible!

DISCARD THE EXCESS
• Focus on what you want to keep- the things that spark joy!
• Discard by category
• Say “thank you” to the items you discard—they provided you a service
• Pro tip from book clubber Jenny: use dark garbage bags and use masking tape to label “Goodwill” or other destination. If you can’t see through the bag you’ll be less tempted to second guess yourself!

ORGANIZE WHAT’S LEFT
• Everything must have a place
• A “homeless” item will be a magnet for clutter
• Don’t scatter storage places
• Store things so they’re easy to put away instead of easy to get out
• Avoid stacking/piling items; store vertically if possible
• Remove displeasing visual clutter like product labels (ie: decant your hand soap into a lovely porcelain container)
WHAT TO DO WITH ALL THESE CLOTHES?
Here are some resources suggested during discussion.

Donation:
- Goodwill
- White Station Church of Christ clothes boutique
- Junior League Repeat Boutique
- Hope Church resale store
- St. John’s Episcopal Church clothes donation bins
- Hopeworks (for job interviews, etc)
- Catholic Charities

Resale
- Plato’s Closet
- Celery Upscale Resale
- Sugarplum Consignments
- Once Upon a Child
- Simply Divine Plus Size Resale

Books, etc
- Central Library book boutique
- Hopeworks
- S Main Book Juggler
I’M READY. LET’S DO THIS!
Set yourself up for success by going in order. Don’t try to do everything in one day- if you can do a category in a day, that’s a good pace.

CLOTHING
- Tops
- Bottoms
- Dresses
- Coats & jackets
- Socks
- Underwear
- Bags
- Accessories
- Event clothes (swimsuits, etc)
- Shoes

Hurray! You finished the clothes—I bet you feel so much better. Check out the previous pages for resources on where to get rid of your bags o’ clothes.

BOOKS
- General
- Practical (cookbooks, gardening, etc)
- Visual
- Magazines

Ok, I bet that one was a little scary. Pour yourself a glass of wine to celebrate. And don’t forget to donate good condition books!
**PAPERS**
- Statements
- Warranties
- Lecture materials
- Greeting cards

You're really on a roll now! Yay you!

**MISC ITEMS**
- Cds, dvds, vhs
- Toiletries
- Accessories
- Valuables
- Electrical equipment, appliances
- Household (stationery, sewing)
- House supplies (cleaning, meds)
- Kitchen goods & food
- Other (spare change, tchotchkes)
- Hobby gear, sports items
- Linens

Almost finished discarding... you can do it!

**SENTIMENTAL ITEMS**
- Photos
- Notes
- Anything weird you’ve kept from an ex...

Ok, major celebration time. Treat yourself to a massage or manicure or piece of cake! HUZZAH!