



WEEK 2: INNOVATION & COLLABORATION

The Greater Milwaukee Synod seeks to raise \$2.3 million for the *Equipping the Saints* Mission Appeal. The appeal has two primary emphases:

- **Innovation and Collaboration:** \$1.2 million
- **Leadership:** \$1.1 million

This is insert 2 of 2 regarding Innovation and Collaboration.

God is calling us to work together in new ways. This has long been evident, but the pandemic has forced us into this more quickly as we have needed to embrace technology to gather as community. We have also deepened our understanding of the need to collaborate as we build stronger partnerships to confront systemic racism so that all may know God's love in their lives.

The *Equipping the Saints* appeal will help us organize our resources to enhance relationships between diverse communities; to explore new partnership models for urban, suburban, and rural ministries to foster deep, authentic, and collaborative relationships with one another; and to identify steps for deep and lasting change that build strong and sustainable ministries wherever they are located.

Outreach for Hope (OFH) Collaboration Grants: The result of these grants will be...

- 500 new people engaged in the work of OFH
- Sustainable Funding stream to cover at least 25% of OFH's recurring needs
- 25 new partnership relationships among synod and community ministries

Missional Tithe: Because we hope to spur innovation across the Church, we will provide a gift of 5% to the ELCA Holy Innovations fund. In our commitment to strengthen the work of our church partners beyond the reach of our own synod, we will provide a gift of 5% to support the collaborative work between congregations and the Refugee Resettlement Program of Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.

Summary of Innovation and Collaboration (\$1.2 million):

- Grants to congregations for Innovation
- Outreach for Hope Collaboration Grants
- Synod Staff aligned for this initiative
- Missional Tithe to ELCA Holy Innovations and LSS Refugee Resettlement