WHAT:
Two-year journey where participating churches will:
• Engage their neighborhoods
• Embrace Christian practices
• Build community
• Clarify values and calling
• Strengthen leadership
• Connect with other churches

COMMITMENT:
Commitment for Pastors is approximately 5-7 hours per month:
• 2-year program
• Monthly pastors’ learning community meetings the 2nd Thursday of the month beginning July 2021
• Monthly congregational team meetings
• 4 large-group gatherings

Commitment for Congregational Team Members is approximately 3-5 hours per month:
• 2-year program
• Monthly congregational team meetings and activities
• 4 large-group gatherings

CONGREGATIONAL TEAMS:
• Pastors will form their Congregational Teams with 8-10 congregation members
• Ideally, 2-3 members live in the church’s neighborhood
• Ideal team members should represent a cross-section of the congregation and be willing to prioritize participation and show signs of interest in engaging with neighbors

CHURCH CLUSTERS:
• Congregations will be grouped into clusters of 8-10 with diversity and geographic proximity in mind
• Toward the end of the program, clusters will have the chance to engage in mission in their neighborhoods with funding provided by Lilly Endowment, Inc.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MAY 24, 2021 OR UNTIL COHORT IS FILLED

VISION:
A movement of churches awakening to God’s call, forming life-giving friendships and partnerships, and growing in love for their home communities

GOALS:
• Enjoy life-giving relationships that extend beyond Sunday and the physical church building
• Experience God by placing God-questions at the center of the conversation
• Know and love your place and its people
• Discover and embrace your unique identity and call

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Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.”
Genesis 28:16

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