



# Off and Running!

**Mission Support Update  
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“...determined to run the race that is before us.” Hebrews 12:1, CEV

## What is happening with *Mission Support*?

Thanks to the generosity of congregations in the Minneapolis Area Synod, congregation **LEADERS** were recently challenged—and equipped—to lead **TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRY** in their congregations through a significant retreat experience offered late last month.

The mission support offering helped make that retreat possible, along with equipping events like it throughout the ELCA. When churches gave a portion of their money to mission support, we were able to gather a talented team of local and national staff to with congregation leaders. Their time was spent in intensive sessions designed to equip both the lay members and pastors for the work of becoming more faithful, more vibrant, and more welcoming.

This isn't a race for the faint of heart. It's not about techniques or programs, but inside-out transformation. Creating Christ-centered community challenges every member, every leader, every day. Running to embrace the future God is sending our way takes all the courage and resources with which God has blessed us.

Please feel free to contact us if you would like more information or would like to know more about how Mission Support is at work!