

# the **MOSES** **PROJECT**

## Are you thriving in ministry?

**THE MISSION** of the project is to give **ELCA rural pastors** a **vision for ministry** that will **help them thrive in congregational leadership** and in turn, **enhance the vitality of the congregations they serve.**

**AUGUST 3, 2020 – MAY 11, 2021**

### WHAT IS THE MOSES PROJECT?

It says in Deuteronomy 34:7 **“Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone.”**

This program is designed to help pastors in their first ten years of ministry build relationships with and learn from experienced clergy who will guide them through challenges at critical, transitional phases in their early ministerial career. Through a distinct and exceptional professional development program, pastors will receive critical support, develop innovative strategies, and engage in ongoing learning and opportunities for renewal. They will build the very network that will provide them and those they serve with vitality.

By helping pastors invest in themselves early, we hope that they, like Moses, continue to have vision and vitality long into the future.

### ONLINE AND ONSITE

Engagement in the Moses Project will take place primarily online utilizing online meeting platforms. In addition, the cohort will also gather three times at Grand View University in Des Moines, Iowa.

#### **Cohort Kick-Off: August 3-5, 2020**

A gathering focused on building community, orienting everyone to the program and rediscovering your call.

#### **January Refresh: January 4-6, 2021**

A time focused on reconnecting, unplugging, refocusing and wellness.

#### **End of Program Celebration: May 10-11, 2021**

A chance for you to celebrate your experience in The Moses Project and share what you've learned with others.

## LEARNING MODULES

Each module will take four weeks and is focused on a theme linked to pastors thriving in rural ministry. We hope the modules will spark curiosity and spur creativity for you to thrive in ministry. Modules may look different from month to month, but we expect approximately two hours a week necessary to engage the Moses Project outside of the on-site times. Possible activities include engaging resources, discussion with cohort members, one-on-one mentorship, and Q&A with exemplars in rural ministry.

## MENTORING

As a participant in the Moses Project, you will be paired up with a mentor. This mentor will walk alongside you throughout the program to help you process what you are learning and create a plan for how it will take shape in your life and ministry.

## MINI-COHORT COMMUNITY

In addition to a mentor, each pastor is placed in a small group with four other pastors. The mini-cohort meets together online once each month and is a space for pastors to foster collaboration, build connections, and can serve as a professional network once pastors have finished the program.

## WHAT DOES THE MOSES PROJECT COST?

Thanks to a generous grant, the Moses Project is **free for the first 20 participants each year** for the next four years. We will cover the costs of the program, books, other supplies and even help with the costs of traveling to Des Moines. However, all of the above benefits will cost your time, participation, energy and a little bit of homework time for group session preparation. It will require teachability, a desire for mentoring, openness to honest relationships with those in your mini-cohort and a passion for the Spirit's deep, formative work in your life for God's glory.

## TO LEARN MORE...

Please visit our website to:

- **learn more** about the Moses Project,
- **apply** for the 2020-2021 cohort or
- **nominate a pastor** you think would benefit from the program.

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