

PLENTIFUL GIFTS

A Lilly Endowed Thriving Congregations Initiative in partnership with University of Dubuque Theological Seminary and John Knox Presbytery

WHAT IS PLENTIFUL GIFTS?

Plentiful Gifts is a program which seeks to nourish the flourishing of small member churches. Knowing that lay people are already burdened with doing the work of the church, this program is not about more homework to do or more assignments to complete. It's an opportunity to be fed in a targeted way that will nurture their gifts.

A small group within each congregation will receive training and support in one or more specific areas such as preaching, worship, and pastoral care.

Churches will be matched with a mentor who will guide them through the process. Participants will also attend retreats and create a course of study.

CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION

- A congregation longing to thrive
- An investment of time and commitment
- Commitment for 3+ members of your church to attend retreats and educational events over two years
- 3+ committed members of your church to be in leadership roles committed to serve after the program ends



AT A GLANCE

- Two-year commitment
- Application opens Sept, 2026
- Launch in Winter, 2026
- Includes retreats, a mission study, and educational components; FREE TRAINING
- 4-7 churches in John Knox
- Mentor guidance provided
- NO cost to congregations

APPLICATIONS DUE BY JANUARY 8, 2027

Questions?
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