## Highlights from the RESHAPING CHURCH process

- Congregations reshaped aspects of ministry including:
  - · Emphasis on Children and Youth Ministry
  - · Emphasis on Outreach
  - · Embracing Multi-culturalism
  - · Reimagining Worship
  - · And others!
- Denominational Community of Practice

## Most valuable aspects of the RESHAPING CHURCH process

- The opportunity to grow and rediscover the vision of our church. *Iglesia Bautista Bethesda, Indianapolis, Ind.*
- Getting the congregation together as one body to openly discuss changes that had to be made. FBC, Scottsburg, Ind.
- The most valuable aspect of the RESHAPING CHURCH process was that it has enabled us to reconnect, debrief our experiences ... and to discern ways the Holy Spirit is leading us to partner with our neighbors to bless our community. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Charleston, S.C.
- We feel more like a family now even though we have different skin colors, languages of origin, and cultural norms. FBC, Waukesha, Wis.
- Missions is a strong voice in our church. The practicality of serving neighbors surfaced early in RESHAPING conversations and is an obvious driver of our future. FBC, Olathe, Kan.



## Commitments from congregations participating in RESHAPING CHURCH

- \$500 fee to participate
- Implement a RESHAPING CHURCH
   Coordination Team to lead your congregation through this process along with your Coach
- Collaborate with Community of Practice and Coach
- Engage in the RESHAPE process fully including small groups, submitting covenant, questionnaire, and ministry plan when needed
- Attend the Covenanting and Orienting Event (typically in January or February—virtual or in-person event)
- Attend the Celebration Event (typically in November—virtual or in-person event)

# We used to **resist change** and now we **see the need for it**.

Johns Island Presbyterian Church Johns Island, SC

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The **RESHAPING CHURCH** program at Central Seminary, in partnership with Pinnacle Leadership Associates, brings together congregations of all kinds to join in dialogue with other pastors and churches to reflect on unpredictable experiences and process them in community. Additionally, each congregation is led by a coach through the **RESHAPE** process to discern and discover the unique ways God is leading your congregation toward transformation in this new season. **RESHAPING CHURCH** is a Thriving Congregations Initiative generously funded by the Lilly Endowment, Inc.

We used to think of church as place and now we think of it as a way of being.

Calvin United Church of Christ Toledo, Ohio

### Join the RESHAPING CHURCH Cohort and receive:

- 10 copies of **RESHAPE: Emerging Church Practice** in a **Volatile World** (second edition) by Mark E.

  Tidsworth of Pinnacle Leadership Associates
- Digital access to the RESHAPING CHURCH Coordination Team Guide
- Coaching through the RESHAPE process for the Coordination Team and Pastor
- A Community of Practice with other congregations to share learnings
- Access to Basecamp (a team management system) for the Coordination Team
- Technical support for the Coordination Team throughout the process
- The opportunity to apply for funds for technology equipment to support a congregation's participation in the program
- The opportunity to apply for grants of up to \$5,000 (minus any funds utilized for tech equipment) to implement the newly discerned Ministry Plan
- The opportunity for conversations with scholarpractitioners in areas of congregational transformation
- A program offered virtually so engage from anywhere!

#### **Small Group Experiences**



Small Groups are the heart of this process, where the primary action occurs. These eight, one-hour Small Group sessions are the format for generating and harvesting the collective discernment toward church reshaping.

### **Timeline for RESHAPING CHURCH Process**

