

FAITH FORWARD



Honoring Our Legacy & Building Our Future

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Initiative 2: Initiating and Developing New Ministries for Greater Community Outreach

Greater Community Outreach Resources will support and develop new visions of mission and ministry opportunities that are necessary to the future success of our mission to “pursue peace, justice, and the renewal of all creation.”

▪ Campaign goal of **\$2 million** for this initiative ▪

Opportunity

- Projects by a congregation to address the local community’s needs help weave the church into the community’s social fabric.
- The relevancy of a congregation grows in accordance with the mission and ministry it can provide for the community. Congregations innovating new ways to address the needs of the community are understood as beneficial and significant to the people who live around the church.

Implementation

- These funds will be used by local churches to renew community outreach through new projects undertaken by the church. Projects might include community gardens, climate awareness seminars, youth safe spaces, and land reclamation.
- An annual request for proposals will be issued to churches and grants will be awarded by the Conference Council. Reporting will be required for the grants awarded and will allow for strengthening of the program.
- The ministry projects will be overseen by the local congregation.

Impact

- By giving attention to the community the congregation can look outward and deepen relationships and relevancy with those around them.
- While this outreach may not result in church attendance or membership growth, it expands and deepens the relationship between the congregation and the community it serves.
- The local church would be able to envision needed community projects they have not engaged in before, due to local budgetary restraints.

“Church of the Pacific’s Ho’okipa Kaua’i Food Pantry distributes a selection of fresh meat and produce, canned goods, dairy products, juice, rice, bread, cookies, crackers, chips, and snacks to anyone who wants it. It is estimated that over 23,000 people received food supplementation in 2020 through our programs.”