

The Strengthen the Church Offering helped us wonder what new ministry God calls our congregations. Nine urban churches in Allentown, PA, participated in a Feasibility Study, partly funded by Strengthen the Church.



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This study checked the demographics, membership, location of members, financial supports, and mutual ministry opportunities for 5 of those nine congregations. Holy Spirit-led conversations called for ideas for shared ministry, community outreach, mission, and building repurposing recommendations. Because of your gifts to Strengthen the Church, these congregations embraced new ministries offered in new ways with new leadership and new energy. Truly a strengthening moment.

Our conferences across the United of Christ can do this faithful work because of gifts to Strengthen the Church. Last year, Penn Northeast congregations quadrupled their support for this offering. Imagine what we could all do together if we committed to Strengthen the Church!

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