



August 24, 2021

I am excited to invite you to be part of the **Missional Church Consultation Initiative (MCCI)**. MCCI gives churches like ours an intensive consultation and resourcing model to jumpstart a new life cycle of fruitfulness. In 2017, our church was prayerfully selected as a church with great potential for MCCI by the Minnesota Annual Conference Cabinet and then-presiding Bishop Bruce Ough. After several pauses, including the pandemic, it's time to move forward to take advantage of this resourcing. **May we listen for where God is leading our church and may we follow.**

Gathering as a church is an important aspect of the MCCI process. We are making every effort to have these gatherings be simultaneously in-person, online, and by phone in real time. You are highly encouraged to participate in-person as much as possible. **Your prompt RSVP helps your church plan these events. RSVP at surveymonkey.com/r/QPKXLY2 or call 612-861-6086.**

September 19: Resource Refocus Sunday - 10:45 am - 12:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

MCCI founder and director Rev. Sue Nilson Kibbey will meet with the entire church as we name our current ministry activities, organization, partnerships, and resource areas that make up who we are and how we operate as a church today. Let us celebrate the resources God has given our church!

October 14: MCCI Express Day - All-Church Meeting 6:30 pm - 8:45 pm, Fellowship Hall

The MCCI consultant team will tour campus and interview clergy, paid staff, and some elected leaders during the day. That night, the entire church is invited to meet with that team to talk about our identity, mission, and express what we've heard through our Breakthrough Prayer Initiative about what we sense God has for us next. You will want to be a part of this key opportunity together.

October 17: MCCI Report Day - 9:30 am - 10:30 am, Sanctuary

Rev. Sue Nilson Kibbey will deliver a report of unique prescriptions we can carry out to intentionally jumpstart new fruitfulness. The report is the result of all that we named and shared on MCCI Express Day, and the entire church is asked to be part of the process leading up to the report. It will be made available on campus and online and there will be three "town hall" gatherings to discuss the report.

November 21: MCCI Vote Day - 10:45 am, Sanctuary

District Superintendent Rev. Dan Johnson will lead us in a church conference and all official church members whose names are on the church roll are asked to be present in real time to vote ("yes" or "no" ballot) on the MCCI Report. **All members are asked to please read and pray about the report before voting.** If those who are present in real time **vote by a margin of 75% or greater** to accept the recommended prescriptions, we will have decided as a church to step forward into our next life cycle together with MCCI coaching and resourcing underwritten by the Minnesota Annual Conference.

Thank you for doing your part. **Participate** in the key dates this fall. **Take or review** the Primary Leadership Components assessment. **Read** the letters, brochures, Self-Study, and other materials available on campus and online: richfieldumc.org/mcci. And **pray** for your church. As we phase into new seasons of life as a church, I look forward to rekindling connections with you and hearing about your dreams for the church. God is breaking through, revealing a bright future for Richfield United Methodist Church, and I am proud to be with you in such a time as this.

In Christ,



Rev. Nate Melcher
Senior Pastor